

Cybersecurity Update

Improving technology resiliency at Tacoma Public Utilities

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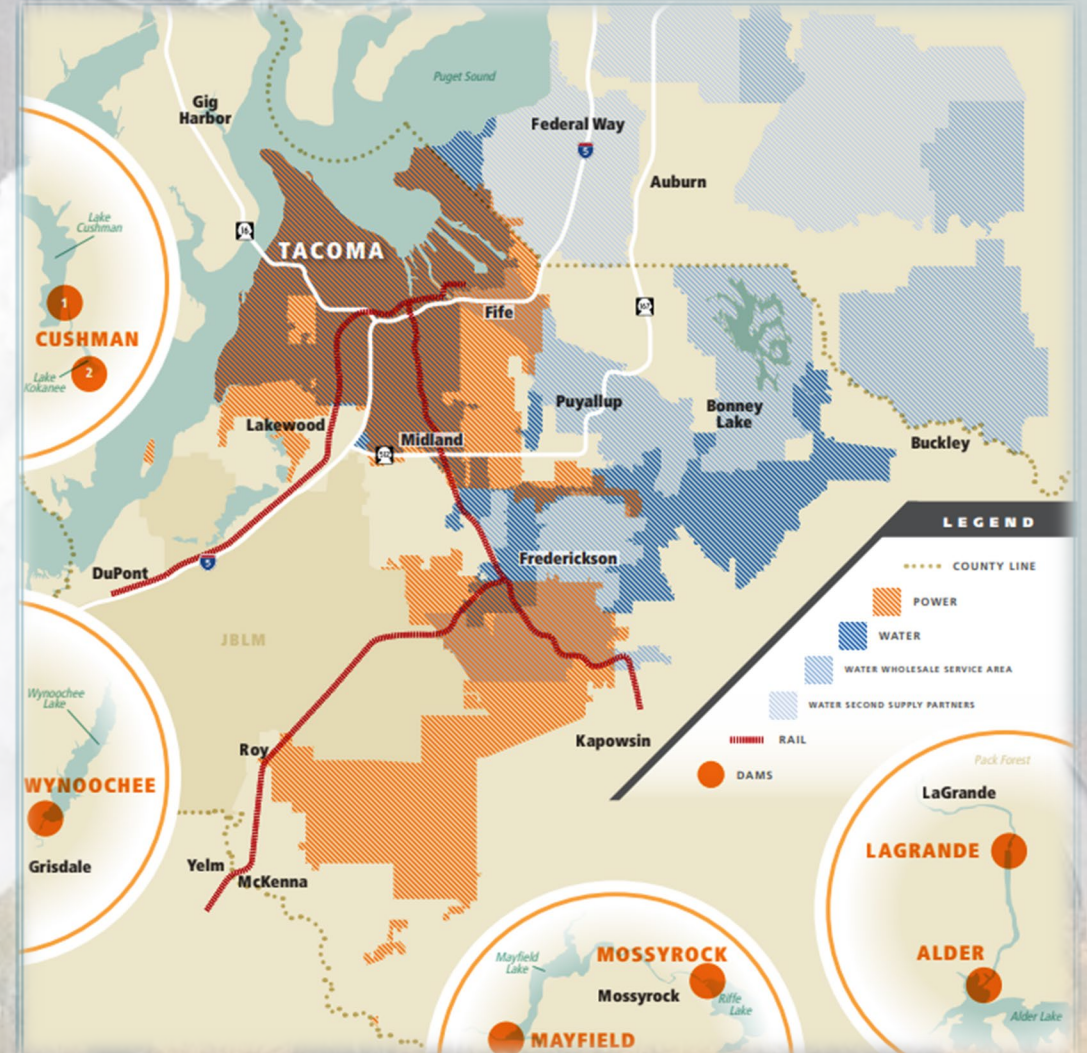
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Agenda

- LPPC Maturity Assessment
- Current Threats
- GridEx VI Lessons Learned
- Cybersecurity Roadmap
- Questions



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LPPC Cyber Security Principle Metrics

