

7/20/2023 Finance and Audit Committee
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Michael Williams

Hello Board Members,

After attending a few board meetings virtually, It seems like Sound Transit might be leaning hard into utilizing Contractors and Vendors for ongoing and long term projects rather than hiring or keeping talent in the organization. Has the Finance and Audit committee performed or been given an analysis on the financial costs for this direction? If so, could that analysis be provided to the public somewhere if it hasn't already? Why would you not just hire into the agency for this work?

Anecdotally, my experience with Contractors and Vendors being utilized for key processes tends to lead to them doing exactly or as little as their scope of work allows, taking the money, and leaving the company with whatever fall out is left behind. There are a number of projects that feel like that may be the case here at Sound Transit. Seems like the agency would be better served by having Talent on board full time to care for and own the processes from start to finish and it also feels more fiscally responsible.

Thanks,

Michael Williams

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Alex Tsimerman

