

## Options and Timeline for Moving Forward

### 1. Background

As the Taskforce discussed at its December 2022 meeting, the co-Chairs have received input that there could be value in having the Taskforce recommend the Council release the final LKTKS Protocol for an extended review period. This approach would allow for broader public engagement with the protocol as well as the Council's overall decision-making process. However, it is important to note the Taskforce's work would be considered complete when the final protocol is delivered to the Council. At the time of writing, the LKTKS Taskforce is scheduled to present its final products at the April 2023 meeting. **This section of the meeting is for the Taskforce to discuss the different options and approaches for moving the work forward, what members can commit to, and ultimately a plan for what the Taskforce would recommend to the Council.**

### 2. Options

Below are three options discussed by the Taskforce in December 2022.

**OPTION 1. Present the protocol in April 2023 and recommend the Council adopt the protocol and consider initiating any onramps at that time. There would be no extended public review.**

- a. *Following the April 2023 meeting, the Taskforce would disband.*

**OPTION 2. Present the protocol in April 2023 and recommend the protocol be released for an extended public comment period.**

- a. *The protocol may be revised if there are major substantive changes received via public comment. The Council could expect to receive the revised protocol and a summary report of the extended public review period in October 2023. Following the April meeting, the Taskforce would disband. The co-chairs would revise the protocol and communicate with Taskforce members in good faith and as needed.*

**OPTION 3. Present the protocol in April 2023 and recommend the protocol be released for an extended public comment period.**

- a. *With the same intent as option 2 above but the Taskforce could recommend the Council extend the Taskforce's work for one meeting to be held in July or August 2023 to react to the comments received during the extended public comment period. There would be little to no flexibility for the timing of that meeting to meet the October 2023 timeline.*

### 3. Additional considerations

At its December 2022 meeting, the Taskforce agreed that option 3 would be a preferred approach.

- If the Council receives the LKTKS protocol in April 2023, and chooses to release the protocol for an extended public review period, how long should that review period be?
  - In December 2022, the Taskforce discussed a 90-day period (i.e., April 14 – July 14). It could also be a 30- or 60-day period.
- As mentioned above, there would be little flexibility in the timing of a Taskforce meeting to review public comments received during the extended public review period to meet the Council's

October 2023 timeline. If the Taskforce were to choose to recommend a 60-day public comment review period, it is anticipated the public comment period would close mid-June whereas a 90-day public comment period would close mid-July.

- Potential dates for a virtual meeting (to reduce all member's travel footprint and time away from home during the summer) include June 22 and 23 (if the Taskforce decided a 60-day review period is appropriate), July 24, July 25, July 26, July 31, and August 1.
- Following the meeting, should there be extensive substantive comments, the co-Chairs would be looking for members to volunteer and commit time to writing.
  - The deadline for edits to be returned to the co-Chairs would tentatively be set at September 1, 2023, so the protocol could be posted the week of September 11<sup>th</sup> for the October 2023 Council meeting.
    - *Can Taskforce members commit to this timeframe?*