

# STP Active Program Management:

Issues & Options

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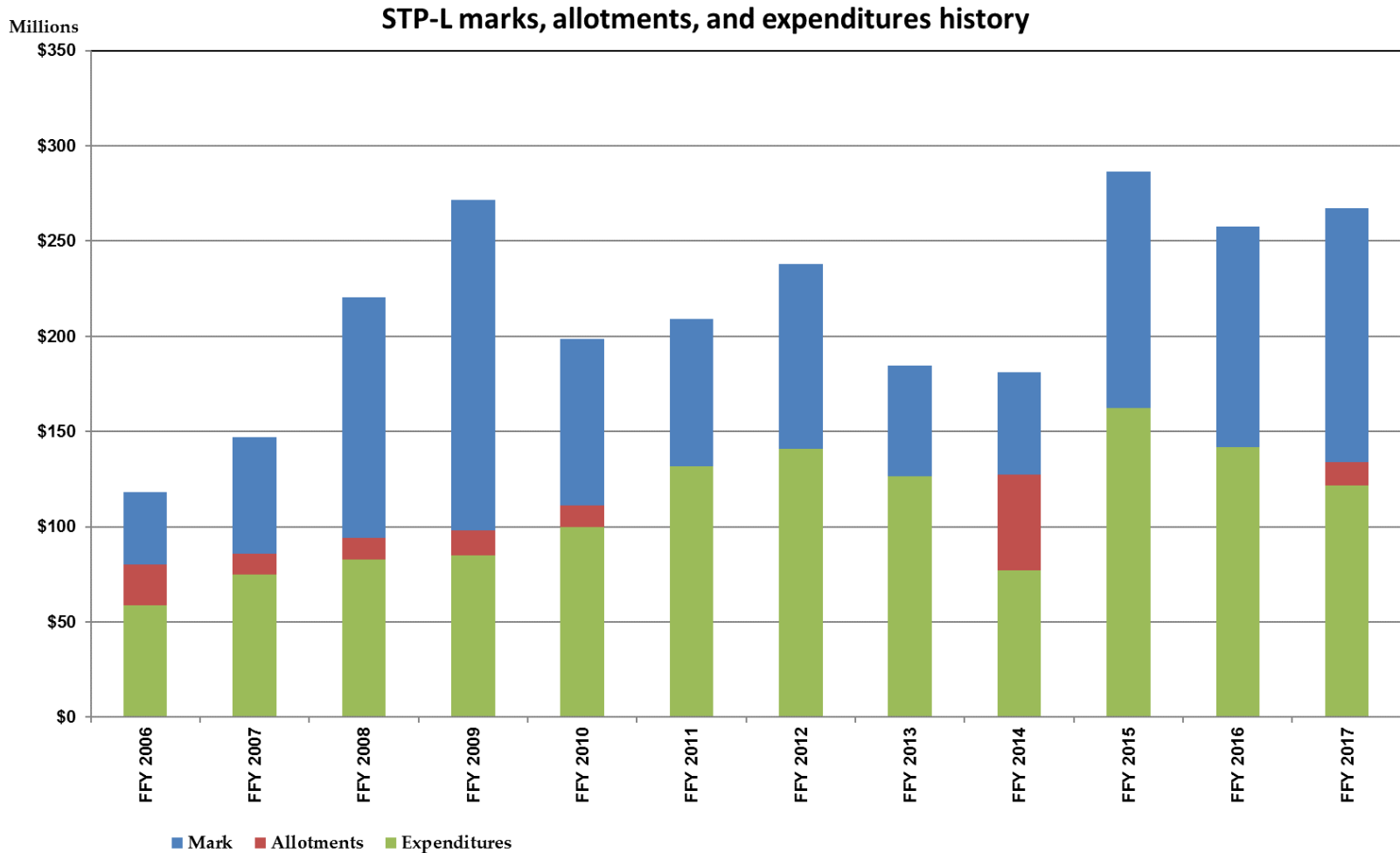
# Today's goals

- Review why APM is needed
- Review brainstorming sessions and make additions
- Consider peer review
- Identify most important issues that can be addressed with APM
- Get a sense of options available

