



Memorandum

**U.S. Department of
Transportation**

Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

Office of Inspector General

Subject: INFORMATION: Notification of Major Highway
and Transit Project Monitoring Effort
Project Number: 03M3010M000

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Reply to
Attn of: JA-40

To: Federal Highway Administrator
Federal Transit Administrator

The Office of Inspector General plans to initiate a major highway and transit project monitoring effort. The primary objectives of this effort will be to identify (1) the status of selected major projects in the final design and construction stages, and (2) the risks that may adversely impact these major projects. In addition, we will identify best practices being used by project sponsors and grantees to manage cost, schedule, and funding risks. This effort will incorporate our review of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project, announced under Project Number 03I3006I000.

We will conduct the monitoring effort at FHWA Headquarters and Division offices, FTA Headquarters and Regional offices, and at the following locations nationwide: New Haven Harbor Crossing, New Haven, CT; Katy Freeway, Katy, TX; Chicago/Douglas Branch Reconstruction, Chicago IL; SE Corridor Multimodal T-REX, Denver, CO; New Ohio Bridges, Louisville, KY; Springfield Interchange, Springfield, VA; Woodrow Wilson, Alexandria, VA (& MD); Eastside Corridor Light Rail, Los Angeles, CA; and, Marquette Interchange, Milwaukee, WI. We plan to begin work the week of August 18, 2003, and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. The Program Director for this effort is Jim H. Crumpacker, and the Project Manager is Peter Babachicos.

If I can answer any questions or be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 493-0331 or call Jim at (202) 366-1420.

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