

Technical Advisory Group Recommendations Implementation Update

*System Expansion Committee
5/09/2024*



Why we are here

- Provide monthly status update on agency staff implementation of Technical Advisory Group (TAG) recommendations.
- Review the TAG Action plan, timelines, and recent activity.
- No decision or action by the Board requested today.

Recommendation 1

Rebuild trust and clarify the roles and responsibilities of the ST Board & Staff

May

- Implement new staff report template on actions coming to the Board
- Begin Board engagement to develop a programmatic workplan, as well as additional concepts to increase the Board's focus on system-wide issues and decisions.

End of Q2 2024

- Finalize a Board workplan focusing on systemwide issues and decisions.
- Implement cost and schedule impact analysis to staff reports and recommendations.

Key Progress Updates

- Staff report template, to incorporate an Agency recommendation and associated cost and schedule impact analysis, has been completed and distributed to agency staff for implementation.

Recommendation 2

Introduce an experienced megaproject capital program executive team.

May

- Begin formal recruitment process for ST2 and ST3 Deputy positions.
- Complete full onboarding of new DCEO

End of Q2 2024

- Complete recruitment and interview process for ST2 and ST3 Deputy positions.
- Implement new organizational framework.

Key Progress Update

- Terri Mestas, DCEO – Mega Capital Projects Delivery has arrived, and onboarding has begun.

Recommendations 3 & 4

Internal improvements

May

- Training is being developed to ensure efficient Resident Engineer and ST Construction Manager collaboration.

End of Q2 2024

- Signature authorities will be updated at the Resident Engineer and Construction manager level.
- Complete agency work with prime contractors to ensure timely processing of sub-contractor payments.
- All Change Control Board reforms will be complete.

Key progress update

- Action teams are meeting with the TAG for feedback and direction, and driving towards outcomes identified in Q2

Recommendation 5

Strengthen and enforce an agency betterment policy.

May

- Board will have the opportunity to consider adopting updated Scope Control and Betterments Policy.

End of Q2 2024

- Draft Agency implementation plan for the updated Board Scope Control and Betterments policy will be complete.

Key progress updates

- Finalized and shared proposed Scope Control and Betterments policy update for Board consideration.

Recommendation 6

Engage the FTA as a delivery partner equally invested in delivering regional transit.

May

- Collaboration meeting between Executive leadership and regional FTA Leadership are scheduled to examine current relationship map and meetings.

End of Q2 2024

- Review and remapping of Sound Transit-FTA relationship will be complete.
- Obtain FTA review of West Seattle Link Extension Final EIS.

Key progress update

- Regional FTA Leadership have agreed to collaborative planning meetings to evaluate current Agency engagement and how to streamline.

Additional Notes and Updates

- Arrival of DCEO Mestas offers the opportunity to further refine, and add, agency goals and objectives to meet each TAG recommendation.
- Anticipate additional updates to Agency goals and approach in June reporting.

Thank you.



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