Approved Projects
The TSC approved the following projects

HL7 v2 XML Encoding Rules, Release 2, for ITS WG, cosponsored by CGIT WG of FTSD, at Project Insight # 825. This standard describes the rules for the encoding of HL7 v2.x messages in XML for transmission. The rules for the successful encoding and decoding of messages are necessary to allow for the exchange between trading partners. Additional changes to the standard since v2.3 such as choices require revision of Release 1 of this document.

HL7 Templates Registry Business Process Requirements Analysis, for Templates WG of FTSD, cosponsored by Tooling WG of T3SD and Structured Documents WG of SSD SD, at Project Insight # 829. The project will produce Business Requirements Analysis sufficient to ensure template artifacts can be successfully registered and maintained throughout their life cycle from initial proposal through to active use, including roles required for management and adoption.

Data Elements for Emergency Department Systems (DEEDS) update and revision, for Emergency Care of DESD, at Project Insight # 820. We propose to expand the scope of DEEDS to harmonize with the prehospital arena, disaster response systems, and the needs of secondary data users such as the CDC and public health agencies. This comprehensive set of data elements will serve as the content for the interchange formats described above and as a basis for smooth integration between emergency response systems. Development and publication of specifications for ED patient records systems, Data Elements for Emergency Department Systems (DEEDS) 1.0 (http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/public-res/deedspage.htm) in 1997, showed that relevant data standards can be consolidated and distributed in a single document. The DEEDS 1.0 specifications have been widely used for a variety of purposes, including healthcare claims attachment specifications mandated by the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); emergency care terminology additions to the Logical Observations, Identifiers, Names, and Codes (LOINC) clinical vocabulary; and data definitions and terminology for public health surveillance initiatives, such as the BioSense program at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the emergency department component of the North Carolina Disease Event Tracking and Epidemiologic Collection Tool (NC DETECT) and the Frontlines in Medicine Project.

Publication Requests
The TSC approved the following informative request:

HL7 Implementation Guidance for Unique Object Identifiers (OIDs), Release 1 Informative Document Publication Request for SDWG at Project Insight # 328. The purpose of this document is to describe how to manage the various values needed to provide global uniqueness for identifiers used for patients, documents, providers and other entities when appearing in clinical documents or messages. This guide may assist organizations to develop an OID maintenance strategy where none already exists. It is not intended to replace existing strategies already in use.

Guidance on Ballot Levels – Your input requested: The wiki page for comments is available at http://wiki.hl7.org/index.php?title=TSC_Guidance_on_Ballot_Levels, and comments can be entered until November 30th

How to find TSC information
The TSC wiki site houses its minutes, process documents, templates, links to the ArB wiki and the TSC Issue Tracker, a list of current projects, and more. You can access the TSC wiki at: http://www.hl7.org/permalink/?TSCWiki. See the links below for instructions on how to view the list of projects and access the TSC Issue Tracker.

- TSC Tracker: link to http://gforge.hl7.org/gf/project/tsc/tracker/?action=TrackerItemBrowse&tracker_id=313
- Project Insight Searchable Database: link to http://www.hl7.org/permalink/?searchableProjectIndex
- Project List on GForge: link to http://gforge.hl7.org/gf/project/tsc/frs/?action=FrsReleaseBrowse&frs_package_id=98
- Project Insight: link to http://www.hl7.org/permalink/?ProjectInsight, (requires PMO-assigned log in credentials)