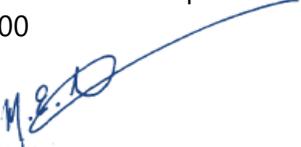




Memorandum

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Federal Aviation Administration

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To: Director, Audit and Evaluation

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is responsible for managing and operating the busiest and most complex airspace system in the world. In 2018, the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (the act) required the Secretary of Transportation to establish metrics for evaluating the Agency’s management and performance.¹ Specifically, the act required performance measures and targets related to (1) the timely and cost-effective completion of projects; and (2) the effectiveness in achieving the goals for an expedited, coordinated environmental review process for airport capacity enhancement projects at congested airports, general aviation airport construction or improvement projects, aviation safety projects, and aviation security projects.² The Secretary delegated these requirements to the Federal Aviation Administrator. In 2019, to respond to the act, FAA established metrics to track progress towards the Agency’s goals for completing major investment projects and environmental reviews.

The act also required the Office of Inspector General to report on FAA’s progress in meeting the established performance targets. In accordance with the act, we are initiating this audit. Our objectives will be to determine FAA’s progress in meeting the performance targets established for (1) the timely and cost-effective completion of projects and (2) the achievement of an expedited, coordinated environmental review process.

¹ Pub. L. No. 115-254, Section 558(a) and (b).

² 49 U.S.C. §47171.

We plan to begin the audit later this month and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. We will conduct our work at FAA Headquarters. If you have any questions, please contact me at 202-366-1987 or Nelda Smith, Program Director, at 202-366-2140.

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