

# Incorporating Risk Analysis into the Prioritization and Ranking of Asset Projects

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# Background: VIA Metropolitan Transit

## Service Description

**Area:** *1,210 mi<sup>2</sup> of Bexar Co, TX*

**Modes:** *Fixed Route, Paratransit & Van Pool*

**Revenue Miles:** *37,468,594*

**Passengers:** *41,759,524*

## FY17 Budget

**Expense:** *\$220M*

**Capital:** *\$452M*

## Fleet

**Revenue:** *602*

**Support:** *130*

## Facilities *(Provision of Transit)*

**32 Acre Operating Facility**

**Executive Office Building**

**Dispatch Facility**

**13 Transit Facilities**

**7,200 Bus Stops**

# Risk Evaluation Focus Areas

## 1. Level of Service

- **Availability & Stewardship of Resources:**  
Financial, Staffing, Assets, Materials and Supplies
- **Standard Operating Procedures**
- **Operating Contingencies (Resources & Procedural)**



## 2. Safety & Security

- **Protection of customers, employees and the community**

## 3. Natural Environment

- **Protection of the natural environment as stewards of public resources**

# Legacy System of SGR Risk ID & Mitigation through Capital Programs

## Risk ID

1. Level of Service
2. Safety & Security
3. Environment

### Stakeholder Departments

Facility Maint.

Fleet Maint.

Fiscal Mgmt.

Safety

Police/Security

Environmental

Transportation

Employment

IT

Facility Engineering

Passenger Amenities

Audit

Planning

Customer Service

Administration

## SGR Project Development

### Fleet & Facilities Division with Stakeholder Departments

- Problem defined
- Alternatives evaluated
- Project identified
- Preliminary scope
- ICE
- Project plan

## SGR Capital Planning *(unconstrained \$)*

### Fleet & Facilities Division with Stakeholder Departments

#### SGR Projects:

- Justification
- Prioritized
- Ranked
- Draft Schedule

## SGR Capital Planning *(unconstrained \$)*

### Fleet & Facilities & Fiscal Management Divisions

- SGR Projects set to agency draft budget & schedule

## Agency Capital Planning *(constrained \$)*

### Executive Staff

- SGR, IT & SPPD projects evaluated
- Executive hearings
- Capital plan balanced
- Executive approval

## Agency Capital Planning *(constrained \$)*

### Board of Trustees

- Board hearings
- Board approval of capital plan

Implementation

# Examples of Risk Mitigating SGR Capital Projects Under Legacy System (2017-18)

| Project                                | Cost     | Risk Mitigation  |                   |             |
|--|----------|------------------|-------------------|-------------|
|  |          | Level of Service | Safety & Security | Environment |
| Revenue Vehicles                       | \$175.0M | ✓✓✓✓             | ✓✓                | ✓✓✓         |
| Replace Fuel/Oil Underground Tanks     | \$1.5M   | ✓✓✓              | ✓                 | ✓✓✓         |
| Natural Gas Compression Infrastructure | \$11.0M  | ✓✓✓✓             | ✓                 | ✓✓✓         |
| Security Fence – Operational Facility  | \$1.8M   | ✓                | ✓✓✓               | ✓           |
| ERP System                             | \$4.7M   | ✓✓✓              | ✓                 | ✓           |
| New Paratransit Facility               | \$26.5M  | ✓✓✓✓             | ✓✓✓               | ✓✓          |
| Replace Fuel Control System            | \$0.8M   | ✓✓               | ✓                 | ✓           |
| Bus Yard Concrete Repairs              | \$0.1M   | ✓                | ✓✓                | ✓✓          |

# Notable Aspects of SGR Project Development (Legacy System)

## Effectiveness to Date

- **No significant LOS, safety & security or environmental issues**
- **Agency's low cost of operation**
- **No significant issues identified by E&A firms performing comprehensive facility assessments.**
- **Agency meeting SGR goal of 3 on scale of 1 to 5.**

## Concerns for Future

- **Lack of procedural documentation and succession planning**
- **Agency expansion**
- **Legacy system not sustainable**



# Moving Forward: SGR Capital Project Development

## Formalize and Document

- **TAM system implementation based on ISO 55001**
  - a. **Context of the organization**
  - b. **Roles, responsibilities and dedicated resources**
  - c. **Documented Plans and procedures**
  - d. **Communication**
  - e. **Operation, evaluation and improvement**



## Objectives

- **Leverage existing business functions and procedures**
- **Develop a practical, effective and sustainable system**
- **Effective and robust communication of TAM activities throughout agency**



