

Motion No. M2025-63

A motion of the Finance and Audit Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority identifying a performance audit topic to be conducted in 2026.

Background

Each year the Finance and Audit Committee selects a performance audit topic to conduct in the subsequent calendar year.

As part of this process, audit division staff provide a presentation to the Community Oversight Panel (COP), providing recommendations and seeking feedback on a topic for the performance audit. In October 2025, Audit Deputy Executive Director Patrick Johnson presented the COP with four potential audit topics based on a range of factors including alignment with the agency's Enterprise Risk Management function, regulatory requirements, past audit findings, and emerging operational risks. Topics presented for consideration included Internal Governance Maturity Review, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Review, Regulatory Permitting Review, and Workforce Planning Budget Process Review.

Following the staff presentation and thorough discussion, the Community Oversight Panel recommended that the Finance and Audit Committee select Internal Governance Maturity Review as the agency's 2026 Internal Performance Audit topic, as expressed in the panel's letter to the Committee dated November 12, 2025.

If the Internal Governance Maturity Review topic is selected, the Internal Audit Division will assess how agency decisions are managed by reviewing governance documents such as internal policies and procedures, change review committees, and delegation of authority processes. This review ensures the agency's controls are effective, compliant, and aligned with best practices – helping ensure the agency operates more smoothly and responsibly.

Motion

It is hereby moved by the Finance & Audit Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that _____ is identified as the performance audit topic to be conducted by Sound Transit in 2026.

APPROVED by the Finance and Audit Committee of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on _____.

Nancy Backus
Finance and Audit Committee Chair

Attest:

Kathryn Flores
Board Administrator