# Why APM?

- **Obligation History**
- **Implementation Issues**
- **Transparency**
  - Sponsor Expectations
  - GATA

# Obligation History



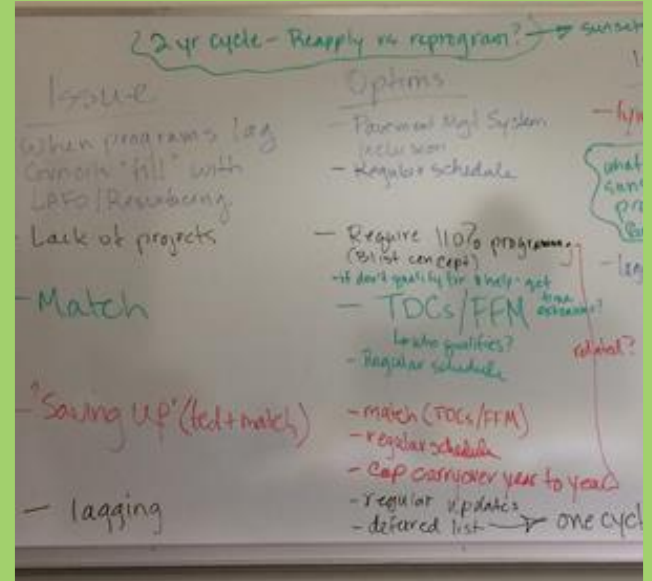
Source: CMAP STP-L Obligations spreadsheet.

# So what?

- **STP funds used to be protected from rescission – not anymore**
- **Projects are programmed, even more projects are needed, but they're not getting done**

# Brainstorming

- **Three sessions**
  - CMAP staff
  - Planning Liaisons
  - IDOT D1 Local Roads
- **Developed “Issues & Options”**



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Early phases using local funds make construction "come out of nowhere"

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## Project Selection Methodologies

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Different PMs/Consultants known to be more accurate with estimates

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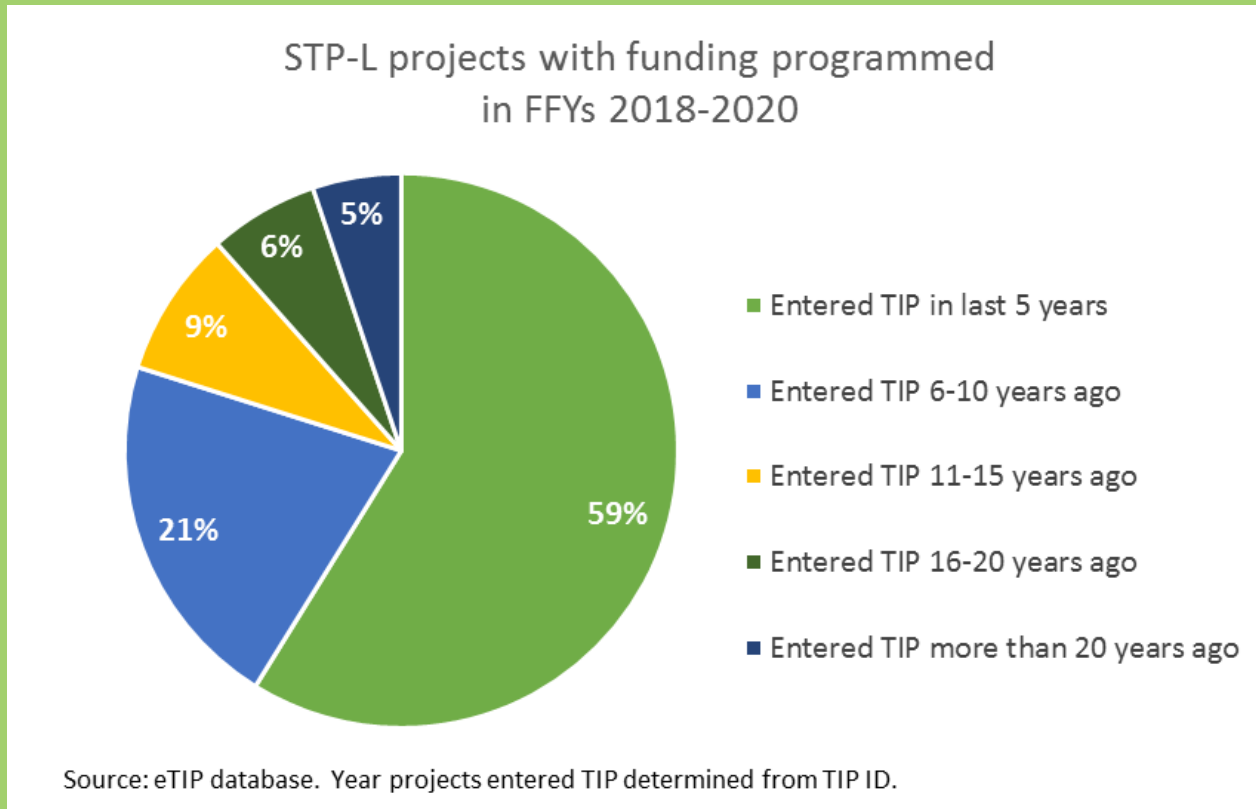
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# Issue: Lag between programming & implementation

