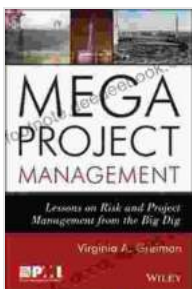


# Lessons On Risk And Project Management From The Big Dig

The Big Dig was one of the most ambitious and expensive infrastructure projects in American history. The project involved the construction of a series of underground highways and tunnels in Boston, Massachusetts. The project was plagued by delays, cost overruns, and safety concerns. In the end, the project was completed at a cost of over \$22 billion, more than three times the original estimate.

The Big Dig is a cautionary tale about the risks of large-scale infrastructure projects. The project was doomed from the start by a lack of planning, a failure to anticipate risks, and a lack of oversight. The lessons learned from the Big Dig can help project managers avoid similar mistakes in the future.

One of the most important lessons that can be learned from the Big Dig is the importance of risk management. Risk management is the process of identifying, assessing, and mitigating risks. Project managers need to be aware of the risks that can jeopardize their projects, and they need to take steps to mitigate those risks.



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There are a number of different risk management techniques that project managers can use. These techniques include:

- **Risk identification:** Identifying potential risks is the first step in risk management. Project managers can use a variety of tools to identify risks, such as brainstorming, interviews, and risk checklists.
- **Risk assessment:** Once risks have been identified, project managers need to assess the probability and impact of each risk. This assessment will help project managers determine which risks pose the greatest threat to the project.
- **Risk mitigation:** Once risks have been assessed, project managers need to take steps to mitigate those risks. Risk mitigation strategies can include avoiding risks, transferring risks to other parties, or reducing the probability or impact of risks.

Risk management is an ongoing process. Project managers need to continuously monitor risks and make adjustments to their risk management plan as needed.

In addition to risk management, the Big Dig also provides lessons on project management. Project management is the process of planning, executing, and controlling a project. Project managers need to have a clear understanding of the project scope, the project schedule, and the project

budget. They also need to be able to communicate effectively with stakeholders and manage the project team.

The Big Dig project was plagued by a number of project management problems. These problems included:

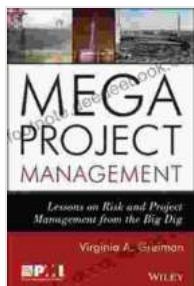
- **Lack of planning:** The Big Dig project was not adequately planned. The project scope was not well-defined, the project schedule was unrealistic, and the project budget was underestimated.
- **Lack of communication:** There was a lack of communication between the project team and the stakeholders. This lack of communication led to misunderstandings and delays.
- **Lack of oversight:** The Big Dig project was not adequately overseen. This lack of oversight allowed the project to get out of control.

The lessons learned from the Big Dig can help project managers avoid similar mistakes in the future. Project managers need to ensure that their projects are well-planned, that they communicate effectively with stakeholders, and that they have adequate oversight.

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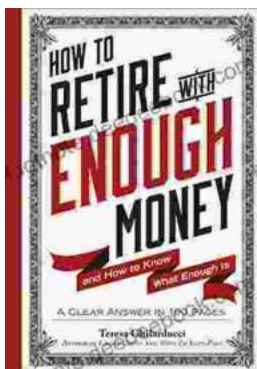
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