



## **Motion No. M2023-36**

A MOTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority directing next steps in implementation of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Recommendations: Improving the Speed of Project Delivery.

### **Background**

On August 5, 2021, the Board approved Realignment Resolution No. R2021-05 which directed the creation of an ad-hoc Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to develop strategies to accelerate the agency's system expansion program.

The TAG recommendations were published February 28, 2023, and presented to the Sound Transit Board Executive Committee on March 2, 2023. Sound Transit staff then responded to the memo and provided next steps for potential Board action to implement the TAG's six key recommendations.

### **Motion**

It is hereby moved by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority that the chief executive officer is directed to implement the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Group as outlined in their report of February 28, 2023, specifically:

#### **Take steps to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Sound Transit Board and staff, in order to build trust, transparency, and efficiencies to deliver the program**

- Include TAG recommendation and next steps in the 2023 Executive Committee Work Program by including the following:
  - Update the Board Procurement, Agreements and Delegated Authority Policy, Resolution No. R2018-40, including:
    - Reviewing and updating current delegation of authority level(s) between the Board and CEO (Q3 2023)
    - Streamlining the nature and number of actions that currently come to the Board for approval (Q3 2023)
  - Review, reform, and strengthen the agency's betterment policies and/or permitting authority. (Q1 2024)

#### **Recruit and Hire Capital Mega Project Team Executive Director and Two Deputy Directors**

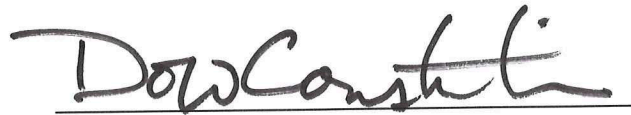
- In partnership with Board leadership, hire an experienced megaproject capital program executive and two deputy executives, select an executive search firm, establish hiring/selection criteria, and review recruitment marketing materials.
- Sustain these positions in future budgets.
- Provide regular updates to the Executive committee on the progress of developing the position and hiring

**Continue oversight and tracking of TAG recommendations and other continuous improvement efforts**

- Retain at least five members of the TAG to review implementation progress, provide continued monitoring, and report back to the Board in partnership with the independent consultant Dave Peters through December 31, 2024.
- Extend the scope of work for independent consultant Dave Peters to include quarterly reports to the Executive Committee of the Board in partnership with TAG scope above through December 31, 2024. Also extend the scope of work for independent consultant Dave Peters to include ad hoc high-level “second opinion” engineering approaches to alignment and station construction as requested through December 31, 2024.

**Work with interested Board Members, members of the Congressional Delegation, and other Federal Partners regarding opportunities to maximize FTA partnership and capacity**

APPROVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority at a regular meeting thereof held on April 27, 2023.



Dow Constantine  
Board Chair

**Attest:**



Kathryn Flores  
Board Administrator