



# Public Works Board

## Modernizing Washington's Infrastructure Assistance Network

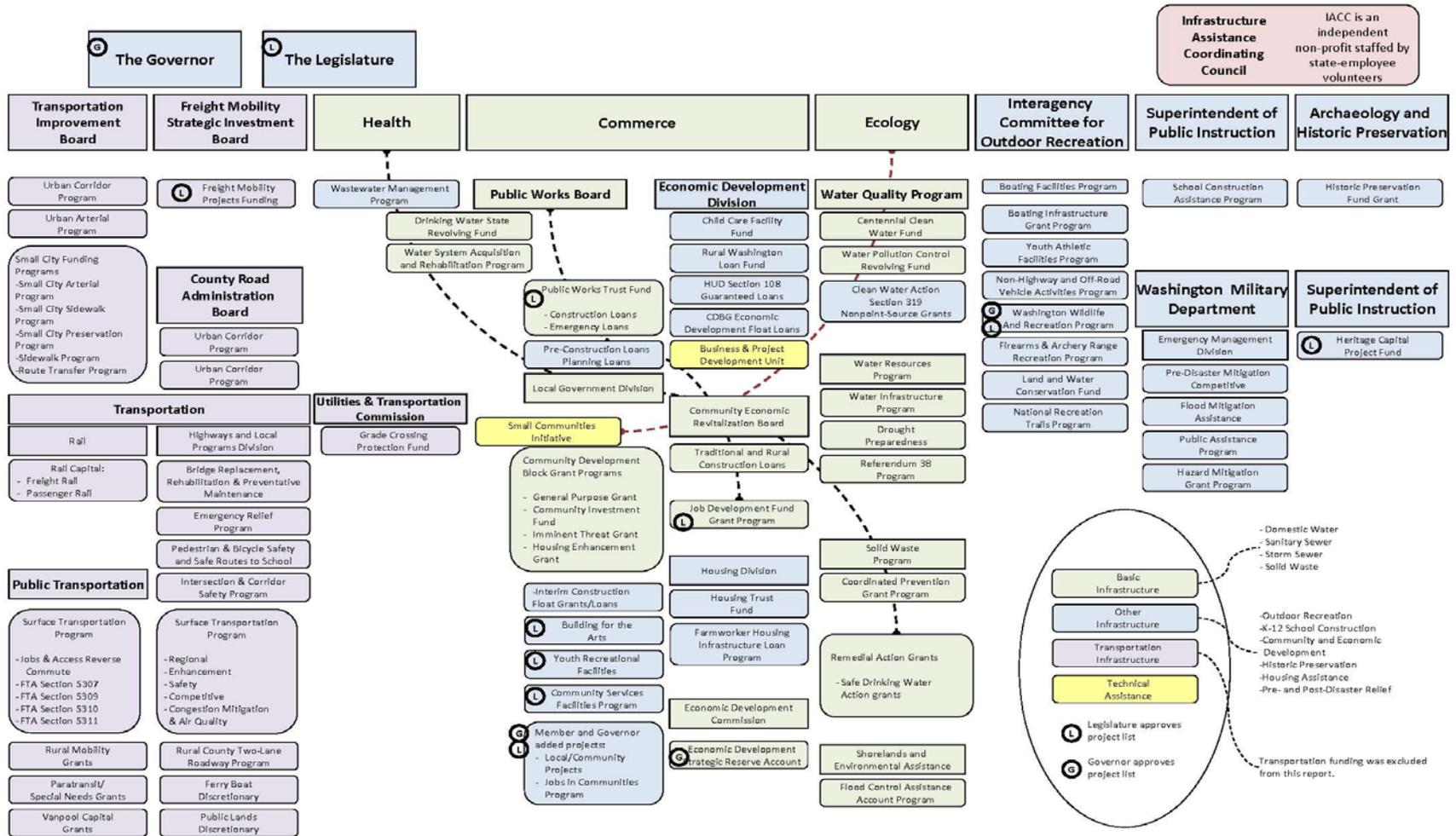
### Development Partners:

Association of Washington Cities  
City of Camas  
Community Economic Revitalization Board  
Department of Commerce  
Department of Ecology  
Department of Health  
Department of Transportation  
Lake Stevens Sewer District

Office of Financial Management  
Office of the State Treasurer  
Washington Association of Sewer & Water Districts  
Washington Public Ports Association  
Washington Public Utility District Association  
Washington State Association of Counties  
USDA Rural Development



# The Problem: System Is Too Complicated





# The Assignment: Simplify The System

ESHB 1497, Section 7028

*“The Legislature intends to modernize state programs that provide financial and technical assistance related to local infrastructure...”*

## Background

- SHB 1915
- ESSB 5844



## The Assignment: Specific Directives

The Public Works Board shall produce a plan to meet the legislative intent:

- a. Clarify the state's policy objectives and priorities for financing local infrastructure projects
- b. Eliminate redundancy among state programs
- c. Increase the speed of delivering state assistance and improve the state's ability to respond to emerging needs
- d. Maximize the use of federal funds



