



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

JULY 1, 2023 – JUNE 30, 2024

SUMMARY

Pursuant to Government Code section 14460, the Independent Office of Audits and Investigations (IOAI) conducts audits and investigations to ensure the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and external entities that receive state and federal transportation funds from Caltrans are spending those funds efficiently, effectively, economically, and in compliance with applicable state and federal requirements. External entities include, but are not limited to, private for profit and nonprofit organizations, local transportation agencies, and other local agencies that receive transportation funds either through a contract with Caltrans or through an agreement or grant administered by Caltrans.

Additionally, Government Code section 14460(d)(2) requires the Inspector General to provide an annual summary of investigation and audit findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, and the California Transportation Commission. This annual report from the Inspector General covers the period July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024.

During this reporting period, IOAI published 9 audits and performed 209 reviews, resulting in 36 recommendations that are intended to promote performance improvements and increased accountability and transparency. The financial impact of these audits and reviews could potentially be as much as \$18.7 million.

AUDITS

Audit Reports Issued	9
Recommendations	36
Potential Financial Impact	\$7,383,144

REVIEWS

Reviews of Architectural & Engineering Cost Proposals	208
Other Review Activities	1
Potential Financial Impact	\$11,351,288

Total Potential Financial Impact, Audits and Reviews*	\$18,734,432
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**The total potential financial impact includes our recommendations for cost recovery and avoidance.*

INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations Opened	37
Investigations Closed	40
Complaints Received	879
Complaints Closed	894