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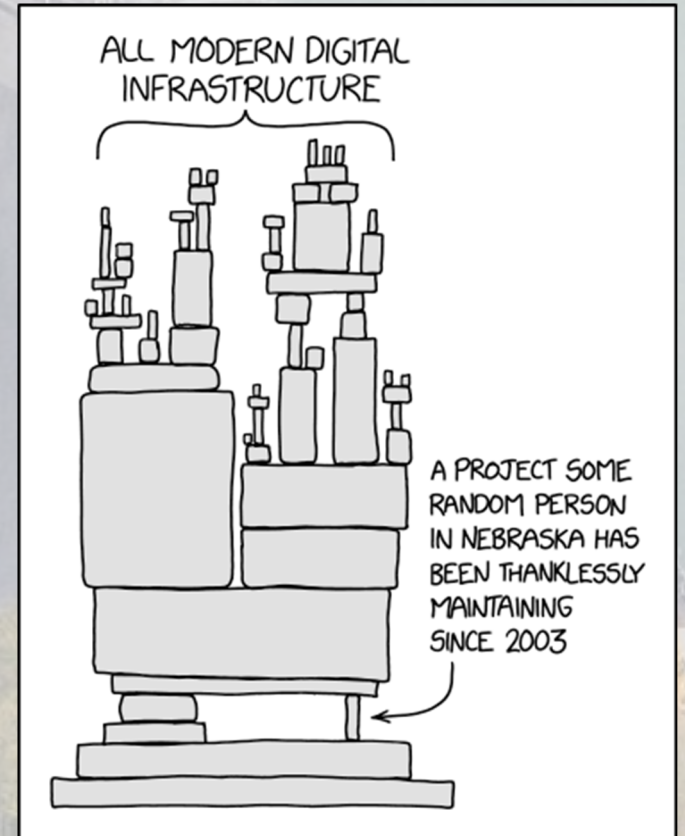
Current Threats

- Industroyer2, an evolved malware targeting ICS networks
- Geopolitical instability, domestic and global concerns
- Supply Chain continues to pose an increasing level of risk to both physical and digital assets



Supply Chain Risk Management

- A multi-modal organizational threat
- Supply Chain inadequacies present a growing risk to sourcing operational equipment/replacement parts in a timely manner
- Attacks on commonly-used software and their dependencies are an emerging threat vector



Response to Threats

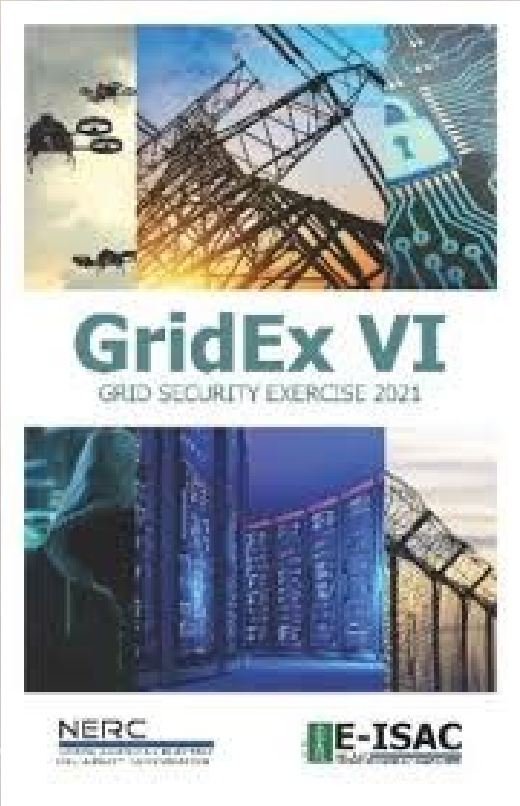
TPU Actions

- Cybersecurity has maintained an enhanced security posture using CISA guidance
- The Supply Chain Risk Management program gives us better insight into vendors' security posture so we can adequately assess and mitigate risk
- Threat feeds from multiple sources help us identify vulnerabilities as quickly as possible
- Vulnerability management efforts help remediate software vulnerabilities in a timely manner

