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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY

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Subject: Inspector General Announces DOT's FY 2008 Top Management
                 Challenges

SUMMARY

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) has identified nine top management challenges for the Department of Transportation (DOT) for fiscal year (FY) 2008. In considering the items for this year's list, we continue to focus on the Department's key strategic goals to improve transportation safety, capacity, and efficiency.

When issued, this report and the Department's response will be incorporated into the DOT Performance and Accountability Report, as required by law.

BACKGROUND

The issues covered in this year's report are listed below and will be presented in greater detail in the final report.

- Continuing to Enhance Oversight to Ensure the Safety of an Aging Surface Transportation Infrastructure and to Maximize the Return on Investments in Highway and Transit Infrastructure Projects

- Addressing Long- and Short-Term Challenges for Operating, Maintaining, and Modernizing the National Airspace System

- Reaching Consensus on the Amounts and Sources of Revenue Needed to Support the Highway Trust Fund in the Next Reauthorization

- Refining and Implementing the National Strategy to Reduce Congestion on America's Transportation System

- Improving the Oversight of Surface Safety Programs and Strengthening Enforcement to Save Lives

- Continuing to Make a Safe Aviation System Safer

- Strengthening the Protection of Information Technology Resources, Including the Critical Air Traffic Control System

- Managing Acquisition and Contract Operations More Effectively to Obtain Quality Goods and Services at Reasonable Prices

- Reforming Intercity Passenger Rail

FOLLOW-UP

None required.

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