



Establish Transportation Think Tank (TP02)

Project Charter
12/9/2011

SECTION 1: Project Summary

Concept Definition	Establish a transportation think tank to provide insight into Texas transportation demands and strategies in support of Texas citizens.		
Program	Transportation Planning	Project Lead(s)	
Exec. Sponsor	TBD	Sponsor	Rick Collins

SECTION 2: Vision Alignment

Problem	There is no formal method for engaging external transportation experts.		
Goal	Create a Transportation Think Tank to provide external expertise as an input to agency regarding statewide transportation strategies.	Measurable Benefit Target	Broadens Agency expertise. Expands areas of influence.
Scope	Includes: - Assess recently-implemented improvements for adequacy. - Define external subject matters for which expertise may be required. - Identify subject matter experts. - Engage subject matter experts and secure their services - Develop ongoing process for meeting with and soliciting expertise from external experts.		Excludes:
Associated Goals / Visions / Recommendations	Source / ID#	Text	
	Council / 654	Create a policy and strategy development function (think tank), which reports to senior leadership, and engages the services of appropriate outside expertise in transportation analysis and planning.	

SECTION 3: Execution Detail

Related Efforts / Risks	None.
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Tailoring	Tailoring Tier	Org Impact	Project Size	Complexity	Execution Risk Rating
		No	Small	Low	Low

Forecasted Milestone Schedule	Phase Completion Tollgate	Date	Approach Overview: Establish Strategic Research Program Advisory Committee: 1) Propose Rule Change in Texas Register; 2) Commission needs to adopt Rule Change; 3) Commission to appoint Members. Conduct first advisory meeting. Meet quarterly, thereafter.
	Concept Definition	11-Mar	
	Concept Validation	29-Apr	
	Design	26-May	
	Build	26-May	
	Implement	31-Oct	

Team Members	Name	Role	Name	Role
	Rick Collins	Sponsor, Project Lead		
	Silvia Medina	Project Team Member		
	Project Monitoring Community	Project Team Member		

SECTION 4: Change Management Assessment

Audience	Impact	Stakeholder	Concern(s)