WCAG 3 Schedule Proposal Comparison

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	Option 1 - WCAG 3 Broad	Option 2 - WCAG 3 Narrow	Option 3 - WCAG 2 Incremental	
Approach	Iterative	Iterative	Incremental	
Starting Point	WCAG 3	WCAG 3	WCAG 2.2	
Description	 Focuses on getting as much possible done at the same time, in stages. It prioritizes maturing Foundational and Normative content. 	Prioritizes reaching similar coverage to WCAG 2.2 AAA and providing an opportunity for public feedback before fully maturing content. It then builds off that work.	Selects and defines a few specific changes to make to WCAG 2.2 Completes the changes and delivers by the end of the charter.	
Phase 1 (2025-2027)	 Foundational Requirements with the user needs and testing tab including a generic method and a web method (Mature). Informative supporting documentation for 3+ requirements Conformance model(s) (Mature) FPWD of a first draft of informative note on how WCAG 3 could be adopted into regulation including small organizations, third party and large websites 	 Foundational Requirements, Supplemental requirements & Assertions comparable to WCAG 2.2 AAA with at least one method each (Refining) Conformance model (Mature) FPWD of a first draft informative note on how WCAG 3 could be adopted into regulation including small organizations, third party and large websites FPWD of note on high impact items (assertions, color contrast) 	 Select and define a few specific changes to make to WCAG 2.2 Complete the changes and deliver by the end of the charter (2.3? 3.0?) Incubate for next phase 	

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Phase 2 (2027-2029)	 Assertions (Mature) All informative documentation for Foundational Requirements Final draft of informative note on how WCAG 3 could be adopted into regulation 	 All informative documentation for Phase 1 Foundational Requirements, Supplemental requirements & Assertions comparable to WCAG 2.2 AAA with at least one method each (Mature) Final draft of informative note on how WCAG 3 could be adopted into regulation 	 Select and define a few specific changes to make to WCAG 2.2 Complete the changes and deliver by the end of the charter or the charter afterwards (2.4?, 3.1?) Incubate for next phase
Phase 3 (2029-2031)	 Supplemental Requirements with the user needs and testing tab including a generic method and an html method. (2030) All informative documentation for Supplemental Requirements. (2031) 	 Additional requirements and assertions based on research support and technology changes Best practices 	 Select and define a few specific changes to make to WCAG 2.2 Complete the changes and deliver by the end of the charter or the charter afterwards (2.4?, 3.1?) Incubate for next phase
Onward	Additional requirements and assertions based on research support and technology changes	Additional requirements and assertions based on research support and technology changes	 Select and define a few specific changes to make to WCAG 2.2 Complete the changes and deliver by the end of the charter or the charter afterwards (2.4?, 3.1?) Incubate for next phase