



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER #255

Relating to the Creation of the Office of the Inspector General in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation

WHEREAS, since 2011, it has been a top priority for our government in the State of Wisconsin to fight against government waste, fraud, and abuse and to provide broad accountability to the people; and

WHEREAS, the taxpayers of Wisconsin are best served by a government that delivers real results in a cost-effective manner in all areas, including our transportation system; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's highway system is the foundation of our state's public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a Department of Transportation that is efficient, effective, and accountable is best able to prioritize public safety and commerce on our roads; and

WHEREAS, state government should continually be reforming itself to best meet the needs of the people of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, making the best use of taxpayer dollars requires identifying inefficiencies in order to best allocate resources and deliver savings back to the taxpayer; and

WHEREAS, Offices of Inspectors General have proven to eliminate waste, fraud, and abuse in other state agencies, resulting in real savings that can be invested in other priorities;

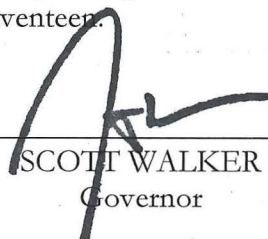
NOW THEREFORE, I, SCOTT WALKER, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby:

1. Establish the Office of the Inspector General in the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (the "Office").
2. Provide that the Office shall report directly to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
3. Provide that the Office shall have the following mission:
 - a. To investigate and review Department programs and initiatives for inefficiencies, waste, fraud and abuse.
 - b. To review budget documentation for the Department, including detailed information regarding the appropriations and programs administered.
 - c. To advise the Secretary and the Governor about ways to increase efficiency and implement cost savings measures in the Department while preserving the state's commitment to public safety.
4. Provide that the Office shall, at the direction of the Secretary, perform duties in line with the mission, including but not limited to the following:

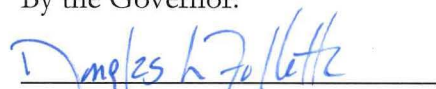
- a. Conduct reviews of current and future Department programs and initiatives. This includes meeting with executive leadership, program managers and key business process owners to identify program responsibilities and deliverables.
 - b. Evaluate and document program responsibilities, including processes, inputs, deliverables, costs, and compliance with statutes, administrative rules, and other policies.
 - c. Recommend corrective actions (through program changes, policy changes and/or statute/rule changes) to the Secretary related to inefficiencies, wastes, fraud, or abuse.
 - d. Provide updates to executive leadership and senior management of the agency on any programmatic changes as a result of approved recommendations.
 - e. Partner with executive leadership and program areas to implement changes to programs and processes.
 - f. Revise existing policies or create new policies to reflect programmatic changes. Educate program areas on the policy changes. Evaluate policy changes post-implementation.
 - g. As directed by the Secretary, develop and present summaries to internal stakeholders on program changes and cost savings.
 - h. Conduct follow up assessments with program areas on changes implemented to programs. Compare and evaluate results to desired outcomes. Report and review updates with the Secretary.
 - i. Document cost savings and provide updates to the Secretary. Provide updates to other internal groups as directed by the Secretary.
 - j. Research best practices within the transportation program community and provide analysis and recommendations for the Department.
 - k. Oversee the comprehensive analysis and projection of state funding trends, which includes on-going review of economic conditions.
 - l. Review Department financial systems for overall functionality and efficiencies.
 - m. Provide high-level expertise and guidance to the Secretary on Department operations.
 - n. Serve as a resource to the Department's executive leadership team in the development of Department policy, program direction, and strategic planning.
5. Require the Office to submit a report to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation in December 2018 and biennially thereafter detailing its findings and recommendations for reform.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this twenty-first day of September in the year two thousand seventeen.


 SCOTT WALKER
 Governor

By the Governor:


 DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE
 Secretary of State