

# **Building Scope Management into Your Planning, Designing and Execution Stages to Avoid Scope Creep During Your Turnaround**

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# Summary

Although controls that are put into place during the execution phase of a turnaround such as, Scope Change Approval processes are a key element to controlling scope creep, if they are not supported by specific activities during the design and execution phases of the turnaround they will be less than fully effective.

# Introduction

To minimize scope creep during the execution phase of a turnaround requires three activities that must occur during the planning and designing phases of the turnaround;

- Development of a Turnaround Timeline that is based on a Long Range Turnaround Plan
- Comprehensive Scope Development Process that involves all stakeholders
- Detailed planning process that includes risk analysis and mitigation planning

# Turnaround Timeline

- The minimum requirements in the development of a turnaround timeline are:
  - Identification of key milestones and due dates for all pre and post turnaround activities
  - A long range Turnaround Plan (7-10 Years) that has been developed using a Strategic Asset Management Plan
  - A Timeline Management process that establishes accountabilities and responsibilities

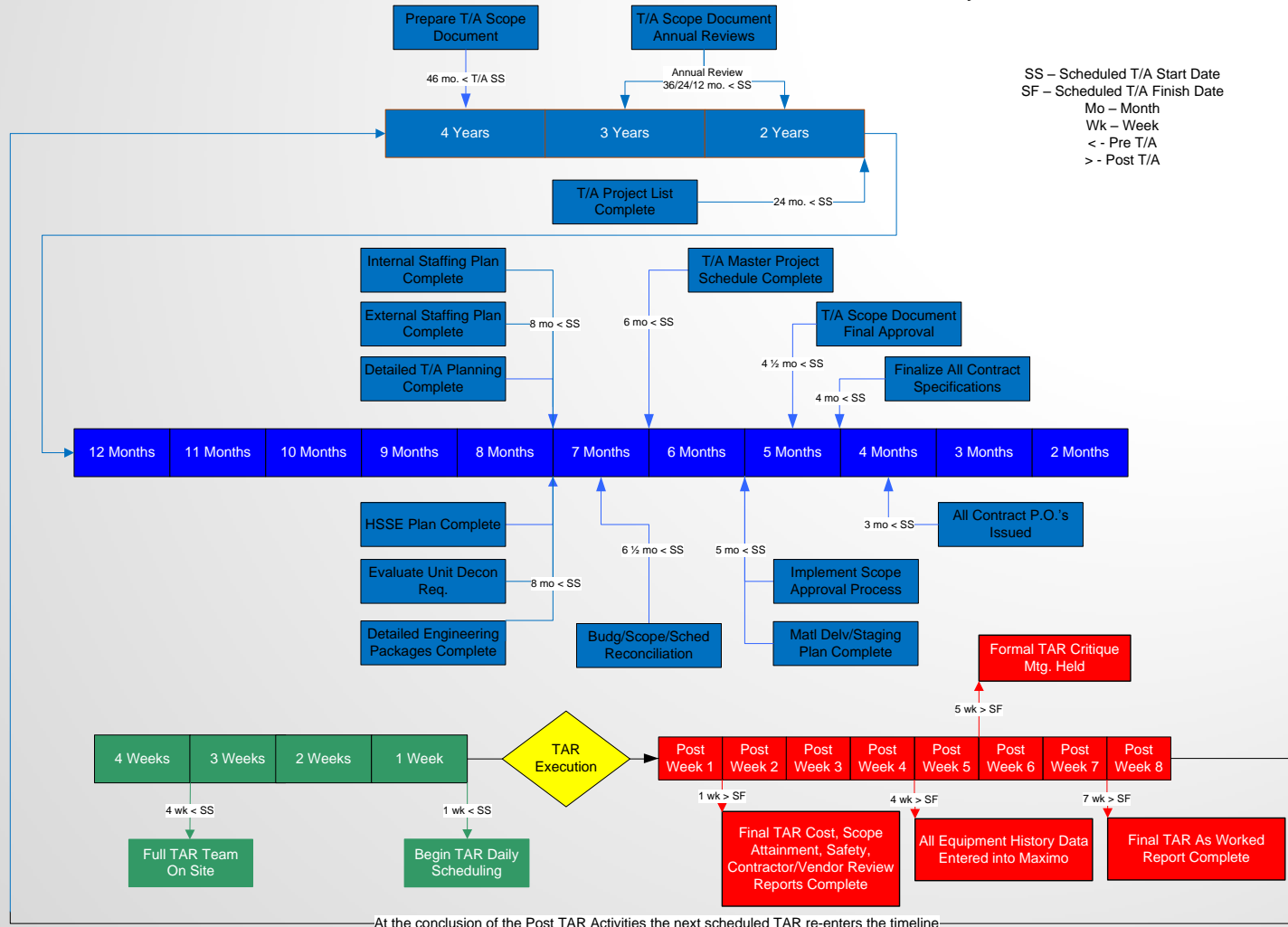
# Turnaround Timeline

## Key Milestones and Due Dates

- Work Scope Defined (Scope Freeze)
- Project Planning Complete
- Health, Safety, Security and Environmental (HSSE) Plans Complete
- Internal & External Staffing Plans Complete
- Parts and Material Delivery and Staging Plans Complete
- Etc.

# Turnaround Timeline

T/A Management Timeline Pre and Post T/A Activities  
4 Year Cycle T/A



# Turnaround Timeline

## Long Range Turnaround Plan

- Developed based on the Strategic Asset Management Plan
- Should have a scheduled start date and duration for all turnarounds for the next (7-10) years
- Accuracy of schedule dates should be +/- 30 days, estimated budgets should be within +/- 25%

# Turnaround Timeline

## T/A Timeline Management Process

- Defined and documented formal process to manage all turnaround due dates for each turnaround on the timeline
