

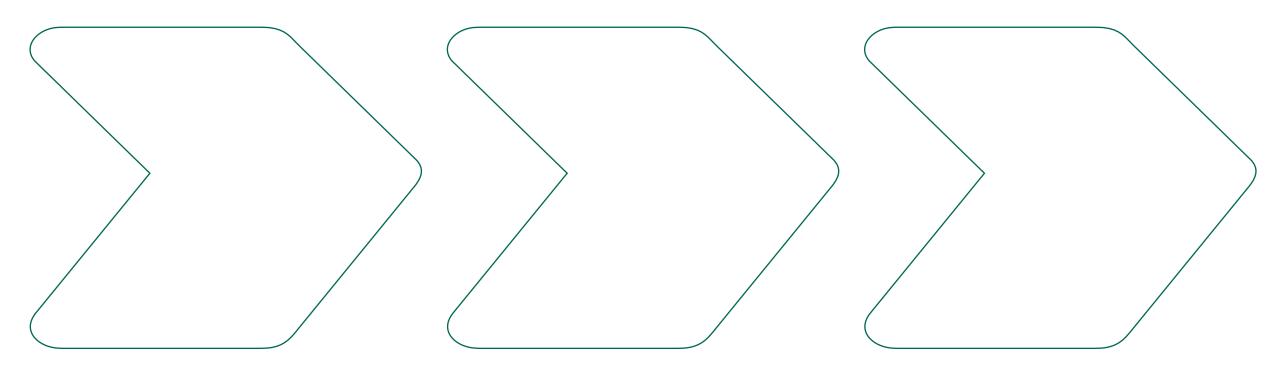
# TransXChange: Public Transport Information Profile

Version 1.1 (Final)





## Introduction





### Aim of the TransXChange PTI Profile

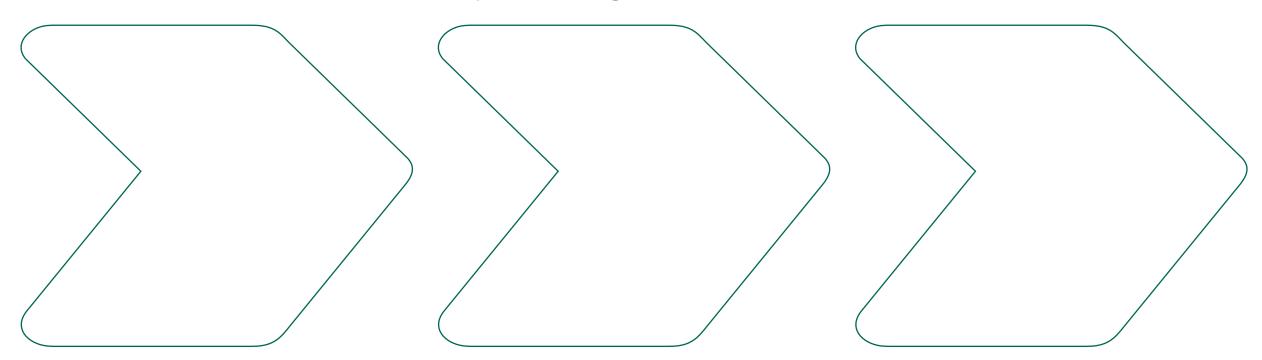
- Perception that TXC is too complicated
  - Too many different ways of encoding the same data
  - ⇒ errors in creation and/or interpretation
- Aim is to create a simplified profile
  - Used consistently by all systems / operators.
  - Clear, unambiguous data, backed up by simpler, focussed, guidance.
  - More readily understood by downstream open data users.
  - → Higher take-up ⇒ better applications.
  - Easier diagnostics / fault finding.
- Business case for change and proposed changes validated by survey.
  - Avoid "adding cost" to a business ⇒ changes minimised





## The PTI Profile

Summary of usage and/or restrictions from full schema





#### The PTI Profile : Operators (1)

- A file shall contain only one operator.
- OperatorShortName is mandated by the schema
  - Where possible, match "Operator Public Name" in National Operator Code (NOC) database
  - Has to be 24 characters or fewer, though ⇒ Operator choice as to how to shorten
- The use of NationalOperatorCode is mandatory.
  - Use as reference ⇒ take name of operator from "Operator Public Name" in NOC
  - Operators will need to check their NOC entries, and maybe edit or correct them.
  - NOC to remain a system maintained and hosted by Traveline (contact <u>noc@traveline.info</u>)
- OperatorCode is not required but may be populated for compatibility with historic systems.
- TradingName, where different to OperatorShortName, shall be provided.





#### The PTI Profile : Operators (2)

- LicenceNumber shall be provided, where appropriate
  - Use as reference ⇒ links to external systems e.g. NOC, DVSA
  - OperatorNameOnLicence can be included in the TXC for readability, but should be fully identified from other sources using the LicenceNumber
- id attribute is an internal reference. It is recommended that this be the NOC, too
- Other elements in Operator should not be provided.
  - In particular, contact information shall be taken from fields in NOC, referenced by NationalOperatorCode, and not included in the TXC.





#### The PTI Profile: Services and lines (1)

- A **LINE** is a collection of vehicle journeys (trips) that share some high degree of commonality of route and timings, and are all known by the same **LINE NAME**.
  - For example: "1", "1B", "100", "calverton connection"
- A SERVICE is a collection of LINEs that together make up a coherent set of vehicle journeys.
  - For example: "1/1A", where "1" might be "A to B" and "1A" might be "A to B via C", which together make up the complete service between A and B.
- Note: This is just the definition and examples to illustrate the concept there is no requirement for an operator to submit e.g. "1" and "1A" as two lines within the same service grouping if they do not wish to do so.



#### The PTI Profile: Services and lines (2)

- There shall be one Service element per file, and no more.
  - The Service element may hold one or more lines, so long as the lines are related
- ServiceCode shall be unique for the group of lines
  - It shall not include a version number.
  - For registered services this shall be the TAN registration number with "/" replaced with ":"
    - e.g. PF0000459:140
  - It must remain consistent between versions
- A line shall have a unique id attribute which comprises:
  - The most granular NOC for the operator (e.g. FESX for First Group's bus operations in Essex)
  - The ServiceCode (to assist in linking to other lines in the same group of lines)
  - The line Name
  - The components shall be separated by colons ":"
  - The id shall not include the version number.





#### The PTI Profile: Services and lines (3)

- To link timetables for multi-operator routes (e.g. commercial / tendered) use Service/ToBeMarketedWith
  - The Description field of the ToBeMarketedWith element shall refer to the (external) line ID

#### Examples (two service 8s, one operator):



#### The PTI Profile: Service version numbering

- Services shall be given version numbers using the RevisionNumber attribute of Service.
  - Lines may also have versions numbers using the RevisionNumber attribute of Line, but this isn't required.
  - Two versions of the same service shall never appear in the same TXC document, as this would require duplication of keys.
- It is permissible to have separate timetables for the same line (e.g. seasonal variations) in the same version. These may only be encoded as:
  - One service / two lines
    - Unique line ids extended appropriately (consistent between versions)
    - E.g. FESX:PF0000599:75:8:summer, FESX:PF0000599:75:8:winter
  - A single line
  - In both cases, VehicleJourneys shall encoded to the right operating dates (as OperatingProfile is defined in VehicleJourney – see later).

```
<Service RevisionNumber="1">
  <ServiceCode>PF0000599:41
  <Lines>
   <Line id="FESX:PF0000599:41:8">
     <LineName>8</LineName>
   </Line>
  <Tines>
  <RegisteredOperatorRef>FESX</RegisteredOperatorRef>
</services>
<Service RevisionNumber="4">
  <ServiceCode>PF0000599:75
  <Lines>
   <Line id="FESX:PF0000599:75:8">
     <LineName>8</LineName>
   </Line>
  <Lines>
  <RegisteredOperatorRef>FESX</RegisteredOperatorRef>
</Services>
```





### The PTI Profile: Direction flags and line descriptions

- Direction of a particular JourneyPattern shall be defined in StandardService/JourneyPattern, and not elsewhere.
- Each Line shall have an OutboundDescription and/or an InboundDescription that describes each direction of the service for public consumption. For example, "Oxford Milton Keynes Bedford Cambridge" and "Cambridge Bedford Milton Keynes Oxford".
- Direction enumeration clockwise shall map to OutboundDescription and anti-clockwise to InboundDescription
- Other description elements shall be omitted where permitted. In particular, Service/Description is intended for registrations and does not contain public-facing information.



#### The PTI Profile: Links to services in legacy systems

- The PTI Profile links to OTC Registration numbers for checking & comparison by using ServiceCode (see earlier)
- Using the Registrations block is not recommended, however, because it contains significant extraneous, inappropriate information (see image)
- If a link to another legacy systems is required, use Service/PrivateCode to hold the legacy reference.

```
<Registrations>
   <Registration>
        <ServiceRef></ServiceRef>
        <SubmissionDate></SubmissionDate>
        <VosaRegistrationNumber>
           <TanCode></TanCode>
           <LicenceNumber></LicenceNumber>
           <RegistrationNumber></RegistrationNumber>
        </VosaRegistrationNumber>
        <ApplicationClassification></ApplicationClassification>
        <VariationNumber></VariationNumber>
        <SubmissionAuthor>
           <Position></Position>
           <Title></Title>
           <Forename></Forename>
           <Surname></Surname>
        </SubmissionAuthor>
        <TrafficAreas>
           <TrafficArea>
                <TrafficAreaName></TrafficAreaName>
           </TrafficArea>
        </TrafficAreas>
        <CirculatedAuthorities>
            <CirculatedAuthority>
                <AuthorityName></AuthorityName>
           </CirculatedAuthority>
        </CirculatedAuthorities>
        <SubsidyDetails>
           <NoSubsidy></NoSubsidy>
       </SubsidyDetails>
   </Registration>
</Registrations>
```



#### The PTI Profile: Other aspects of services and lines

- To minimise over-ridden data, OperatingProfile shall not be used in Service but shall be declared in full in each VehicleJourney
- The PublicUse flag shall be mandatory.
  - For services which are not open to the general public but have some restriction, e.g. school services requiring passes, it shall have the value False
  - Other services shall have the value True
- Registration information, such as ServiceClassification, StopRequirements and CommercialBasis is of little use in passenger information and is not required in Service.
- Each standard bus service shall have a StandardService element.
- There shall be as many JourneyPattern elements as required to fully represent the different patterns of operation.
- Services that run "until further notice" shall not have an end date in the OperatingPeriod.
  - End dates long into the future shall be avoided, as this implies that the service ends.





#### The PTI Profile: Stops

- AnnotatedStopRef elements are mandated when there is an appropriate, active stop in NaPTAN;
- A StopPoint element may only be used as referenced in the BODS Guidance
- CommonName, Indicator, LocalityName and LocalityQualifier, if present, are for readability only the actual values shall be taken from NaPTAN. Other additional elements for AnnotatedStopPointRef shall not be used.
- Stop points shall be appropriate to the mode, i.e. bus stops and not rail or ferry stops





#### The PTI Profile: Routes and tracks

- Route (and RouteSections / RouteLinks) shall be mandatory
- Tracks (RouteLink/Track elements) are recommended but not mandatory at this time
  - However, operators should strive to provide at least one point per road as per EBSR / registrations



### The PTI Profile: Journey pattern sections and timing links (1)

- The "to" stop of a JourneyPatternTimingLink and the "from" stop of the following link shall have exactly the same information:
  - StopPointRef is mandatory in the schema
  - o TimingPointStatus and Activity shall be mandatory for the profile
  - WaitTime is optional, as required
  - DynamicDestinationDisplay is recommended
    - Aids the depiction of "towards" type messages on e.g. circulars.
    - Use of abbreviated names shall be minimised and, where used, readily understandable and consistently applied.
- For TimingPointStatus, only the newer descriptive enumerations shall be used:
  - principalTimingPoint (note spelling) for timing points
  - otherPoint for non-timing points.
- As information is duplicated, pick up and set down activity shall be coded as pickUpAndSetDown





