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**U.S. Department of  
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary  
of Transportation  
Office of Inspector General

Subject: **INFORMATION**: Revised Audit  
Notification – FHWA’s Oversight of  
Recovery Act Project Closeouts  
Federal Highway Administration  
Project Number 13U3002M000

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On July 2, 2103, the Office of Inspector General announced an audit of the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) oversight of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) highway project closeouts. The objectives were to determine whether (1) FHWA performs adequate oversight to ensure timely closeouts of completed ARRA highway projects and (2) lessons learned from closing out ARRA highway projects can be used to improve closeouts of non-ARRA Federal-aid highway projects.

FHWA Headquarters recently completed an internal review of its Federal-aid highway project close-out process, and FHWA officials stated that they are considering what specific improvement actions to take. Accordingly, we are discontinuing work on the second audit objective but will continue with our first objective: to determine whether FHWA performs adequate oversight to ensure timely closeouts of completed ARRA highway projects.

We will continue our audit at FHWA Headquarters, selected FHWA Division Offices, and State Departments of Transportation. If I can answer any questions or be of further assistance, please contact me at (202) 366-5630 or David Pouliott, Program Director, at (202) 366-1844.

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