

Transportation Asset Management Webinar Series

Webinar 70

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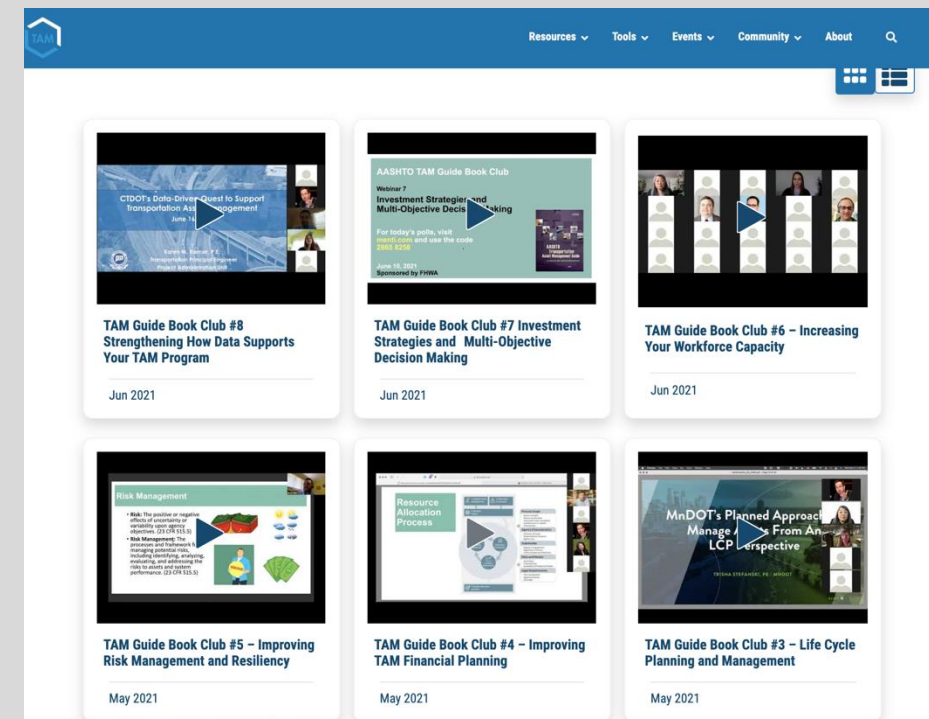
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FHWA/AASHTO Asset Management Webinar Series

- This is the 70th in a webinar series that has been running since 2012
- Webinars are held every two months, on topics such as off-system assets, asset management plans, asset management and risk management, and more
 - Usually, the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 2PM Eastern
- We welcome ideas for future webinar topics and presentations
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Welcome

FHWA and the AASHTO Sub-Committee on Asset Management are pleased to sponsor this webinar series

- Sharing knowledge is a critical component of advancing asset management practice
- FHWA Asset Management Hub: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/asset/pubs.cfm>

Webinar Objectives

- Learn about the TAM Guide Chapter 7 – Information and Systems.
- Highlight how data drives TAM activities and the importance of well-managed data and integrated information systems.
- Feature best practices from state transportation agencies regarding information systems and TAM.

Webinar Agenda

2:00 Welcome, Overview, and Agenda

Anna McLaughlin, AASHTO

Tashia Clemons, FHWA

Hyun-A Park, Spy Pond Partners

2:40 Virginia DOT Guardrail Inspection Program Innovations

Wenling Chen & Matt Barret, Virginia DOT

2:10 Topic Overview - Digital TAM Guide Chapter 7

Will Duke, Spy Pond Partners

2:55 Indiana DOT AI Project Bundling for Improved TAM Results

Louis Feagans, Indiana DOT

2:25 Lifecycle BIM for Infrastructure: A Business Case for Project Delivery and Asset Management.