### The PTI Profile: Journey pattern sections and timing links (2)

- TXC allows many elements to have defaults, and to be over-ridden by more precise elements. This can lead to errors when merging from different places.
- The profile is therefore recommending that over-riding shall be eliminated as far as possible by defining an element fully in the most appropriate place.
- This implies that journey timings should be in VehicleJourneys. Cannot eliminate JourneyPatternTimingLinks though.

```
<ServiceRef>703</ServiceRef>
<LineRef>2</LineRef>
<JourneyPatternRef>1</JourneyPatternRef>
<DepartureTime>06:45:00</DepartureTime>
<VehicleJourneyTimingLink id="19">
    <JourneyPatternTimingLinkRef>4</JourneyPatternTimingLinkRef>
    <RunTime>PT1M53S</RunTime>
</VehicleJourneyTimingLink>
<VehicleJourneyTimingLink id="20">
    <JourneyPatternTimingLinkRef>5</JourneyPatternTimingLinkRef>
    <RunTime>PT1M47S</RunTime>
</VehicleJourneyTimingLink>
<VehicleJourneyTimingLink id="21">
    <JourneyPatternTimingLinkRef>6</JourneyPatternTimingLinkRef>
    <RunTime>PT2M39S</RunTime>
</VehicleJourneyTimingLink>
<VehicleJourneyTimingLink id="22">
    <JourneyPatternTimingLinkRef>7</JourneyPatternTimingLinkRef>
    <RunTime>PT0M51S</RunTime>
</VehicleJourneyTimingLink>
```



### The PTI Profile: Journey pattern sections and timing links (3)

- Profile will therefore mandate that either:
  - All RunTimes shall be fully defined within JourneyPatternTimingLinks, which shall be used in JourneyPatterns, and no VehicleJourneyTimingLinks shall be used; or
  - All RunTimes in JourneyPatternTimingLinks shall be PTOM (i.e. no time), and all actual run times shall be defined within VehicleJourneyTimingLinks.
- In the latter case, the list and order of VehicleJourneyTimingLinks shall match exactly the JourneyPatternTimingLinks in the referenced JourneyPattern, with a run time provided for each.
- This also applies to other detail within 'to' and 'from' elements in links if it is to be defined in VehicleJourneyTimingLinks, then all elements are to be defined there.





### The PTI Profile: Journey pattern sections and timing links (4)

 There is a desire for TXC files to be more helpful to publishers, to assist in making a timetable readable. It is therefore mandated that JourneyPatternTimingLink elements shall use the SequenceNumber attribute.

Seq No	Name	AtcoCode	Trip 1	Trip 2
1	One	1580ABCD	08:00	08:15
2	Two	1580EFGH	08:02	08:17
3	Three	1580IJKL		08:23
4	Four	1580MNQ	08:07	_

```
<JourneyPatternSection id="ABC1 jps1">
    <JourneyPatternTimingLink id="ABC1 jps1 tl1">
        <From SequenceNumber="1">
            <StopPointRef>1580ABCD</StopPointRef>
        </From>
        <To SequenceNumber="2">
            <StopPointRef>1580EFGH</StopPointRef>
        </To>
        <RunTime>PT2M</RunTime>
   </JourneyPatternTimingLink>
    <JourneyPatternTimingLink id="ABC1 jps1 tl2">
        <From SequenceNumber="2">
            <StopPointRef>1580EFGH</StopPointRef>
        </From>
        <To SequenceNumber="4">
            <StopPointRef>1580MNPQ</StopPointRef>
        </To>
        <RunTime>PT5M</RunTime>
   </JourneyPatternTimingLink>
</JourneyPatternSection>
```

```
<JourneyPatternSection id="ABC1 jps2">
    <JourneyPatternTimingLink id="ABC1 jps2 tl1">
        <From SequenceNumber="1">
            <StopPointRef>1580ABCD</StopPointRef>
        </From>
        <To SequenceNumber="2">
            <StopPointRef>1580EFGH</StopPointRef>
        </To>
        <RunTime>PT2M</RunTime>
    </JourneyPatternTimingLink>
    <JourneyPatternTimingLink id="ABC1 jps2 tl2">
        <From SequenceNumber="2">
            <StopPointRef>1580EFGH</StopPointRef>
        </From>
        <To SequenceNumber="3">
            <StopPointRef>1580IJKL</StopPointRef>
        </To>
        <RunTime>PT6M</RunTime>
    </JourneyPatternTimingLink>
</JourneyPatternSection>
```



### The PTI Profile: Journey pattern sections and timing links (5)

- Direction shall not be specified on the JourneyPatternTimingLink. A set of sections making up a JourneyPattern will all have a common direction, and this shall be specified in the JourneyPattern definition.
- It is common practice to have a single JourneyPatternSection in any given JourneyPattern, even though this can result in multiple definitions of common parts of a timetable. It is considered good practice to define any section of route once only, and then to link these together with multiple JourneyPatternSectionRefs elements within the JourneyPattern



### The PTI Profile: Serviced organisations (1)

- Having serviced organisations aids in explaining date restrictions to the travelling public (e.g. "College of West Anglia days only"), and is encouraged over simple date restrictions.
- However, operators have expressed significant reservations about maintaining ServicedOrganisation dates.
- ServiceOrganisation is, therefore, not a mandatory element in the PTI Profile.
- However, it is nevertheless a requirement that the TXC files specify precisely
  when a given VehicleJourney operates and when it does not even if it is
  achieved by date records in OperatingProfile elements
  - ⇒ This is information that an operator must know.



