



**Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**

**Bill Shuster**  
**Chairman**

**Washington, DC 20515**

**Peter A. DeFazio**  
**Ranking Member**

November 2, 2017

Mathew M. Sturges, Staff Director

Katherine W. Dedrick, Democratic Staff Director

The Honorable Gene Dodaro  
Comptroller General of the United States  
441 G Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

We request the Government Accountability Office (GAO) continue its oversight of the Department of Transportation's (Department) Nationally Significant Freight and Highways Projects program (NSFHP), also known in the FY 2018 round of grant solicitations as the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America grant program (INFRA Grant program).

Section 117(n)(2) of title 23, United States Code, required the GAO, in the first year of funding availability, to assess "the administrative establishment, solicitation, selection, and justification process" with respect to the awarding of NSFHP grants and to report to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on its findings. However, the law does not provide authority for the GAO to continue to conduct this assessment beyond the first round of NSFHP grants.

We appreciate the efforts of the GAO in conducting the assessment of the first round of NSFHP grants as documented in the report *Discretionary Transportation Grants: DOT Should Take Actions to Improve the Selection of Freight and Highway Projects* (GAO-18-38). To further our oversight efforts, we respectfully request the GAO conduct an assessment, using the same parameters set forth in Section 117(n)(2), for each subsequent round of NSFHP grants awarded by the Department and report to the Committee on each such assessment.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Murphie Barrett on the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit (Majority) at [murphie.barrett@mail.house.gov](mailto:murphie.barrett@mail.house.gov) and Helena Zyblikewycz on the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit (Minority) at [helena.zyblikewycz@mail.house.gov](mailto:helena.zyblikewycz@mail.house.gov).


Sincerely,



Bill Shuster  
Chairman



Peter DeFazio  
Ranking Member



Sam Graves  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Highways  
and Transit



Eleanor Holmes Norton  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Highways  
and Transit