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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Issue 1: The tool exist in the TxDOT Project Tracker, the department should work to keep it updated and corrected to reflect projects/schedules and when they will be delivered in light of the variable funding from Prop 1 and Prop 7. TxDOT should make more data available to the public through the project tracker.

Issue 2: Utilize the project tracker to examine project portfolios.

Milestones for delivery can be updated and published to reflect advances in design development, ROW procurement, utility relocates, and construction through completion. Seems that long term performance could be tracked and monitored at the site as well.

Issue 3.1 and 3.6 Liquidated damages (LD's)reflect the cost to the traveling public for delay, in addition to increased administrative cost. The dept should exercise care in determining duration schedules to avoid having bidders include anticipated LD's in the bid. The dept should reach out to industry for schedule and constructability reviews to ensure durations are realistic. Bonus for early completions should reflect the same dollar amounts as LD's for late completion. More A+B bidding would be a welcome benefit to the traveling public.

Issue 3.8, 3.9, 3.10 Allow the department to hire more inspection staff. CEI contracts are a terrible value for the taxpayer. Concentrate the use of CEI contracts in the metro areas. Sunset staff should have a hard look at the cost of in house inspection vs. CEI.

3.12 - to allow for the department to take advantage of improved pricing with the advent of machine control technology certain critical requirements need to be included in professional services contracts. It starts with the survey, flows through design process to construction. Ask Lauren Garduno about what types of electronic data should be required to provided contractors with better data for deploying machine control technology.

Issue 4 - Increase scrutiny of DBE/HUB/SBE firms who no longer qualify as a result of their success and often start new firms to remain in the program.

Firms who begin as a DBE then graduate should be tracked to reduce the overall need for the goals and the program as a whole.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Make use of incentive payments for early completion, use a carrot to help avoid having to use the stick. Reduce the DBE program as firms who have some success no longer qualify. Give the dept authority to hire inspection forces. Reduce the need for consultant inspection, it is a terrible value for the taxpayer.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree