

# King County Auditor's Office

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King County

DATE: January 20, 2016

TO: Metropolitan King County Councilmembers

FROM: Kymber Waltnunson, King County Auditor

SUBJECT: Follow-up on Special Study on Capital Project Prioritization Criteria

The County Executive has made progress in addressing our recommendation from our 2011 special study on Capital Project Prioritization Criteria, and additional actions are needed to fully improve the transparency of agency capital project priorities.

The special study contained one recommendation:

DONE	0	Recommendations have been fully implemented Auditor will no longer monitor
PROGRESS	1	Recommendation is in progress or partially implemented Auditor will continue to monitor
OPEN	0	Recommendations remain unresolved Auditor will continue to monitor

Please see below for details on the implementation status of this recommendation.

**Implementation Status as of January 2016**

#	Quick Status	Recommendation	Status Detail
1	PROGRESS	The County Executive should explore ways to improve the transparency of agency capital project priorities.	<p>The County has adopted financial management policies that direct agencies to make available the prioritization criteria used to develop proposed budgets. While the information about criteria is now more readily available for budget staff, this information is not publicly available.</p> <p>To complete this recommendation, the County Executive should require agencies to provide an explanation of how specific criteria are applied to individual projects and make this information public.</p> <p>We will continue to monitor the progress of this recommendation.</p>

Tina Rogers, Capital Projects Oversight Manager, and Peter Heineccius, Senior Management Auditor, conducted this review. Kymber Waltmunson, King County Auditor, was the project supervisor. Please contact Peter at 206-477-0077 if you have any questions about the issues discussed in this letter.

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