



Memorandum

U.S. Department of
Transportation
Office of the Secretary
of Transportation
Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Notification of Audit of
Central Artery/Tunnel Project 2004 Finance Plan
Federal Highway Administration
Project Number: 04M-3014-M000

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Reply to
Attn. of: JA-40

To: Federal Highway Administrator

As directed by the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001, the Office of Inspector General plans to initiate an audit of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority 2004 Finance Plan (Plan) for the Central Artery/Tunnel Project. Specifically, we will determine whether the Plan: (1) presents a cost estimate that is based on all known and reasonably expected costs, (2) identifies appropriate and available funding sources sufficient to meet the total estimated cost, (3) provides a project construction schedule that is based on all known and reasonably anticipated delays, and (4) discloses other issues affecting the project.

Our audit will be conducted at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Headquarters and FHWA Massachusetts Division Office, Central Artery project offices, and other organizations to be determined during the review. We plan to begin this audit the week of August 16, 2004, and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference.

The Program Director for this review is Sarah Batipps and the Project Manager is George Lavanco. If I can answer any questions or be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (202) 366-5630 or Ms. Batipps at (202) 366-8543.

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