#### The PTI Profile: Serviced organisations (2)

- Where a ServicedOrganisation is used, it shall:
  - have a meaningful OrganisationCode (e.g. "DerbsCC", "CoWA");
  - bave a name that describes the organisation (e.g. "Hermitage Academy", "The De Montfort School"); and
  - odefine just WorkingDays dates. Holidays will be assumed to be all non-working days.
- Trips shall be declared in a VehicleJourney either as DaysOfOperation | WorkingDays for operating day (e.g. schoolday) trips or DaysOfNonOperation | WorkingDays for trips when the organisation is closed (e.g. school holidays).
- Regardless of the coding of the trip, is recommended that display to the public is positive, i.e. "this trip only runs when School X is closed" rather than a literal interpretation of the TXC i.e. "this trip does not run when School X is open".





### The PTI Profile: Serviced organisations (3)

```
<ServicedOrganisation>
 <OrganisationCode>BurCol</OrganisationCode>
 <Name>Burnley College</Name>
 <WorkingDays>
   <DateRange>
     <StartDate>2019-04-22
     <EndDate>2019-05-03</EndDate>
   </DateRange>
   <DateRange>
     <StartDate>2019-05-07
     <EndDate>2019-05-24</EndDate>
   </DateRange>
   <DateRange>
     <StartDate>2019-06-03
     <EndDate>2019-06-28</EndDate>
   </DateRange>
 </WorkingDays>
</ServicedOrganisation>
```

```
<VehicleJourney SequenceNumber="1">
  <PrivateCode>120MFBP03:0:1</privateCode>
  <OperatingProfile>
    <RegularDayType>
      <DaysOfWeek>
        <MondayToFriday />
      </DaysOfWeek>
    </RegularDayType>
    <ServicedOrganisationDayType>
      <DaysOfOperation>
        <WorkingDays>
          <ServicedOrganisationRef>BurCol</ServicedOrganisationRef>
        </WorkingDays>
      </DaysOfOperation>
    </ServicedOrganisationDayType>
    <BankHolidayOperation>
      <DaysOfNonOperation>
        <AllBankHolidays />
      </DaysOfNonOperation>
   </BankHolidayOperation>
  <OperatingProfile>
</VehicleJourney>
```





### The PTI Profile: Vehicle journey / Operating profile (1)

- OperatingProfile elements shall be fully defined within the VehicleJourney and shall not inherit from anywhere else.
- RegularDayType shall be completed so as to minimise the use of SpecialDaysOperation.
- The "Not" enumerations (e.g. NotMonday) shall not be used, as there is some confusion as to their meaning in the schema.
- For example, a trip that runs Monday to Thursday but does not run on a Friday:
  - shall be coded with each of Monday through Thursday and omit the days when it does not run.
  - shall not be coded MondayToFriday with SpecialDaysNonOperation to remove Fridays. Nor should it use NotFriday.



### The PTI Profile: Vehicle journey / Operating profile (2)

- Journeys which operate on periodic days e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month shall use the PeriodicDayType in addition to the RegularDayType in order to define when the journey operates.
  - Allows a file to be defined once, rather than requiring continual updates to refresh the dates on which the trip operates.
  - Also more readable for the public.
- SpecialDaysOperation shall not be used to define regular periodic days.





