San Francisco Peninsula Rail Program: Downtown Rail Extension (DTX)

Item 5 – DTX Governance Study Context and Approach

Citizens Advisory Committee

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Strategic Context for DTX Governance

- Under State law and Transbay Joint Powers Agreement, TJPA has existing legal authority and primary jurisdiction for implementation of DTX.
- Significant degree of project readiness, with generational opportunity to secure federal funding and advance project to procurement.
- MOU governance structure and work program have strengthened project momentum and set foundation for further multi-agency collaboration.
- Regional governance initiatives are ongoing but are yet to be resolved; at the same time, there is interest in building regional capacity for mega-project delivery.
- Time is of the essence governance approach should be reasonably implementable in the project's planned timeframe for delivery.

DTX Governance Study Framework

Peninsula Rail Program MOU Task 18 – Explore the best institutional arrangement and governance for the delivery of the DTX Rail Program through construction and make recommendations to the TJPA Board. (Co-Lead Agencies: SFCTA, MTC)

Project Delivery Authority & Accountability

Institutional Level



Project Delivery Responsibility & Capability

Management Level

Project Governance Model

Organizational, oversight, and decision-making framework to direct and manage scope, schedule, budget, risk, and change

DTX Governance Elements

- Governance Study to consider key elements of DTX governance at institutional, project, and management levels
- Study to take a prioritized and pragmatic approach focus on essential decisions and directionsetting to keep the project on-track
- Study to set table for evolution to MOU governance structure that is currently in place for project development phase

Institutional Arrangement

- Lead agency for procurement and construction
- Asset ownership framework
- Roles of involved agencies/parties, including O&M responsibilities
- Framework for agency-to-agency relationships/ agreements

Project Governance Model

- Project oversight structure
- Decision-making and stage gates
- Outcomes management ("sponsorship")
- Change control and configuration management
- Risk and issue management
- Quality assurance

Management Framework*

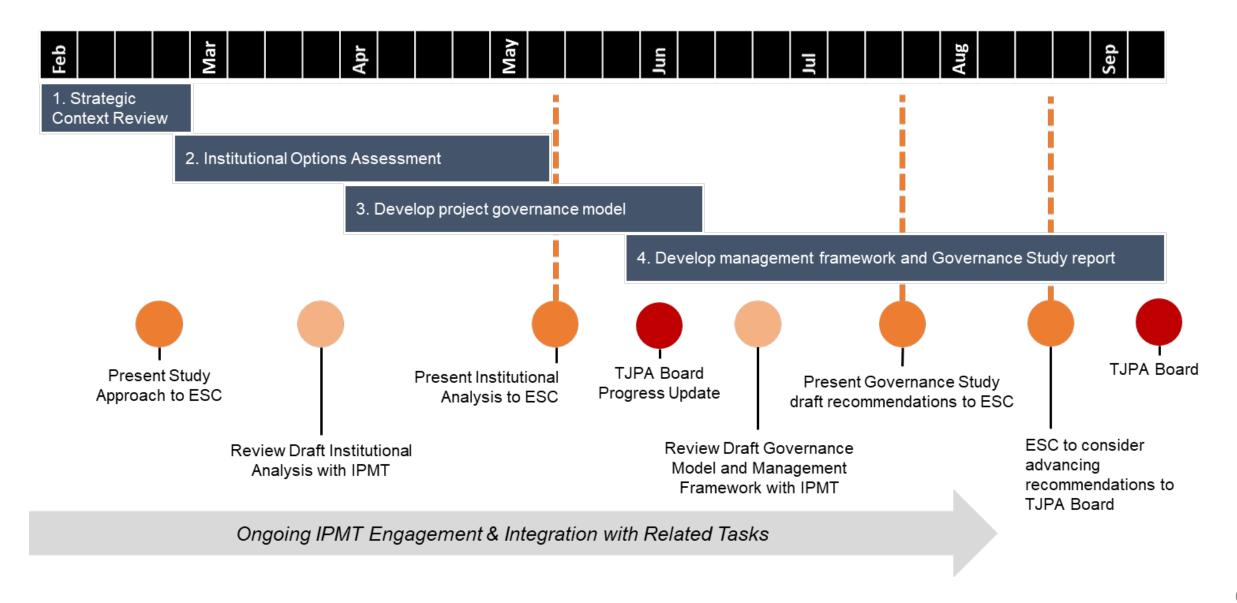
- Project delivery organization organizational design
- Owner's team capabilities and requirements
- Delegated authorities
- Contractor management framework (oversight, interfaces, integration, etc.)
- Project controls and reporting
- Stakeholder management

Guidance from Executive Steering Committee

The ESC reviewed the Governance Study approach on February 18. Key areas of feedback included:

- Larger-scale institutional changes will not occur at pace of DTX project delivery timeline
- Development of management & oversight model is critical and is a means to de-risk project delivery
- Delivery strategy and governance model are linked integrated approach to ensure project outcomes are achieved
- Need for clarity of responsibilities and authorities at each level, to support decision-making and problem resolution
- Leverage findings and discussions from related efforts across the region; seek guidance and lessons learned from recent projects within and beyond the region

Study Process & Milestones



Thank you