Chris Williges, HDR

3:10 Q&A, Discussion and Next Steps

Hyun-A Park, Spy Pond Partners

Anna McLaughlin, AASHTO

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AASHTO Transportation Asset Management Guide

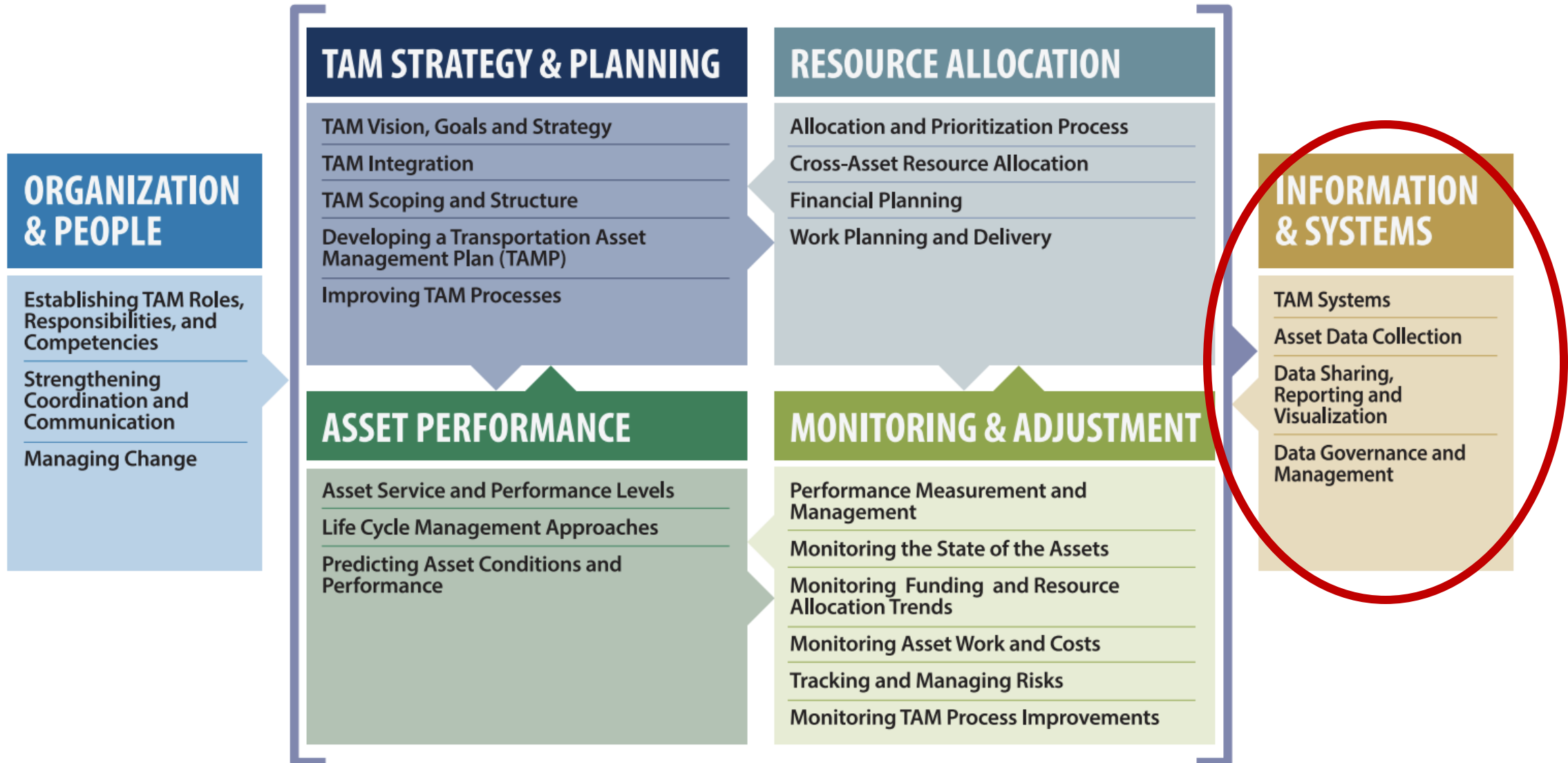
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NCHRP 08-137

Updates to the Digital Edition of the AASHTO Transportation Asset Management Guide

TAM Guide Framework



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Modeling and Digital Twins**

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Planning for information needs and thoughtful investment in data and systems is essential to a successful TAM program.