  - Standing meetings at least monthly
  - Defined roles, responsibilities and accountability
  - Mitigation procedures for milestones that are behind schedule



# Scope Development

## Purpose

Turnaround scope development is the activity of clearly determining the objectives of a turnaround and compiling a comprehensive, prioritized and organized Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) containing all work that must be completed to achieve those objectives.

# Scope Development

## Desired Characteristics

- Accurate scope development with complete work orders for all work
- All work linked to a T/A objective
- Work identified early (for the next scheduled T/A on an asset scope development should begin during the current T/A on that asset)
- Standard format used to identify all work

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# Scope Development

## Desired Characteristics

- Identified work organized into a hierarchical driven work breakdown structure (WBS)
- Identify 100% of all T/A work regardless of type of work, the originating or performing organization , based on Post TAR, Inspection Reports, Risk Assessment, etc.
- The T/A scope development process should identify and sort work based on the basis of maintenance activities and not on the basis of contracts required to perform the work

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# Scope Development

## Desired Characteristics

- Scope development and planning activities driven by a master scope document that is in a standardized format for all T/A's
- Objectives for each T/A are identified, quantified, prioritized and measurable
- The T/A scope development process should identify all work required to achieve the desired asset profile

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# Scope Development

## Desired Characteristics

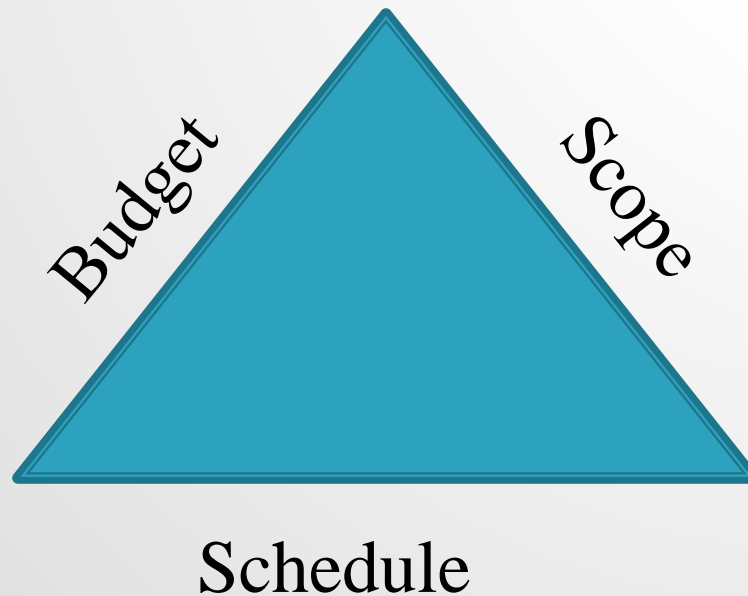
- The T/A scope development process should flag long lead time items to facilitate the timely delivery of all parts and materials
- All T/A work must meet the following criteria:
  - Targets one or more of the T/A Objectives
  - Work execution requires the asset to be out of service

