



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

August 10, 2020

The Honorable Gerald E. Connolly  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Government Operations  
Committee on Oversight and Reform  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Connolly:

I am pleased to follow up on your letter dated June 15, 2020, requesting that we conduct an assessment of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) plans and procedures for returning employees to Federal offices in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Our Office of Audit Operations and Special Reviews has developed an assessment approach for reviewing DOT's efforts to reopen offices. The assessment will focus on the Department's plans described in its document entitled *Framework for DOT's Return to Normal Operations*, which was published on May 26, 2020. We plan to issue a memorandum announcing our review in the near future and will keep you updated on our progress.

If you have any questions or wish to speak to us further regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 366-1959, or Nathan Richmond, Director, Office of Government and Public Affairs, at (202) 366-8751.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Howard R. Elliott".

Howard R. "Skip" Elliott  
Acting Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Jody B. Hice, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Government Operations  
Committee on Oversight and Reform