- Asset management is a data-driven activity
- Trusted, well understood, accessible data are needed.
- Collecting and maintaining data and developing and implementing systems is a costly endeavor.
- Agencies have limited resources for data collection and management.

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This chapter helps agencies answer critical questions to identify asset management data needs.

- What decisions do we need to make or questions need to be answered?
- What data items are required or desired? What value will each data item provide?
- What level of detail and accuracy is required? How often should data be updated?
- How can data be sustainably integrated and made accessible and useful to targeted users.

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So what's new in the Digital TAM Guide?

- New Sections
- New Videos
- New Research
- New Audio
- New Practice Examples
- New Knowledge Check
- New Checklists
- New TAM Assessment
- New How To's

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NEW SUBSECTION

7.1.5

This section has the following parts:

1. **TAM Data and Systems**. Addresses the data and systems necessary to support TAM decision-making.
2. **Why Integrate?**. Describes the benefits to be derived from integrated views of asset information.
3. **Planning for TAM Information Integration**. Discusses different levels of information integration and steps to strengthen integration.
4. **Integrating Asset Information Across the Life Cycle**. Addresses the use of tools, standards and processes to manage data for an asset over its entire life cycle from scoping and design through construction, maintenance and operation.
5. **TAM Data Guide**. Highlights the importance of effective data and information systems in supporting Transportation Asset Management (TAM) programs.

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This section has the following parts:

1. **Building Information Modeling.** Discusses Building Information Modeling (BIM) for Transportation as an emerging practice that integrates asset data across the planning, design, construction, operation, and lifecycle management of transportation assets.
2. **CRP Project TFRS-02.** Discusses the completion of CRP Project TFRS-02 and the resulting publication of CRP Special Release 4, focusing on the application of Building Information Modeling (BIM) in transportation asset management.

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New Research and Resources

**Building Information Modeling (BIM) for
Bridges and Structures**
August 8, 2023 | FHWA

BIM Beyond Design Guidebook
January 1, 2020 | Transportation Research

**Establishing Multisource Data-Integration
Framework for Transportation Data
Analytics**
February 19, 2020 | Journal of Transportation

National Transit Database
October 17, 2023 | FTA

**Collaborative Practices for Performance-
Based Asset Management Between State
DOTs and MPOs**
January 1, 2021 | TRB

**Guidebook for Data and Information
Systems for Transportation Asset
Management**
December 31, 2022 | Transportation

**Transit Asset Management Systems
Handbook**
October 15, 2020 | FHWA

and more...

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New Practice Examples



Practice Example

VDOT Pavement Management Systems Assessment

Virginia DOT

Virginia DOT (VDOT) has a long standing and high functioning Pavement Management program. This program is organized around a well-established pavement management system (PMS) and pavement maintenance scheduling system (PMSS). These systems are used by Central Office and District staff to forecast pavement conditions, allocate resources, and plan targeted preventative, corrective, and restorative maintenance projects. Although VDOT staff were confident in their program, they were motivated to identify if further improvement would be possible through data and/or system improvements.

**Note: This practice example was derived from [NCHRP Final Research Implementation Report 08-115: Guidebook for Data and Information Systems for Transportation Asset Management](#). More TAM Data Assessment research implementation examples are available at: <https://www.tamdataguide.com/research-implementation-examples/>*

Virginia DOT: Pavement Management Assessment

Group Assessment
(w/ Individual Assessments)
General Action Plan

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Step 1: Assessment Planning

Participants were selected based on their involvement in annual pavement condition data collection, pavement management system oversight, and pavement maintenance planning and contract development. Two District pavement managers were included, as were IT staff supporting key systems and tools.