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# Scope Development

## Desired Characteristics

- Scope should drive the T/A budget and schedule



# Scope Development

## Scope Document – Minimum Contents

- General Information Statement – Including a T/A Purpose Statement and the T/A Objectives
- T/A Team Members and contact information
- Recommendations
- Assumptions
- Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)
- Pre T/A Equipment Testing Requirements

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# Scope Development

## Scope Document – Minimum Contents

- Standard Reoccurring Work List
- Capital Project List
- Capital Project Work List
- Mandatory Work List
- Corrective Work List
- Cost Estimates
- Budgetary Data

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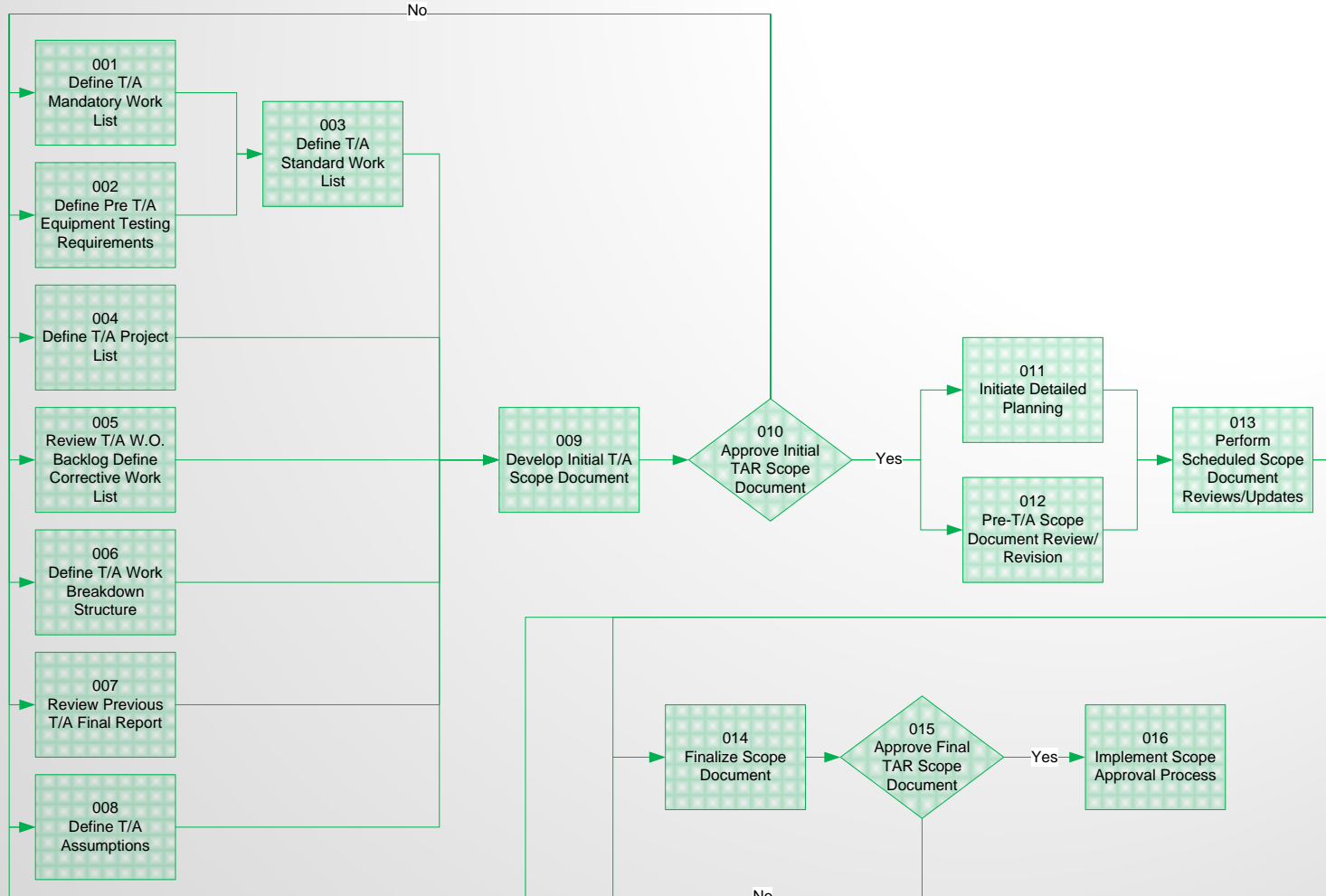
# Scope Development

