



December 17, 2020

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

Re: Citizen Oversight Panel Comments on 2021 Audit Plan

Dear Chair Backus:

The Citizen Oversight Panel (COP) welcomes the opportunity to provide comment to the Finance and Audit Committee (FAC) regarding the 2021 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:

- Public participation in plan implementation
- Evaluation of project alternatives and recommendations
- Annual capital and operating budgets and plan of finance
- Regional fund management
- Equity, subarea budgets, and financial reporting
- Schedule and budget adherence
- Annual performance review audits

The COP has reviewed the 2021 Audit Plan and supports the topics and timelines proposed. The COP also concurs in the Agency's recommendation to extend the time period for the 2020 performance audit on construction performance metrics management into 2021, in place of another performance audit during the 2021 calendar year.

Finally, the COP notes and commends the exemplary work of Sound Transit's entire staff throughout this unprecedented year.

Sincerely,

Scott Lampe,
Citizen Oversight Panel Chair
Sound Transit Board
The Honorable Kent Keel, Chair
401 South Jackson Street

Cc: Peter M. Rogoff, CEO
Citizen Oversight Panel

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