Step 2: Benchmarking and Improvement Selection

A 60-minute kickoff meeting introduced participants to the assessment framework and tools. Offline, individual assessment responsibilities were assigned and 2-weeks allowed for completion. Group consensus

discussion was led using the TAM Data Assistant's group assessment facilitation features. The facilitator guided discussion and recorded outcomes directly into the tool during the three 90-minute meetings required to complete all 51 elements.

Step 3: Evaluation and Implementation Action Planning

Individual improvements were not evaluated, instead the facilitator produced an assessment summary presentation and worked with the core team to consolidate and select proposed improvement actions. A single 90-minute meeting was used to confirm outcomes and proposed actions.

Step 4: Closeout and Next Steps

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New How To's

- Perform a Data Management Maturity Assessment
- Perform a Data Value Assessment and Develop a Data Value Improvement Plan
- Perform a TAM Data Assessment
- Evaluate BIM Maturity and Identify a Future Target
- Evaluate ROI for BIM

How-To

Evaluate Current Maturity to Support BIM and Identify a Future Target

CRP Special Release 4: Lifecycle BIM for Infrastructure: A Business Case for Project Delivery and Asset Management developed a maturity matrix and supporting spreadsheet tool which provide transportation agencies a framework with which to identify the current level of BIM maturity and to assess opportunities to better integrate BIM within their organizations.

This Organizational BIM Assessment Matrix can be utilized to evaluate current and target desired maturity through a three-step process.

1. Identify the Planning Timeframe

Focus your evaluation on either short-term goals (1-2 year outlook) or on developing a long-term roadmap (5-10 year horizon).

2. Complete the Maturity Assessment

Download the spreadsheet Assessment Matrix tool and work either individually or with targeted stakeholders to enter the Current and Target maturity level for each of the 20 elements.

3. Summarize and Communicate Results

After completing the maturity assessment, use the Summary tab of the tool to view a summary of each of the six BIM Planning Element Areas assessed (Strategy, BIM Uses, Process, Information, Infrastructure, and Personnel). Develop summary materials to communicate current vs. target level and support executive/decision-maker engagement and plan next steps.

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New Videos

TAM Webinar #42 - TAM and BIM



TAM Webinar #51 - TAM and Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO)



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New Topics

Data Management, Analytics & Visualization

This page features information on managing and maintaining your data. Whether you want to monitor data more effectively, bolster your data collection systems, or improve your data modeling, you can find what you need here.

Overview:

Transportation asset management is by its nature a data intensive activity. State DOT's and other transportation agencies are facing increasing pressures to do more with their limited TAM resources. Whether you want to monitor data more effectively, bolster your data collection system, advance your data modeling, or improve your data-driven communication, you can find what you need here.

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New Knowledge Checks

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QUIZ

This is a chance to test your knowledge for Chapter 7. Take the quiz and send yourself a certificate of completion with your results.

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New TAM Data and Data Management Assessments