## Scope Document – Minimum Contents

- Internal Resource Plan
- External Resource Plan
- Special Tool and Equipment Requirements
- Master Project Schedule
- HSSE Plan
- Material Staging and Delivery Plan
- Risk Analysis and Mitigation Plans
- Summary Statement

# Scope Development

## TAR Scope Document Process



# Planning

Detailed T/A planning should include an experience based risk analysis and mitigation planning step

- This is not a statistical analysis but a subjective risk analysis performed at the activity level of each job by an experienced craftsman that has performed the work

# Planning

- Requires the establishment of planning thresholds that determine the degree of mitigation planning that is required based on the acceptable level of risk to T/A budget and schedule
- Used to identify the majority of discovery work during the execution phase of the T/A and includes detailed mitigation plans that can be merged into the Master Project Schedule and executed

# Planning

## Benefits of Risk Analysis and Mitigation Planning

- Decision making and approval process occurs prior to T/A execution, reducing any schedule impacts
- Enables the acquisition of parts and materials that result from identified discovery work, mitigating schedule and costs related to expediting those parts and materials
- Allows planning accuracy to improve since contingencies are not built into T/A scope planning

# Planning

## Requirements

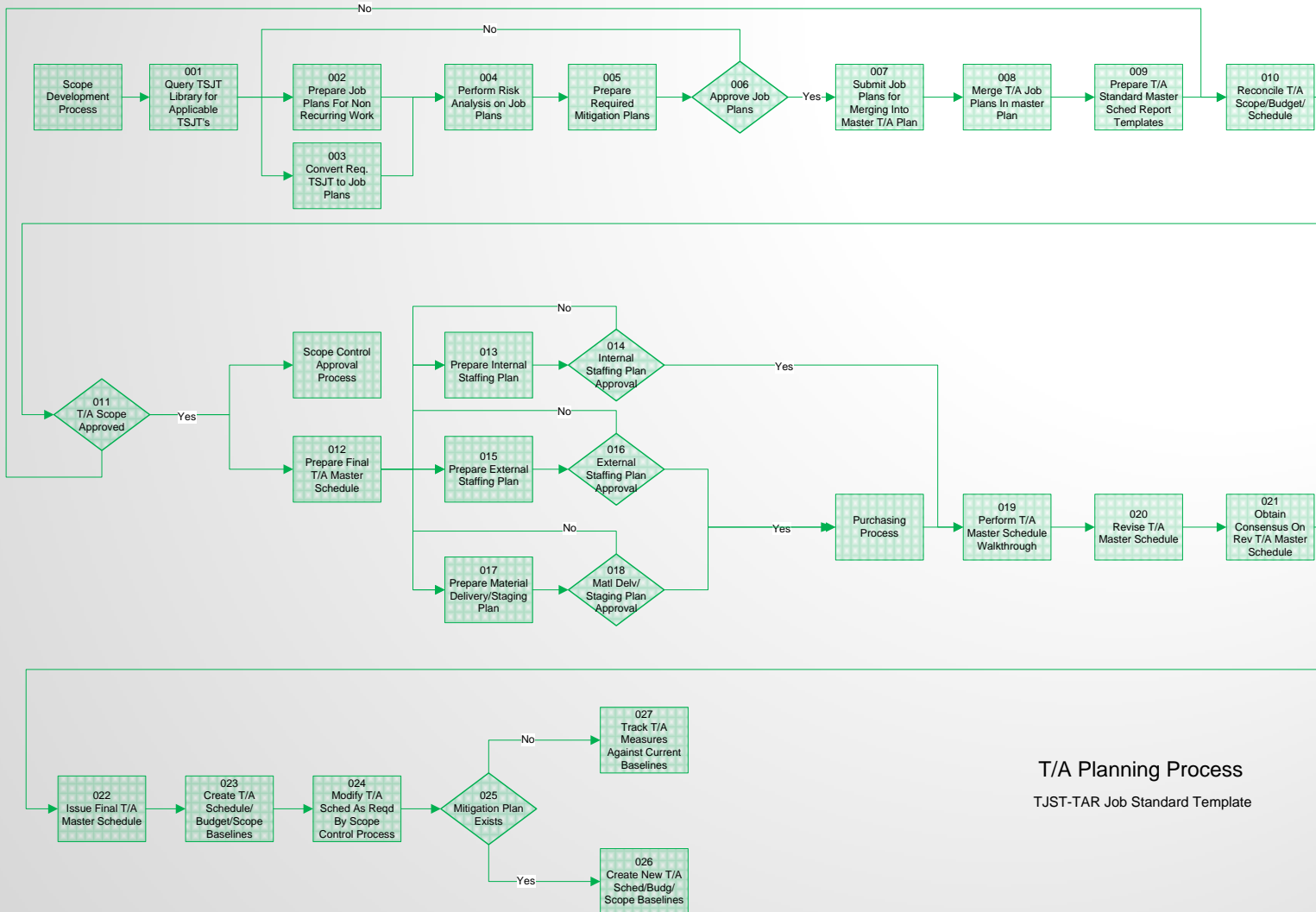
- In order for risk analysis and mitigation planning to be successful it does require that a very comprehensive and robust planning process be in place. This process must ensure that planning occurs at a very detailed level
- Planning resources must be experienced and familiar with the specific work scope, the accuracy of subjective risk analysis is directly related to the experience level of the planning resource

# Planning

Although risk analysis and mitigation planning is labor resource intensive and requires a significant investment in both time and money it is justified since:

- Excluding project work typically 80% of all work performed during a turnaround is repetitive in nature
- If planning is performed utilizing a comprehensive, detailed planning process the bulk of the work related to risk analysis and mitigation planning is performed once and only reviewed and revising for future T/A's

# Planning



T/A Planning Process  
TJST-TAR Job Standard Template



# Scope Change Control

## Scope Freeze

- Based on asset T/A cycle
- Set by the T/A Scheduled Start Date where (T/A SS) is the turnaround scheduled start date (asset out of service)
  - 0-6 month cycle, Scope Freeze = T/A SS – 60 days
  - > 6 mo to 18 mo cycle, Scope Freeze = T/A SS – 90 Days
  - >18 mo to 36 mo cycle, Scope Freeze = T/A SS – 120 days
  - >36 mo – 72 mo cycle, Scope Freeze – T/A SS – 180 days

