

Department of Transportation Deputy of Administration Response

Case # 22-0015-I

REPORT FRAUD, WASTE AND ABUSE

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Date: March 31, 2022

TO: Isabel Mercedes Cumming
Inspector General
Office of the Inspector General
City Hall, Suite 635
100 N. Holiday Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: OIG Case No. 22-0015-I [REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Cumming,

The Department of Transportation has received and reviewed the above referenced OIG Report dated March 21, 2022, regarding the inadequate restoration of concrete and asphalt at various small cell tower locations by [REDACTED], a subcontractor for [REDACTED] and alleged payoffs to inspectors to prevent them from inspecting sites.

The Department has determined that [REDACTED] left approximately 450 sites without restoring the street fully up to DOT specifications (including the ones listed in your letter). As a result, the street restoration work performed at these sites began to fail. DOT therefore created a list of such sites with the assistance of [REDACTED] and, with the exception of two sites, all have now been brought up to code. The warranty period will therefore begin on the dates the sites were finally restored properly.

Additionally, DOT has recently issued [REDACTED] a notice of violation pursuant to Article 26 of the City Code and a fine in the amount of \$1,000 per site for a total of \$447,000.

Last, DOT has been unable to substantiate as whether or not any of our StreetCut inspectors have received any type of payoff in connection with this referral. However, we would like to note that the StreetCut Inspectors are only in communication with the permit applicant [REDACTED] and not the contractors who perform the work.

We thank you for bringing this matter to our attention and if additional information is needed please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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Department of Transportation

Cc: Steve Sharkey
Tavon Braxton

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