A Specify and Standardize	B Collect	C Store, Integrate, and Access Data	D Analyze	E Act
A.1 Inventory, Condition, and Performance	A.2 Treatments and Work	A.3 Resource Allocation and Prioritization	A.4 Metadata	A.5 Governance
A.1.a Asset Inventory Data Model	A.1.b Asset Condition and Performance Data Model	A.1.c Design Model Standards	A.1.d Location Referencing	
<h3>A.1.a Asset Inventory Data Model</h3> <p>Standardized asset categories, component breakdowns and core attributes, providing the foundation for asset inventory information tracking, integration, summary, and reporting.</p>				
Benchmark Practice Level Description	Current Level	Desired Level	Improvement 1	Improvement 2
The agency has not defined any consistent definitions or methodologies for tracking inventory information for a given asset or asset type.	0	0	Define the "asset" and determine how the asset inventory should be recorded to support current/desired practice.	Coordinate with field and office staff to identify current inventory data collection practices and standards.
The agency has defined the "asset", documented how this asset's inventory should be tracked (e.g. modeling vs. true inventory) and defined the general form for inventory data (e.g. asset points, lines, or polygons, or roadway segments, general asset counts).	1	1	Develop the "asset breakdown structure", providing clear criteria for identifying various asset "sub-types" and "components".	Evaluate existing inventory standards to identify gaps or inconsistencies in current standards for improvement.
The agency has established an asset breakdown structure for the asset, defining various asset subtypes and components. Clear and comprehensive criteria for evaluating these assets into these sub-types and identifying various components are established.	2	2	Specify detailed inventory data elements for each asset, sub-type, and component. Set required, recommended, and optional inventory data.	Specify minimum levels of inventory data coverage to meet decision-making, communication, and reporting needs.
The agency has identified a minimum set of standard inventory attributes to be stored for the asset (e.g. unique identifier, location, install date, asset subtype, size/measure). Required, recommended, and optional data elements are identified. Desired extent of collection is established.	3	3	Document a detailed asset information model facilitating direct integration of asset inventory with maintenance work orders and project files.	
The agency has defined a detailed asset information model that supports direct integration with project and maintenance information, contracts and/or design files.	4	4	Assessment Stats: # of Selected Improvements: 2 # of Custom Improvements: 0	

Benchmark current and desired practices

A.1.a Asset Inventory Data Model

Reassess
Hide This Improvement
Show Element Description

Develop the "asset breakdown structure", providing clear criteria for identifying various asset "sub-types" and "components".

Impact

High	○	○	○
Medium	●	○	○
Low	○	○	○

Low Medium High Effort

Challenges

No Significant Challenges

Time Coordination

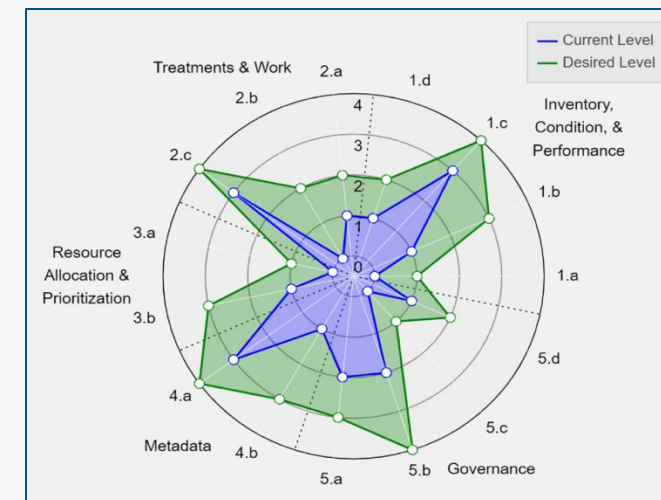
Resources Change

Expertise Other

Priority

Medium ▼

Select and prioritize candidate improvements



Summarize and communicate outcomes

Thank You

Please contact me any time!

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*Lifecycle BIM for Infrastructure -
A Business Case for Project
Delivery and Asset Management*

August 21, 2024

Agenda

- Research Overview
- What is BIM?
- BIM Use Cases
- BIM Benefits and Costs
- BIM ROI Tool
- Best Practices and Lessons Learned

