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INFORMATION MEMORANDUM TO THE SECRETARY

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Subject: Inspector General Announces DOT's FY 2009 Top Management
Challenges

SUMMARY

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) has identified eight top management challenges for the Department of Transportation (DOT) for fiscal year (FY) 2009. 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.

- Enhancing Aviation Safety and Restoring Confidence in FAA's Ability To Provide Effective Oversight of a Rapidly Changing Industry
- Enhancing Mobility and Reducing Congestion in America's Transportation System

- Developing a Plan To Address Projected Highway and Transit Funding Shortfalls and Maximizing the Return on Current Surface Infrastructure Investments
- Maintaining the National Airspace System While Developing and Transitioning to the Next Generation Air Transportation System
- Protecting Against Increased Cyber Security Risks and Managing Limited Information Technology Resources More Effectively
- Preventing Catastrophic Failures and Obsolescence in the Nation's Aging Surface Transportation Infrastructure
- Improving Contract Operations and Maintaining Procurement Integrity
- Enhancing and Deploying Proven Programs for Reducing the Serious Consequences of Surface Transportation Crashes

FOLLOW-UP

None required.

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