- 20% of current projects were programmed more than 10 years ago



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- 25% of projects had their first obligation more than 5 years after entering the TIP

First obligation relative to entering TIP	Number of projects	Percent of projects	Amount of STP-L “reserved” for these projects
> 15 years	11	1%	\$75M
10 – 14 years	39	4%	\$280M
5 – 9 years	179	20%	\$475M
< 5 years	651	74%	\$714M

Source: CMAP STP-L Obligations spreadsheet. 880 projects entering TIP in 1994 or later, with at least one STP-L obligation.

# Issue: “Reserved” funds

- **When delays occur, the “reserved” funds are going unspent**
- **There are different ways that we “reserve” funds:**
  - By council with our distribution formula
  - By call for projects cycle when we create an “approved program”
  - By project when estimates or bids are low

# Issue: Agreement delays

- Funds cannot be obligated and project phases cannot be started without an agreement
- Delayed start of early phases can cause a snowball effect on later phases.
- Good news - Majority of delays are preventable!

## AGREEMENT DELAYS

- Submitted prior to PPI approval
- PPI, Agreement & TIP (do not match)
- Submitted w/o Design Approval
- Missing Exhibits
- Signed Agreements not dated
- Incorrect Resolution
- Project Scope Change
- Fund Source Changes



## REASONS FOR DELAY ON ENGINEERING AGREEMENTS

- Incomplete submittal
- Payroll Rate/Classifications missing or do not match the Current Payroll Rate listing
- Sub-Consultant not Pre-Qualified
- Profit formula not consistent
- Not submitted w/ LPA Agreements
- Project description must match the TIP



Source: IDOT D1 BLRS presentation at recent STP workshop

# Issue: ROW delays

- **Can be significant**
- **Can legitimately be “beyond sponsor control”**
  - Condemnation process can be long
  - Cost can escalate, causing delay while funds are secured

# Issue: Changing local priorities

- **When priorities change, programming often doesn't follow suit**

# Issue: Lack of awareness

- **Decision-makers that budget and schedule often aren't in the loop:**
  - On status of projects
  - On rules/procedures for spending

# Other issues?



# Agreement: Provisions to Consider for APM System

- **Deadlines for projects to be initiated**
- **Deadlines for project phases to be obligated**
- **Grace periods for local reprogramming of funds**
- **Policies for project and phase eligibility**
- **Policies for re-distribution of unobligated funds**