TFRS-02 Lifecycle BIM for Infrastructure

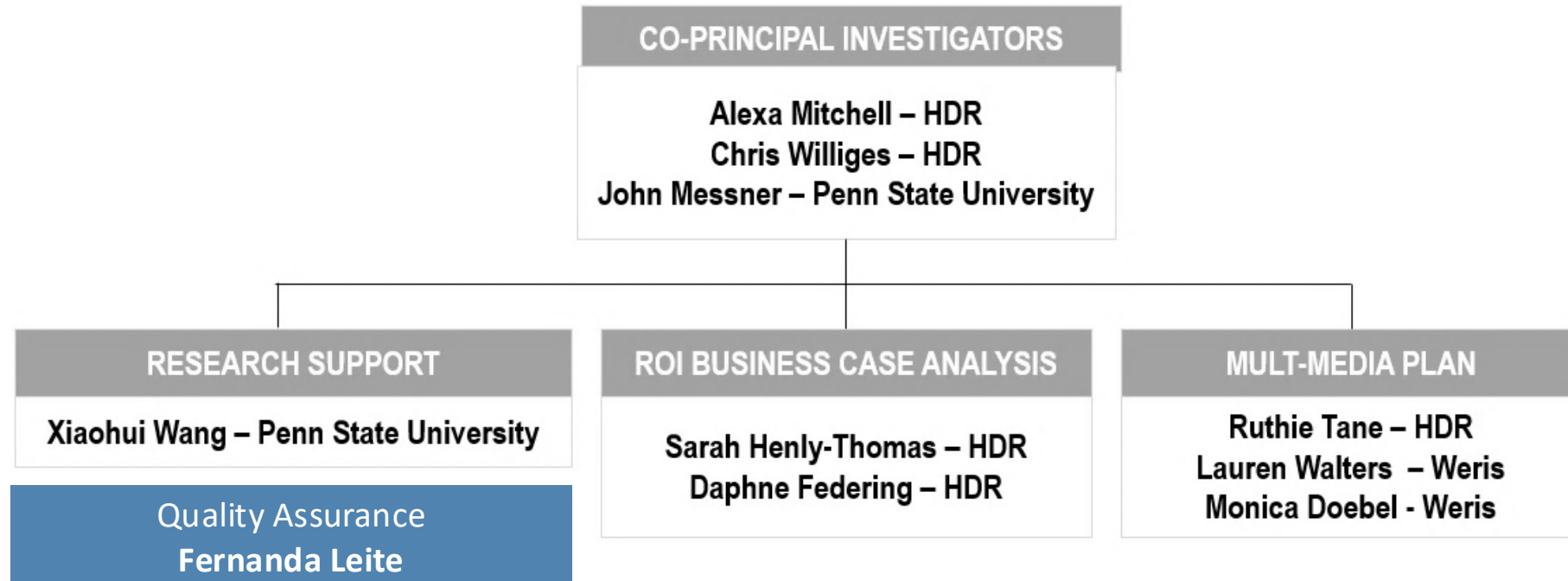
A Business Case for Project Delivery and Asset Management

Study funded by the
Turner Fairbanks Highway
Research Center via TRB

“The objective of the
study is to evaluate and
communicate the
business case for BIM
deployment in the United
States”

1. Can benefits of BIM be quantified?
2. Are the benefits substantial to justify investment?
3. How do we realize maximum benefits?