## The Assignment: Specific Directives Cont.

- e. Ensure transparency in state assistance
- f. Improve access to the lowest cost private market financing
- g. Ensure accountability of the system

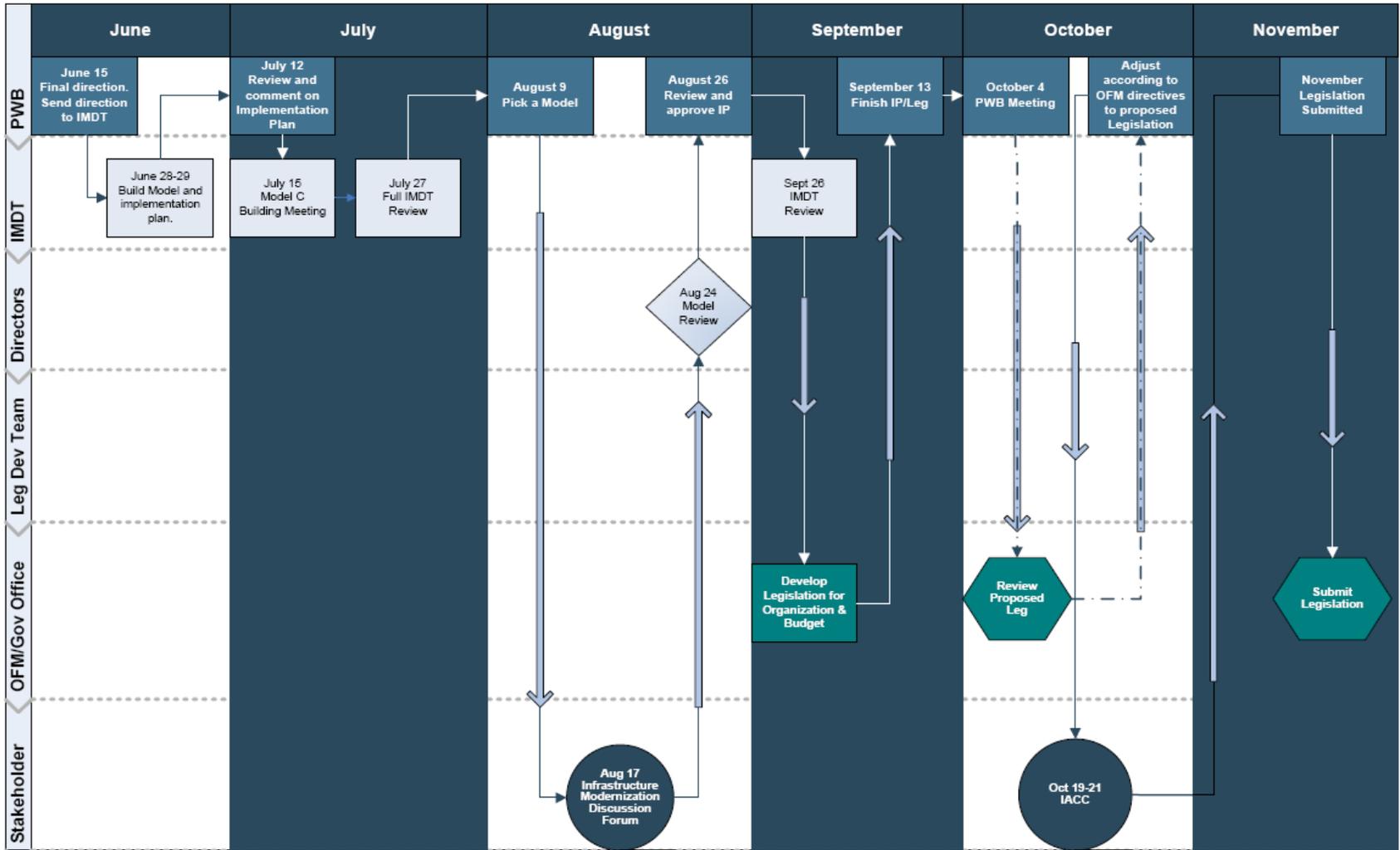


# The Assignment: Products & Status

Product	Status
1. Modernized model of a more efficient and effective system	
2. Plan to implement the model	
3. Organizational and budgetary changes proposed	
4. Legislative language to authorize the plan	Under Development



# Process & Development Timeline





# The Results

- Modernization Model Overview
- Highlights of Proposed Changes:

Proposed Changes	Change Agent
Group A	Governor & Legislature
Group B	Public Works Board



# Modernization Model Overview

- a. Removes the Public Works Board's (Board) financing authorities
- b. Eliminates the Board's financing programs
- c. Enhances the Board's policy making and advisory authorities
- d. Distributes Public Works Assistance Account (PWAA) resources to expert agencies to augment existing financing programs



## Modernization Model Overview Cont.

- e. Standardizes and coordinates application processes
- f. Promotes standardized contract rates, terms, and conditions
- g. Enhances data on local needs and resources
- h. Promotes the sustainability of the PWAA



