



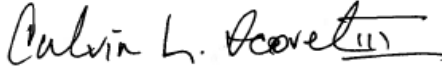
# Memorandum

**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation  
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION:** Audit Announcement –  
Implementation of MAP-21’s Acceleration of  
Project Delivery Provisions  
Department of Transportation  
Project No. 15S3006S000

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Inspector General Reply to Attn. of: JA-30

To: Deputy Secretary  
Federal Highway Administrator  
Federal Transit Administrator

Subtitle C of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act of 2012 (MAP-21)<sup>1</sup> calls for the Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement several initiatives to accelerate highway and bridge project delivery. These changes include a rulemaking to streamline the project environmental review process and reports to Congress on environmental actions. MAP-21 also requires the Office of Inspector General to assess the Department’s implementation of these requirements and submit a first report to Congress within 2 years of enactment and a final report within 4 years of enactment. In May 2013, we issued our first report.<sup>2</sup> In September 2013, we testified before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works regarding the status of DOT’s actions to address the subtitle.<sup>3</sup> The Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act<sup>4</sup>—known as the FAST Act—which the President signed in December 2015, continues the MAP-21 Subtitle C initiatives.

For this final audit, our objectives are to: (1) provide a status of the Department’s actions to carry out MAP-21 Subtitle C provisions, and (2) identify possible vulnerabilities in the Department’s implementation of these actions. We plan to begin

<sup>1</sup> Public Law 112-141.

<sup>2</sup> *Letter to Congress on the Status of MAP-21, Subtitle C: Acceleration of Project Delivery*, OIG Correspondence Number CC-2013-007, May 22, 2013.

<sup>3</sup> *Hearing before Congress: Status of the DOT’s Actions to Address Subtitle C of MAP-21*, OIG Correspondence Number CC-2013-031, September 18, 2013.

<sup>4</sup> Public Law 114-94.

this audit immediately and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 366-1959, or Mitchell Behm, Assistant Inspector General for Surface Transportation Audits, at (202) 366-5630.

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