




Memorandum

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Subject: INFORMATION: Audit Announcement | FMCSA's Oversight of MCSAP Grants for IIJA Projects | Project No. 23S3002S000
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

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To: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) mission is to save lives and prevent injuries by reducing commercial motor vehicle crashes. To achieve this mission, the Agency promotes large truck and bus safety through collaboration, education, research, technology and compliance. FMCSA also provides financial support to State agencies for crash reduction through annual formula grants from its Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP).¹ The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021² authorizes over \$2 billion in appropriations for MCSAP grants and up to \$400 million in supplemental funds over 5 years, a 61 percent increase from the previous 5 years.

We are initiating this audit given the substantial increase in MCSAP grant funding and the importance of FMCSA oversight of State plans to reduce crashes. Our audit objective will be to evaluate FMCSA's MCSAP grant oversight activities.

We plan to begin this audit in April 2023, and will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference. We will conduct our work at DOT Headquarters in Washington, DC, and selected other locations as necessary. If you have any questions, please contact me or Kerry R. Barras, Program Director.

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¹ Eligible uses of these funds include driver and vehicle inspections; traffic enforcement; investigations; new entrant safety audits; public education and awareness; data collection and data quality; and other safety activities under 49 C.F.R. § 350.227-229.

² Pub. L. No. 117-58.