

**CURRENT PROJECTS FOR FY 15 & FY 16
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						SSI Stmtnt OUTLINE to Board	SSI Stmtnt Draft to Board			Retirement Security	SSI Children
						GPO/WEP	It's Broken Rep Fee Process			SSA History Celebration	
						Single Decision Maker	2014 Annual Rpt		Disability Solvency Paper Draft to the Board		

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Service to the Public Project			History Rpt	2015 Annual Rpt							
Tech Panel Report											

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Immediate Action by Full Board Needed					
1	GPO/WEP	A review of options to reform Social Security's WEP/GPO rules to offset benefits for people with noncovered pensions, with a possible policy recommendation from the Board	Alan Dorcas	In Draft - Need Board Review	May 2015
2	SSI Simplification	SSI is administratively burdensome, the program has not been updated since it was created, simplification of In-Kind, Maintenance and Support is needed.	Entire Board	Paper Drafted - Need Board to Review	May 2015 - Draft
3	Single Decision Maker	Topics on modernization and streamlining SSA's disability process: □	Henry	Draft Report	May 2015
4	It's Broken: SSA's Complicated Process of Paying Attorney Fees	Outlines the current fee agreement and fee petition payment process - how complicated and time consuming it can be		Draft Report	May 2015
5	2014 Annual Report	Summary of 2014 activities	Entire Board	Draft Report	May 2015
6	UI/DI	There is new legislation pending in Senate which includes more restrictions on the "no double dipping" legislation in the President's Budget.	Entire Board	Draft Report	May 2015
Board Approved Projects Currently in Draft - With Staff					
7	Retirement Security - Planning for an Unknown Future	A review of options to increase retirement income from Social Security, pensions & savings, and increased earnings	Dorcas Barbara	Draft Report	August 2015
8	SSI Children	Combine 2013 and 2014 SSI reports and add in more about California's efforts to help foster children, debt collection procedures, Able Act, and interagency cooperation.	Lanhee Bernie	Research and Rough Draft Started	September 2015
9	"We Can Work it Out" Solvency Options for the Disability Trust Fund	Review of Options to Address Solvency and to outline the importance of address the depletion of the DI trust fund reserves before 2016.	Jagadeesh Alan		September 2015
10	Service to the Public	Compilation of comments from employees (during site visits) and the general public.		Rpt or Ltr to Coss and Congress	October 2015

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11	Tech Panel	Independent Panel	Henry	Meetings	October 2015
12	History of the Board Report	History of the creation of SSAB and how the agency has evolved over the years	Entire Board		January 2016
13	2015 Annual Report	Summary of 2014 activities			Feb 2016
Ongoing Projects					
14	ChartBook	Update all of the charts in the Chartbook on the Website			
15	ALJ Hiring Process at OPM	Continue to work behind the scenes on changing how OPM hires ALJs - prepare background material for meetings with Hill Staff			
16	Chartbook Paper Update	Update the paper version of the Chartbook			
17	80th Birthday SSA	SSAB was asked to participate			
Possible New Reports and Projects for Now or Sometime in the Future			Current Action		
18	Old Debts	After several articles about the number of people that were having federal benefits intercepted for overpayment of social security benefits that were decades old the Commissioner stated that the agency would stop going after these benefits. However, according to a class action law suit the agency has continued its practice. The agency lost its summary judgment motion and the case is proceeding forward.			
19	Death Master File	In a briefing with Assistant Deputy Commissioner Marianna LaCanfora the history and complicated process of collecting, verifying and sharing information on the death master file was discussed. This is a topic where there seems to be a lot of misunderstanding. An issue brief outlining the issues and responsibilities might address some of the sensalism following some recent news reports and headlines could educate Congress about the important underlying issues involved.	Meeting with NAPHSIS - May Board Mtg		

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20	ALJ Model Rules	In a recent meeting with the ALJ Union they have indicated it would be helpful to them to have model rules of procedure. They drafted some in 2003 which we are waiting to receive.	Comparison of Proposed and Current Rules Prepared for Board Review		
21	Temporary Disability	Should there be something in between not being able to work at all and needing to take time off with an intention of returning to the workforce?	Meeting with Jason Fichtner scheduled for June 11		
22	Work Incentives	How can SSA improve the return to work programs?	This is being addressed in the Disability Solvency Paper		
23	Survivor Benefits	SSAB has never written a report on the survivors program.			
24	Systems Notices	The languages in SSA Notices can be confusing but currently systems generated notices can cause misunderstanding and hardship			