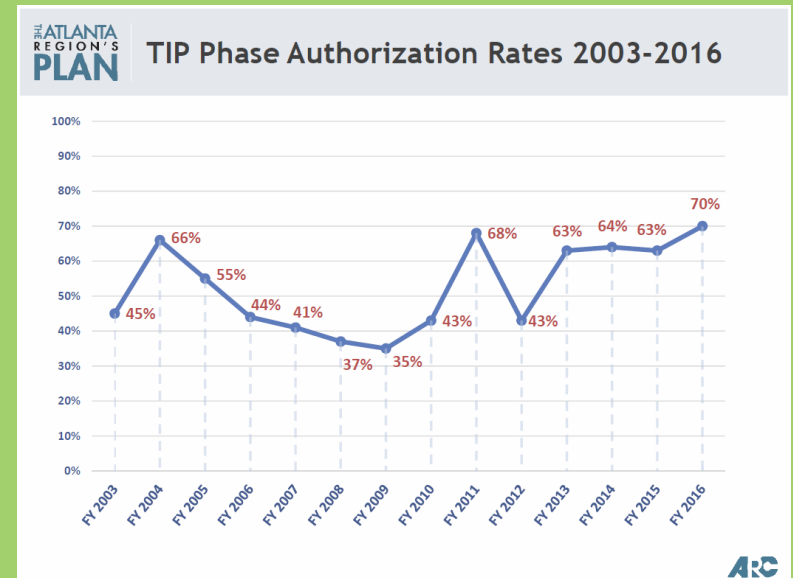
# Peer Review

- Five MPOs, our CMAQ/TAP program, and existing council policies

MPO/Council	Require Status Updates	Milestones	Deadlines	Grace Periods/ Extensions	Penalties	Immediate Reprogramming	Training/ Project Mgmt	Other provisions
Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
NC Capital Area MPO (CAMPO)	✓	✓	✓				✓	
EW Gateway	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Metropolitan Council		✓	✓	✓	✓			
CMAQ (CMAQ/TAP)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
North Shore		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Northwest		✓	✓	✓	✓			
North Central								
Central								
Southwest		✓	✓		✓			
South	✓							
DuPage		✓	✓	✓	✓			
Kane/Kendall	✓							
Lake								
McHenry	✓	✓	✓		✓			
Will		✓						✓

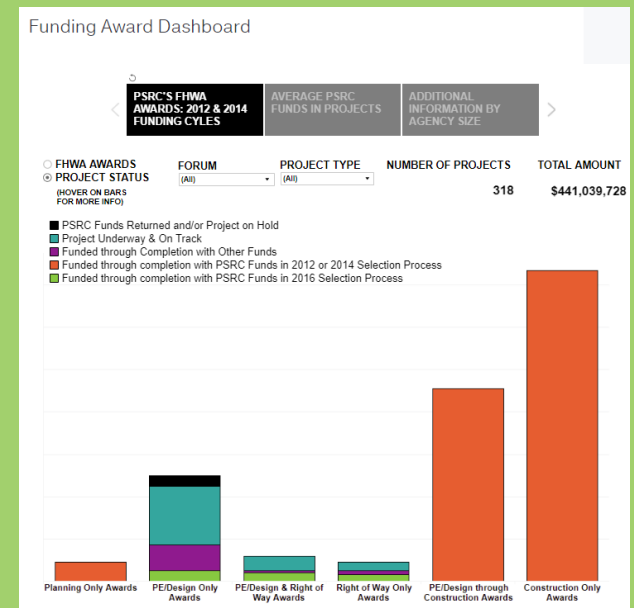
# Atlanta Regional Commission

- **Annual program status report**
  - Projects are “Advancing”, “Delayed”, or “Dropped”
- **Deadlines based on programmed year**
- **Delays > 1 year cause subsequent phases to move out of program**
- **New applications are limited for sponsors of delayed projects**
- **Deliverability assessment completed with funding application**



# Puget Sound Regional Council

- **One request for 6 month extension allowed, based on ability to progress, not reason for delay, limited to ROW and CON phases**
- **Aggressive contingency list for immediate reprogramming**
  - Projects receiving reprogrammed funds must be “immediately ready to obligate”
  - Hierarchy: prioritized contingency list, subsequent phases of previously funded projects, projects with other federal funds in the TIP
- **If miss deadline, funds removed and reduced # of new applications allowed next call**

