



Memorandum

**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Notification of Follow-up Audit of
Rail-Highway Crossing Safety
Federal Railroad Administration
Project No.: 02M3006M000

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Reply To

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Attn Of: JA-40

To: Federal Railroad Administrator

The Office of Inspector General is initiating a follow-up audit of the Department's Rail-Highway Crossing Safety Program at the request of the Chairman, Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs. The objectives of the audit will be to (1) evaluate the Department's efforts to increase railroad/highway grade crossing safety, (2) assess efforts to reduce trespassing on railroad rights-of-way, and (3) assess the status of safety proposals included in the 1994 Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety Action Plan.

The audit will primarily focus on the Federal Railroad Administration's efforts related to our objectives. We will also include work at the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration given their involvement in this program.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule a formal entrance conference.

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FHWA Audit Liaison, HAHR-23
NHTSA Audit Liaison, NAD-01
FTA Audit Liaison, TAD-10