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# Memorandum

Subject: INFORMATION: Revised Audit Notification—  
Federal Highway Administration's  
Major Project Oversight  
Project Number 13M3004M000

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On July 18, 2013, the Office of Inspector General announced an audit of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) major project oversight. The objectives were to assess selected major projects to determine whether FHWA oversight ensures that the States: (1) prepared initial finance plans and project management plans that comply with FHWA guidance and (2) updated plans to address actions needed to mitigate cost, schedule, and funding risks.

We are revising our objectives based on congressional interest in the efficacy of project oversight tools<sup>1</sup> and our ongoing mandate to assess provisions for accelerating project delivery in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act's Subtitle C.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, we plan to review selected major highway projects to (1) determine whether FHWA verified that States' initial and updated financial plans and project management plans met FHWA guidance and (2) identify whether additional project delivery tools are available or being used to manage major projects' cost, schedule, and funding.

We will continue to conduct the audit at FHWA Headquarters and select Division Offices, and associated State project management offices. If I can answer any questions or be of further assistance, please contact me at (202) 366-5630 or Tony Zakel, Program Director, at (202) 366-0202.

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<sup>1</sup> *Status of DOT's Actions To Address Subtitle C of the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act* (OIG Testimony CC-2013-031), Sept. 18, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> *OIG Audit Announcement: "Audit Initiated on DOT's Implementation of MAP-21 Acceleration of Project Delivery Provisions,"* Nov. 28, 2012.

cc: FHWA Audit Liaison, HAIM-13  
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