

**Community
Oversight
Panel**

November 12, 2025

Sound Transit Finance and Audit Committee
The Honorable Nancy Backus, Chair
401 South Jackson Street
Seattle, WA, 98104

Re: Community Oversight Panel Comments on 2026 Audit Plan

Dear Chair Backus:

The Community Oversight Panel (COP) welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback to the Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) regarding the 2026 Audit Work Plan. As you know, the COP is charged with monitoring seven major areas of Sound Transit's performance, many of which coincide with the FAC's responsibilities for oversight and review:

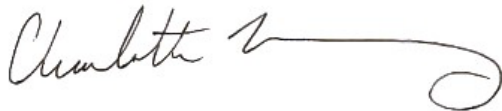
- Community engagement activities
- Project planning and alignment decisions
- Budget and financial plan
- Project schedule and budget adherence
- Agency performance audits
- Social justice and equity
- Passenger experience

The COP was briefed on the Audit Division's work plan at its October 8, 2025 meeting. At that meeting, the COP was provided with four options for audit topics:

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Review
- Governance Maturity Review
- Workforce Planning Budget Process Review
- Regulatory Permitting Review

The COP was also invited to suggest an alternate topic. After discussing the topics, the COP agreed to adopt Governance Maturity Review as its recommended topic for the 2026 Performance audit topic. This decision highlights the critical need to ensure the agency's controls are effective, compliant, and aligned with best practices to help the agency operate more smoothly and responsibly.

Sincerely,



Community Oversight Panel
Charlotte Murry
Community Oversight Panel Chair

Cc: Dow Constantine, CEO
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