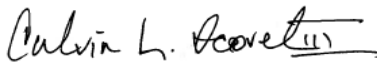




Memorandum

Date: March 22, 2018

Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement | DOT's Oversight of Pedestrian Bridge Project | Project No. 18S3003S000
Department of Transportation

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Inspector General 

To: Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy
Federal Highway Administrator

On March 15, 2018, a pedestrian bridge under construction in Miami, FL, collapsed onto the highway below, resulting in six fatalities. The Florida International University pedestrian bridge was funded in part through the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) discretionary grant program.¹ The Federal Highway Administration administered the grant funds for the project.

On March 19, the Secretary of Transportation requested that we initiate an audit to evaluate whether the project complied with Federal requirements and specifications. On March 20, Senator Bill Nelson, Ranking Member of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, requested that we also review the implementation and oversight roles of all parties on the project. We share these concerns about the collapse, and we are committed to supporting the Department's efforts to improve transportation safety. Accordingly, the objective of our audit will be to assess whether the Florida International University pedestrian bridge met Federal and DOT requirements for the TIGER application, approval, and grant agreement processes. In addition to this audit, we will continue to identify and undertake future areas of work related to this matter as needed.

¹ Since 2009, Congress has appropriated more than \$5.6 billion for TIGER grants to fund infrastructure improvement projects intended to enhance public safety and connectivity and the efficient movement of passengers and goods.

We plan to begin the audit immediately and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. We will conduct our work at DOT Headquarters and other sites as required.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 366-1959, or Barry DeWeese, Assistant Inspector General for Surface Transportation Audits, at (202) 366-5630.

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