# Highlights of Proposed Changes: Group A

## Require Gubernatorial & Legislative Action

- a. Expand PWAA eligibility
  - i. Jurisdictions
  - ii. Systems
  - iii. Projects
- b. Add financing tools
  - i. Grants
  - ii. Forgivable loans
- c. Use the accelerated loan commitment model for PWAA
- d. Expand resources for technical assistance



# Highlights of Proposed Changes: Group A

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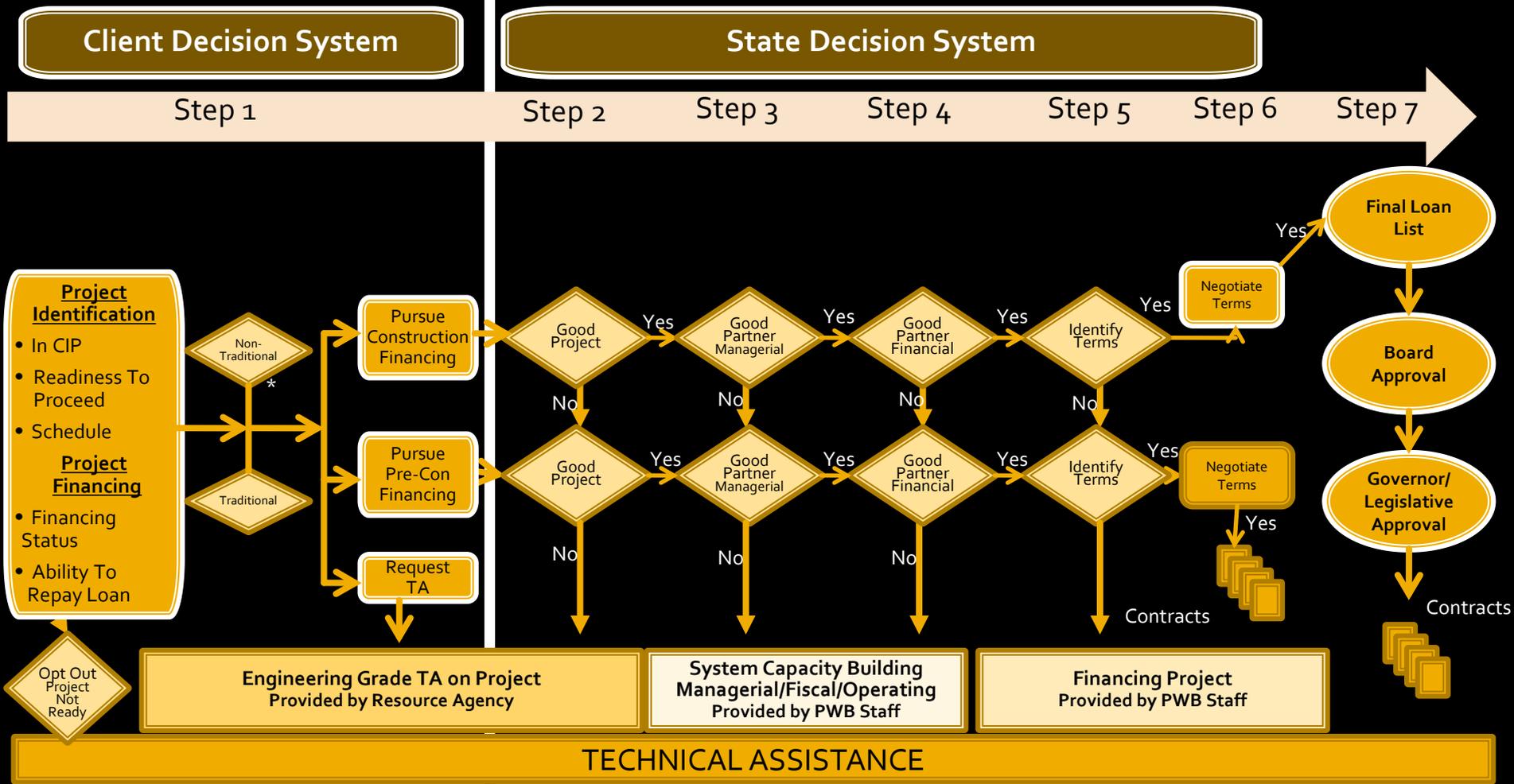
- e. Align Growth Management Act requirements
- f. Consolidate carbon footprint reduction requirements
- g. Provide permanent funding for the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB)
- h. Create a contingent loan agreement program
- i. Remove legislative approval of the Public Works Trust Fund Construction Loan list



# Highlights of Proposed Changes: Group B

## Require Public Works Board Action

- a. Conduct a statewide infrastructure needs assessment
- b. Enhance collaboration among financing programs
- c. Standardize contract rates, terms, and conditions
- d. Modernize the Board's project selection process
  - ~ Faster
  - ~ Easier
  - ~ More responsive



# Public Works Board Proposed Technical and Financial Assistance System



\* Non traditional projects subject to fund availability and legislative approval



# Questions?

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