# Moving Forward: Mitigating Risk through SGR Capital Projects – Natural Environment Example

## Existing Risk Assessments – Natural Environment

| Existing Environmental Plans                       | Regulatory Requirement                       | Documented Assessments, Inspections, Reviews  |
|--|--|---|
| Slug Discharge Control Plan                        | EPA  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Quarterly facility inspections</li><li>Bi-annual plan review &amp; report</li></ul>   |
| Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan              | EPA  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Quarterly facility inspections</li><li>Annual plan review &amp; report</li></ul>  |
| Hazardous Communications Plan                      | DOL-OSHA                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Annual plan review</li><li>Annual hazmat inventory</li></ul>  |
| Pollution Prevention Plan                          | TCEQ - WRPA                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Annual assessment of waste minimization activities</li></ul>  |
| Spill Prevention Control and Counter Measures Plan | EPA  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Daily facility inspections</li><li>Annual plan review</li></ul>   |
| Environmental & Sustainability Management System   | TCEQ – Permits<br>Emissions<br>PSTs<br>Waste | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Quarterly/annual facility inspections</li><li>Annual testing</li><li>Random issue reporting</li><li>Quarterly plan reviews</li><li>Management reviews</li></ul> |



# Moving Forward: Processing Environmental Risk through ESMS

## Environmental and Sustainability Management System (ESMS) Processes

- **Dedicated Environmental Programs Manager**
- **Issue reporting procedures and forms**
- **Issue documented, evaluated and communicated**
- **Issue tracked and reported**
- **Bi-weekly team review**
- **Semiannual executive management review**
- **Annual evaluation of compliance**
- **Annual internal audit**
- **Annual external audit**



# Moving Forward: Processing Environmental Risk



Environmental  
Risk/Issue  
Identification

Processing and  
Reporting of  
Environmental  
Risk (ESMS)

Determination  
of  
Environmental  
Risk Level

Asset Manager  
uses Risk Level  
to Prioritize and  
Rank SGR  
Projects

Capital Projects  
Processed

New Element of  
Process

TAMS

# Determining Environmental Risk Level

Event Risk Level = (Probability)(Consequence)

| Determination of Probability |                     | Probability |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Rare                         | > 20 years          | 0.02        |
| Unlikely                     | Within 10 -20 years | 0.05        |
| Possible                     | Within 6 -10 years  | 0.1         |
| Moderate                     | Within 3 – 5 years  | 0.3         |
| Likely                       | Within 2 years      | 0.7         |
| Almost Certain               | Within 1 year       | 0.9         |

Source: International Infrastructure Management Manual (IIMM)

| Consequence Factor    | 5 (Catastrophic)             | 4 (Major)                         | 3 (Severe)                       | 2 (Minor)                          | 1 (Insignificant)                |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total Cost            | >\$1M                        | \$250K-\$1M                       | \$50K-\$250k                     | \$2k-\$50k                         | <\$2K                            |
| and/or                |                              |                                   |                                  |                                    |                                  |
| Impact on Environment | Damage not fully reversible. | Damage reversible within 5 years. | Damage reversible within 1 year. | Damage reversible within 3 months. | Damage reversible within a week. |

# Determining Environmental Risk Level

| Probability         | Consequence  |   |  |   |  |
|---------------------|--|---|--|---|--|
|                     | 5 (Catastrophic)<br>>\$1M and/or<br>Damage not fully reversible. | 4 (Major)<br>\$250K-\$1M and/or<br>Damage reversible<br>within 5 years. | 3 (Severe)<br>\$50K-\$250k and/or<br>Damage reversible<br>within 1 year. | 2 (Minor)<br>\$2k-\$50k and/or<br>Damage reversible<br>within 3 months. | 1 (Insignificant)<br><\$2K and/or<br>Damage reversible<br>within a week. |
| > 20 years          | 0.1  | 0.08  | 0.06   | 0.04  | 0.02   |
| Within 10 -20 years | 0.25   | 0.2   | 0.15   | 0.1   | 0.05   |
| Within 6 -10 years  | 0.5  | 0.4   | 0.3  | 0.2   | 0.1  |
| Within 3 – 5 years  | 1.5  | 1.2   | 0.9  | 0.6   | 0.3  |
| Within 2 years      | 3.5  | 2.8   | 2.1  | 1.4   | 0.7  |
| Within 1 year       | 4.5  | 3.6   | 2.7  | 1.8   | 0.9  |

# Conclusion

*Thank You*

