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Matthew

As I have not received an invite to the meeting tomorrow afternoon, I have assumed that I am not required.

One issue which I think needs expedited is the design review process and the design assurance issues. I understand that at present TSS, Transdev, CEC etc are continuing to review the deliverables as per the contract. Obviously this means that we are continuing to incur TSS costs and that these will be greater than originally anticipated since they are reviewing all of the deliverables submitted and not just for example 25%/the critical items.

In addition I understand that the deliverables are as per the original deliverable schedule ie they have not been batched in any - eg track, road, OLE and they are not be accompanied by any design assurance.

In some cases detailed design has already been delivered eg roads for section 7. SDS has advised that if we request that these are rebatched and resubmitted they would be a cost attached to that.

For all these reasons we need to expedite the resolution of the design review process.

In addition as I have mentioned on previous occasions we need to ensure that CEC and TEL buy in to what is proposed.

On a separate matter, I am still concerned about the advance works and MUDFA as per my email on Thursday. The TPB papers are confusing - I've asked Geoff for sight of the procurement and MUDFA presentations for the TPB and I'm meeting with him tomorrow.

Generally I am worried about the TPB especially in light of what we want to present next month. We are still being reactive as a project and there seems to be a lack of "policing". Perhaps Geoff needs more resource or needs to take more of a high level approach in order to do this but it is concerning especially if we are going to give assurances that we can meet the revised programme.

I know I'm probably telling you things that you don't want to hear but I think the TPB is becoming suspicious of our reporting ie there are no problems with the project and the next couple of TPB meetings may be difficult.

Happy to discuss.

Trudi