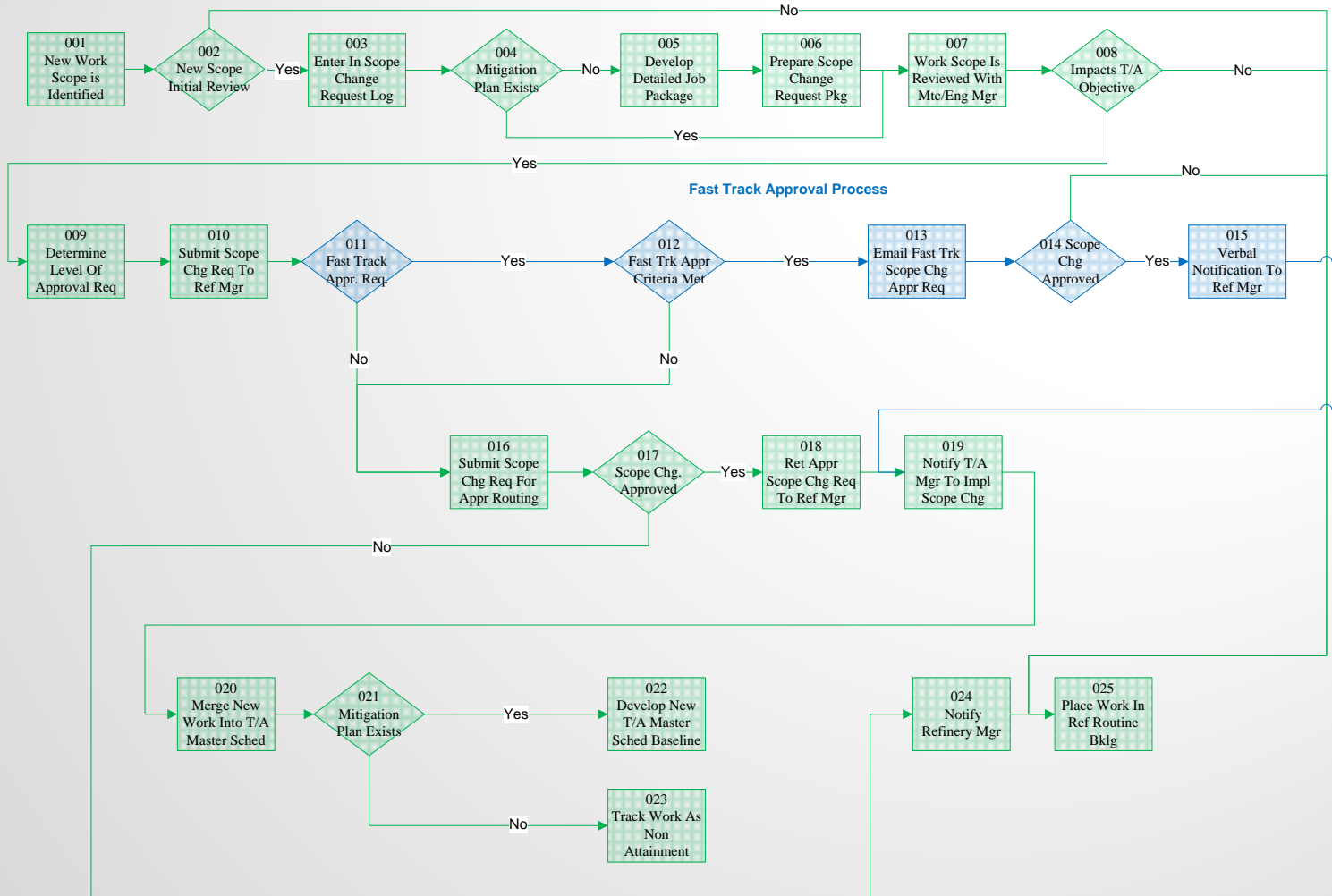
# Scope Change Control

## Scope Freeze

- Once scope freeze is implemented through T/A execution complete (asset returned to service) any addition or deletion of scope from the T/A would require following a formal defined scope approval process
- Requires approvals at the same level as that required to authorize the T/A expenditure, for any scope changes that will impact schedule a high level approval requirement should be defined.

# Scope Change Control

Scope Control Process Flow



# Conclusion

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## Questions and Answers

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