Moving Forward

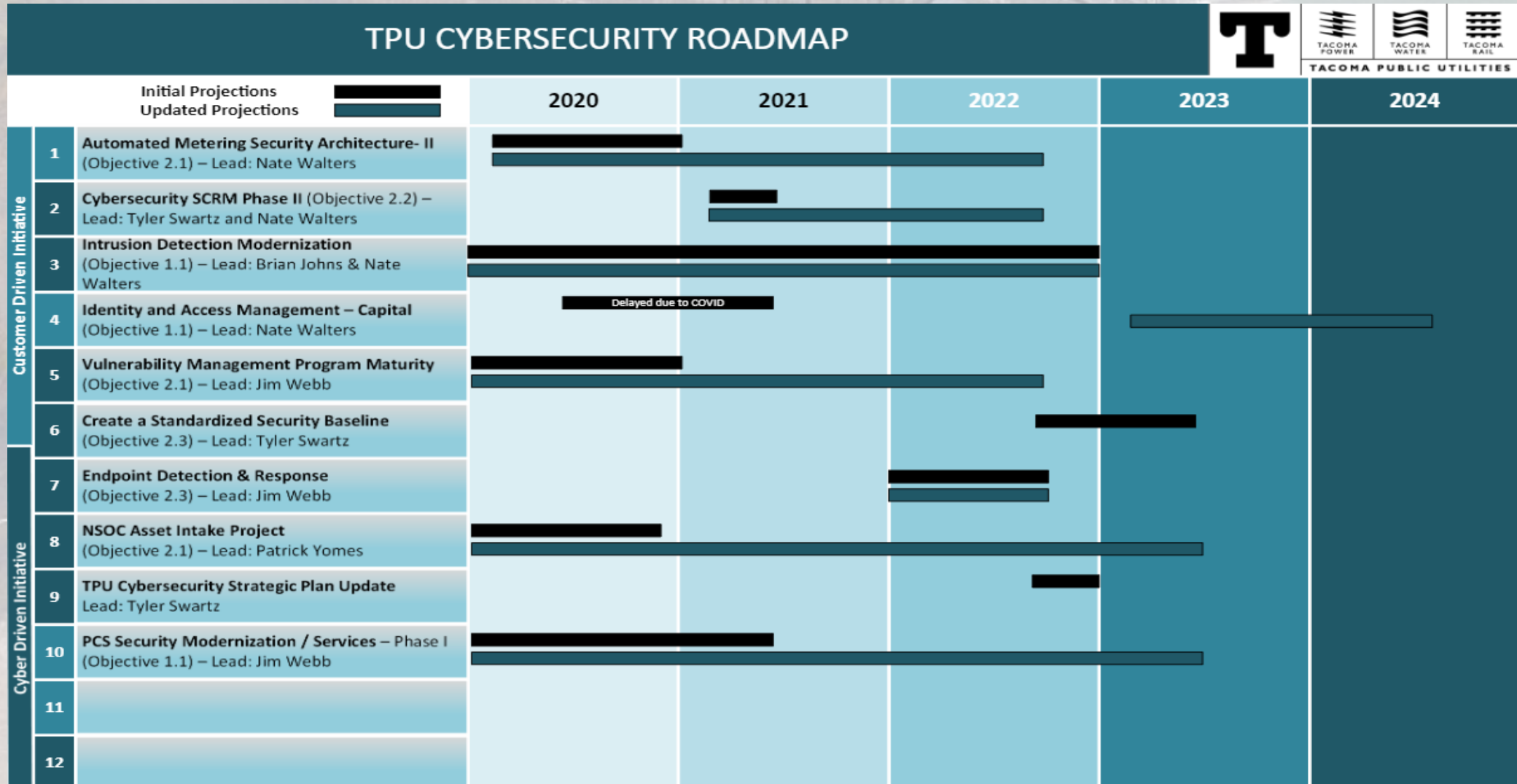
- Cybersecurity continues to monitor threat feeds and advisories provided by CISA, E-ISAC, and others
- Streamlining processes to ingest timely threat intelligence and integrate it into our detection plans.
- Continuing to monitor our OT networks for known indicators of compromise.
- A Comprehensive IAM tool to streamline access to critical systems

GridEx VI Lessons Learned



Key Roadmap

Integrate technology & foster innovation to deliver affordable, flexible, secure, resilient, and sustainable power & water services for our customers



TPU's Cyber Security Program – Key Tenets

Effective utilization
of cyber talent

Stronger
customer
trust



Greater
reliability

Enhanced resiliency