

BART OIG

Fiscal Year 2026

Semiannual Report

Office of the Inspector General



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Inspector General Message

This period reflects our continued focus on results and follow-through as we advanced major audits; addressed allegations of fraud, waste, or abuse; and monitored recommendations to ensure that corrective actions properly address our findings.

Accountability should exist wherever authority is exercised, and effective oversight requires the ability to ask difficult questions at every level of an organization. We are duty bound to do so.

Our commitment to the public has been, and remains, to move forward with audits and investigations in line with the laws that govern OIGs and the accepted professional standards that guide those efforts.

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FY26 Midyear at a Glance



40 new whistleblower complaints received



12 investigations closed



13 investigations opened



\$1.98M total recoveries to date



4 major audits underway

Investigations

Major Highlights

- Addressed recurring risks related to timekeeping, contracting, and improper use of resources.
- Completed 12 investigations during the first half of FY26
- Identified and helped resolve significant vendor billing and compliance issues.
- Flagged governance and transparency gaps related to the BSVII project.

Trends & Accountability

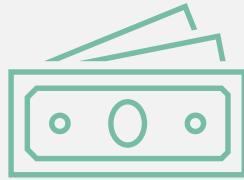
- Fraud, noncompliance, unprofessional conduct, and conflicts of interest account for 66% of complaints.
- Roughly half of complaints investigated; outcomes split between substantiated and not substantiated.
- Management has implemented 10 investigation-related recommendations since July 1, 2025.
- Some recommendations remain open for multiple years.

Audits In Progress



Inventory Management

Now in management review and nearing completion, with the report anticipated for release in March 2026.



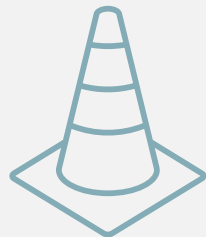
Workers' Compensation

Awaiting key data needed to assess potential cost avoidance and complete the analysis, with report issuance expected in April.



Non-Revenue Vehicles

After completing planning & expanding scope, we paused to prioritize higher-risk projects. Scheduled to resume in March 2026.





Service Disruptions

Complements BART's efforts with focus on broader focus and aim to answer questions raised by Board of Directors.

Audit Releases

Results & Recommendations

- Two major audits released in late 2025:
 -  Construction Contract Change Orders
 -  Link21 Expenditures
- 36 audit recommendations issued; 100% accepted by management.
- Implementation largely in progress; focus shifting to verification and impact.

Budget & Oversight Value

Use of Resources

- \$2.7M annual OIG budget; 35% expended midyear
- Primary cost drivers are pay & benefits and professional services
- Spending pace is consistent with planned oversight activities

FY26 Spending Details

Employee Pay & Benefits	\$746,344
Professional Service Contracts	\$140,485
Continuing Education	\$18,466
Office Admin & Supplies	\$3,180

Oversight Value and Impact

- Resources strategically aligned to high-risk oversight priorities.
- Over \$15M in potential financial benefits identified and nearly \$2M in realized recoveries.

Oversight value extends beyond recoveries to deterrence, stronger controls, and public trust.

OIG News

Engagement & Quality

- Participated in and presented at the 2025 Association of Inspectors General Annual Training Conference.
- Conducted a BSVII site visit to support active oversight and investigations.
- Recruiting an Investigative Auditor to strengthen whistleblower capacity and timelines.
- Continued strengthening internal quality management while awaiting external review.

Recommendation Updates

- Conducting a targeted follow-up review to test implementation, assess long-open recommendations, and report on corrective action effectiveness in the next reporting period.





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