



STATE OF WASHINGTON
Capital Projects Advisory Review Board

June 17, 2024

The Honorable Marko Liias, Chair
Senate Transportation Committee
Washington State Senate
PO Box 40466
Olympia, WA 98504

The Honorable Jake Fey, Chair
House Transportation Committee
House of Representatives
PO Box 40600
Olympia, WA 98504

Re: WSDOT Project Delivery Method Review Report (Part 1)

Dear Senator Liias and Representative Fey:


The Capital Projects Advisory Review Board (CPARB) appreciates the opportunity to advise the legislature on procurement methods for four identified Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) projects. The 2024 Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2134 directing CPARB to make recommendations on procurement methods to the office of financial management, the department of transportation (WSDOT), and the transportation committees of the legislature for project L1000199 (SR 18 – Widening – Issaquah/Hobart Rd to Raging River – Phase 1) by July 1, 2024, and projects N52600R (SR 526 Corridor Improvements), N00900R (SR9/March Road to 2nd Street Vicinity), and M00800R (US 395 North Spokane Corridor) by December 1, 2024.

CPARB created the WSDOT Project Delivery Method Review Task Force (Task Force) to complete the task outlined above. Members were appointed specifically with transportation/heavy civil project experience to provide expertise, collect information, and develop recommendations from the industry. This first report focused on the SR 18 – Widening – Issaquah/Hobart Rd to Raging River – Phase 1 (L1000199) project to meet the legislative deliverable timeline of July 1, 2024. CPARB convened a special meeting on June 3, 2024, to review, discuss and unanimously adopted the Task Force recommendations for the report.

The report outlines the Task Force review of each project delivery method available to WSDOT, reviewed the agencies initial documentation, asked WSDOT clarifying questions, reviewed the delivery method initially selected, and considered a number of studies conducted across the nation to develop the recommendations. CPARB recommends WSDOT continue with the use of the Design-Build delivery method for the SR 18 – Widening – Issaquah/Hobart Rd to Raging River – Phase 1 (L1000199) project. Further, the report provides recommendations to improve WSDOT's selection and use of project delivery methods, impact of delivery methods on cost certainty and recommendations to the legislature on the condition for award requirement. The Task Force is on track to review and make recommendation for the remaining three identified projects by December 1, 2024.

Our CPARB Task Force report and the many supporting documents are located on the CPARB [WSDOT Project Delivery Method Review Task Force](#) homepage. CPARB is honored to continue serving as advisor to the legislature and thank you for entrusting us to develop this report. If you have any questions, please contact lead staff for CPARB, Nancy Deakins at nancy.deakins@des.wa.gov and (360) 280-6236 or myself at zahn.j@portseattle.org and (206) 787-3798.

Sincerely,


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