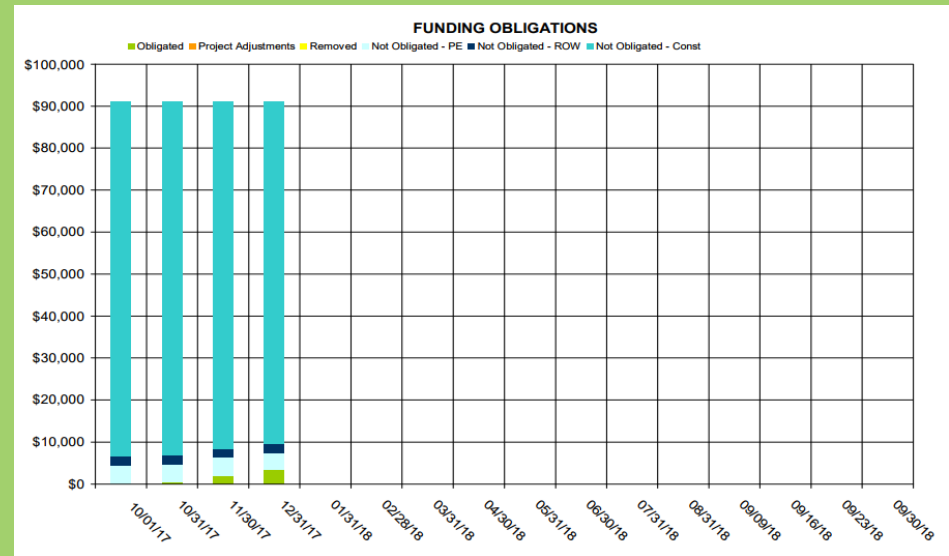


# Capital Area MPO (Raleigh)

- **Programming/management changes in response to 2009 rescission**
- **Program 2-years in future, every year**
- **Agreements for programmed phases signed by local and state in September (before start of programmed FFY), or funds reprogrammed**
- **Project selection includes consideration of past project delivery performance**
  - Limit number of new applications based on number of projects delayed in past
- **Project managers and training required**

# East-West Gateway

- Monthly status reports
- One chance to reprogram (IMP or CON only) if delay beyond sponsor control *and* a strategy is in place to obligate funds
- Missed deadline/no extension: funding forfeited *and* prior phase(s) federal funds repaid by sponsor



# Metropolitan Council (Twin Cities)

- Request extension 6 mos. before deadline
- Unforeseen delay *and* project progressing
- Projects that miss deadline are not carried into new TIP
- No automatic inflationary cost increase for extended phases.

# High Level Options

- **Realistic programming**
- **Project sunsets**
- **Frequent status updates**
- **Active reprogramming**
- **Regular and uniform calls for projects**
- **Standardized implementation procedures**



# Realistic Programming

- Ask for funds when project/phase(s) *will* be ready, not in current/next year
- Use IDOT milestone schedule and previous experience as a guide
- Creates foundation for success

## Issues addressed:

- Delayed start
- Agreement & ROW delays
- Time to save match

**PROJECT MILESTONE SCHEDULE**

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Project: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Scope of Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TIP #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TIP Years (Ph II / Const): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Section #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Constr & E3 Cost (date): \_\_\_\_\_ \$  
 Current Constr & E3 Cost (date): \_\_\_\_\_ \$

**Contact Information**

Municipality: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Council Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Consultant: \_\_\_\_\_  
 IDOT: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Prepared: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Revised: \_\_\_\_\_

	Projected Dates			Notes
	Initial Est.	Kick-Off	Revised/Actual	
1. Project Scoping				
2. IDOT Phase I Kick-off Meeting				
3. 1st State-Federal Coordination Meeting				
4. Categorical Exclusion Concurrence				
5. Design Variance Concurrence				
6. Submit Draft Phase I Report (PDR) to IDOT (a)				
7. Public Hearing Meeting (or N/A)				
8. Right-of-Way Kick-off Meeting (or N/A)				
9. Submit Final Phase I Report (PDR) to IDOT (b)				
10. Submit Phase II Engr. Agreem't to IDOT (or N/A)				
<b>11. Phase I Design Approval</b>				
12. ROW Acquisition Initiation (or N/A) (c)				
13. Phase II Engr. Agreement Approval (or N/A)				
14. Submit Pre-Final Plans and Estimates (d)				
15. Submit Phase III Engr. Agreement to IDOT				
16. Submit Final Plans, Specs & Estimates (PS&E) (e)				
17. ROW Acquisition Complete				
18. Construction Letting				

**Notes:**  
 (a) 3 to 6 month review required per complexity and submittal quality  
 (b) 1 to 3 month review  
 (c) Minimum 9 to 18 months required from plats to acquisition  
 (d) 1 to 4 month review  
 (e) 7 to 10 days before Springfield BLR due date

See IDOT Local Road's Mechanics of Project Management  
 Federal Aid Project Initiation to Completion Flow Chart for  
 sequence of events and estimated review times.