### The PTI Profile: Vehicle journey / Operating profile (3)

- Journeys which operate according to a serviced organisation shall use the ServicedOrganisationDayType.
  - "Working day" operation shall use DaysOfOperation/WorkingDays
  - "Holiday" operation shall use DaysOfNonOperation/WorkingDay
- Dates for serviced organisations are ANDed with regular days e.g.
   Mondays to Fridays in a set of date ranges. This means simple ranges can be defined, and avoids having to define each Monday to Friday period separately.
  - E.g. dates for half term, expressed simply

```
<VehicleJourney SequenceNumber="1">
  <PrivateCode>120MFBP03:0:1</privateCode>
  <OperatingProfile>
    <RegularDayType>
      <DaysOfWeek>
        <MondayToFriday />
      </DaysOfWeek>
    </RegularDayType>
    <ServicedOrganisationDayType>
      <DaysOfOperation>
        <WorkingDays>
          <ServicedOrganisationRef>BurCol</ServicedOrganisationRef>
        </WorkingDays>
      </DaysOfOperation>
    </ServicedOrganisationDayType>
    <BankHolidayOperation>
      <DaysOfNonOperation>
        <AllBankHolidays />
      </DaysOfNonOperation>
    </BankHolidayOperation>
  <OperatingProfile>
</VehicleJourney>
```



### The PTI Profile: Vehicle journey / Operating profile - Bank holidays

- Bank holiday enumerations (e.g. SpringBank) shall be used wherever possible.
  - Dates are either predictable, calculatable (e.g. Easter), or published (May Day change in 2020, Royal Wedding in 2012)
  - Public prefer text presentation ("Does not run Easter Monday")
- All bank holidays shall be explicitly stated and "groups" (e.g. HolidayMondays) shall not be used.
  - Unwanted holidays are often wrapped into groups (a particular problem in Scotland)
  - If a holiday was cancelled and replaced by another holiday, then group would become incorrect
- Additional or amended holidays can be defined and given names and dates if required.
  - This may be a preferable solution for Scotland, although where a holiday retains the same name as an enumerated type then using the enumeration is better (potential duplication / confusion) or add additional info to name e.g. "Easter Public Holiday (Fife)"





### The PTI Profile: Vehicle journeys after midnight

 Journeys which take place after midnight but which should be with the previous operational day (e.g. early Saturday morning trips on the Monday to Friday timetable) shall use DepartureDayShift:

```
<VehicleJourney>
    <!-- Trip runs operationally on Sunday (and shall be displayed on the Sunday timetable bed) -->
    <!-- Trip physcially runs at 00:15 on a Monday morning -->
    <OperatingProfile>
        <RegularDayType>
             <DaysOfWeek>
                 <Sunday/>
            </DaysOfWeek>
        </RegularDayType>
    </OperatingProfile>
                                                                           <VehicleJourney>
    <VehicleJourneyCode>VJ1</VehicleJourneyCode>
                                                                               <!-- Trip runs operationally on weekdays (and shall be displayed on the Monday to Friday timetable bed) -->
    <ServiceRef>S1</ServiceRef>
                                                                               <!-- Trip physcially runs at 00:25 on Tuesday to Saturday mornings -->
    <LineRef>L1</LineRef>
                                                                               <OperatingProfile>
    <JourneyPatternRef>JP1</JourneyPatternRef>
                                                                                   <RegularDayType>
                                                                                       <DaysOfWeek>
    <DepartureTime>00:15:00</DepartureTime>
                                                                                          <MondayToFriday/>
    <DepartureDayShift>+1/DepartureDayShift>
                                                                                      </DaysOfWeek>
</VehicleJourney>
                                                                                  </RegularDayType>
                                                                               </OperatingProfile>
                                                                               <VehicleJourneyCode>VJ1</VehicleJourneyCode>
                                                                               <ServiceRef>S1</ServiceRef>
                                                                               <LineRef>L1</LineRef>
                                                                               <JourneyPatternRef>JP1</JourneyPatternRef>
                                                                               <DepartureTime>00:25:00</DepartureTime>
                                                                               <DepartureDayShift>+1/DepartureDayShift>
                                                                           </VehicleJourney>
```





### The PTI Profile: Vehicle journey information to support Real Time

- Information to support real time information shall be included where available. This may include Garages, TicketMachine, Block, DutyCrew, etc.
- In common with the principle of explicit declarations, where these are included they shall be fully declared as part of VehicleJourney elements, if possible, and nowhere else.
- There is merit in including dead runs and vehicle positioning information, as this
  helps real time systems estimate times for following trips. However this has been
  known to cause confusion in downstream systems and should be avoided unless
  a specific need to include it.



#### **Comments and Questions**

Any further comments or questions, please contact

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THANK YOU