# Project Sunsets with Serious Penalties

- Set deadlines based on programmed year
- Tie to letting and milestone schedules
- Milestones must be met well ahead of the end of the FFY in order to ensure obligation within that same year
- Motivates sponsors to make progress or risk losing funding for project and for council

## Issues addressed:

- Starting on time
- “Reserved” funds
- Agreement & ROW delays

LETTING SCHEDULE THROUGH CY2019 IDOT - Bureau of Local Roads and Streets Region One									
Pre-Final Plans to Region One (Friday)	TIP Revisions Due (Wednesday)	CMAP Transportation Committee Meeting (Friday)	Final PS & E and Grant Agreement(s) (Funding / CE) to Region One (Monday)	Program Revisions Due (Friday)	Final CE, RR and Funding Agreements to IDOT BLESS & Final ROW Documents to IDOT Bureau of Land Acquisition (Monday)	ROW Certified by Bureau of Land Acquisition (Wednesday)	Federal Authorization Request (Friday)	Service Bulletin (Friday)	Letting (Friday)
August 11, 2017	November 8, 2017	November 17, 2017	October 3, 2017	October 20, 2017	November 20, 2017	November 29, 2017	December 1, 2017	December 8, 2017	January 19, 2018
September 29, 2017	January 10, 2018	January 19, 2018	November 27, 2017	December 8, 2017	January 15, 2018	January 24, 2018	January 26, 2018	February 2, 2018	March 8, 2018
November 17, 2017	January 10, 2018	January 19, 2018	January 15, 2018	January 26, 2018	March 5, 2018	March 14, 2018	March 16, 2018	March 23, 2018	April 27, 2018
January 5, 2018	February 14, 2018	February 23, 2018	March 5, 2018	March 16, 2018	April 23, 2018	May 2, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 11, 2018	June 15, 2018
February 23, 2018	April 18, 2018	April 27, 2018	April 23, 2018	May 4, 2018	June 11, 2018	June 20, 2018	June 22, 2018	June 29, 2018	August 3, 2018
April 13, 2018	May 30, 2018	June 8, 2018	June 11, 2018	June 22, 2018	July 30, 2018	August 8, 2018	August 10, 2018	August 17, 2018	September 21, 2018
June 1, 2018	July 25, 2018	August 3, 2018	July 30, 2018	August 10, 2018	September 17, 2018	September 26, 2018	September 28, 2018	October 5, 2018	November 9, 2018

# Frequent Status Updates

- **Forces awareness of progress – keeps project at the forefront**
- **Confirmation of progress**
- **Early identification of delays – before a sunset milestone is missed**
- **Flexibility to modify schedule during a regular call for projects**
- **From beginning – not just beginning of federally funded phase**

## Issues addressed:

- Phase delays
- Predictable schedule for securing match
- Less “surprise” construction
- Changing local priorities
- Lack of awareness

# Grace Periods and Active Reprogramming

- **Delays do happen – must be reasonable when making progress**
- **Provides flexibility to move a project(s) forward when another is delayed**
- **Creates a pipeline a viable projects**

## Issues addressed:

- “Reserved” funds
- Delays beyond sponsor control
- Changing local priorities
- Keeps funds local

# Standard Implementation Procedures

- **Uniform call for projects schedule**
- **Published, consistent policies across the region**
- **Frequent and comprehensive training**

## Issues addressed:

- Lack of awareness
- GATA requirements

# Active Program Management System development timeline

- **Selection Committee discussion**
  - Jan 2018: issues & options
  - Mar 2018: initial proposal
  - May 2018: revised proposal
  - Summer 2018: council and partner feedback
  - Sep 2018: Approval
- **Programming cycle begins with call for shared fund projects in Jan 2019 and local program projects in Jan 2020**

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