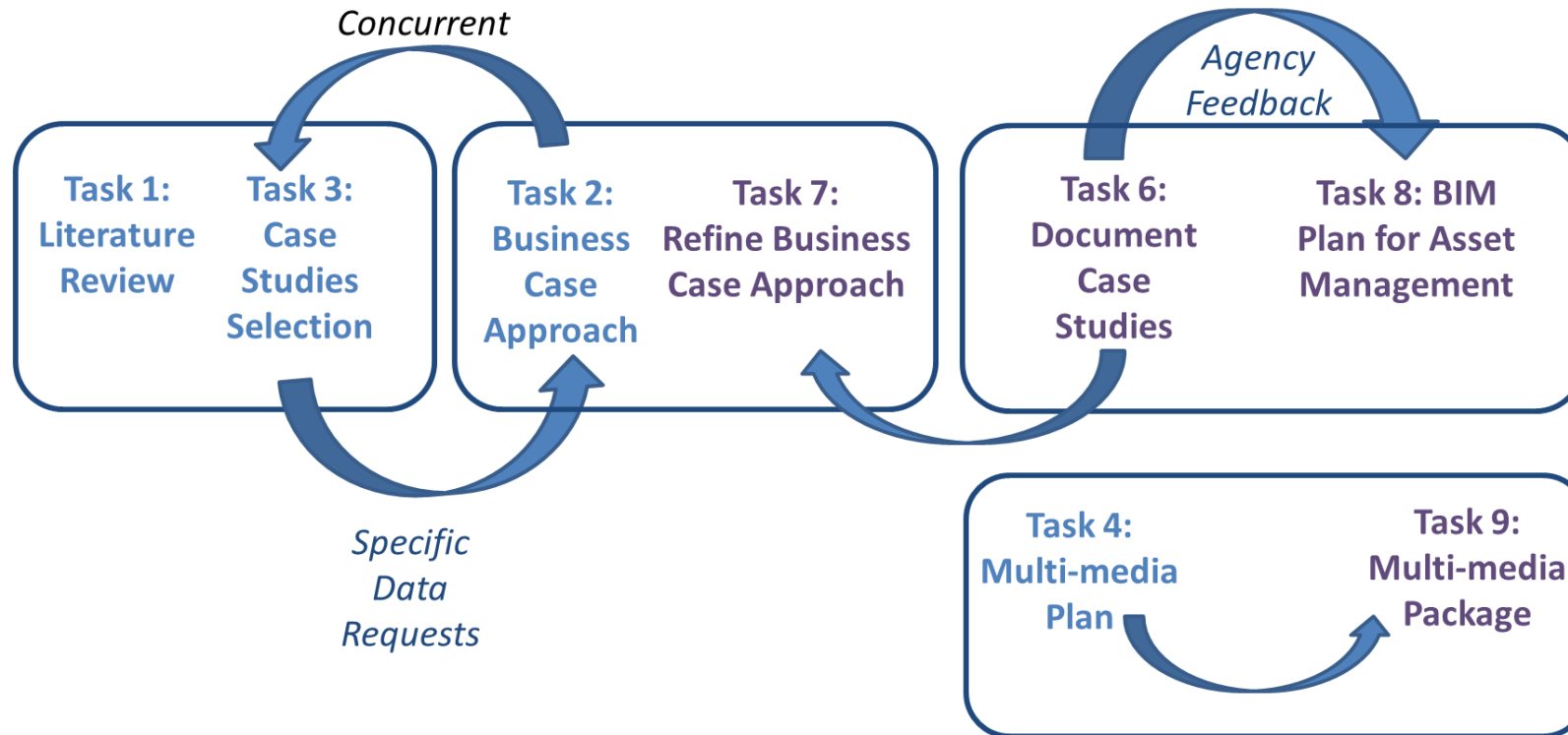
Research Team



TFRS-02 Panel Members:

Lance Parve – WSP (Chair); Morgan Kessler – FHWA (Sponsor);
Becky Hjelm – UDOT; Bill Pratt – CTDOT; John Wilkerson – MDOT; Jon Starr – NDOT;
Mike Kennerly – Iowa DOT; Mohamed Mahogub – NJIT; Steve Tritsch - IASU

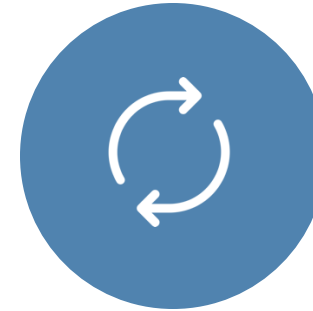
Project Approach



What Is BIM?



Set of Tools



Lifecycle
Management



Digital Processes that Touch
Planning, Design,
Construction, and O&M



Collaborative

When to Use BIM

Planning & Design



- Visualization of asset in a simulated environment
- Increased productivity

Construction



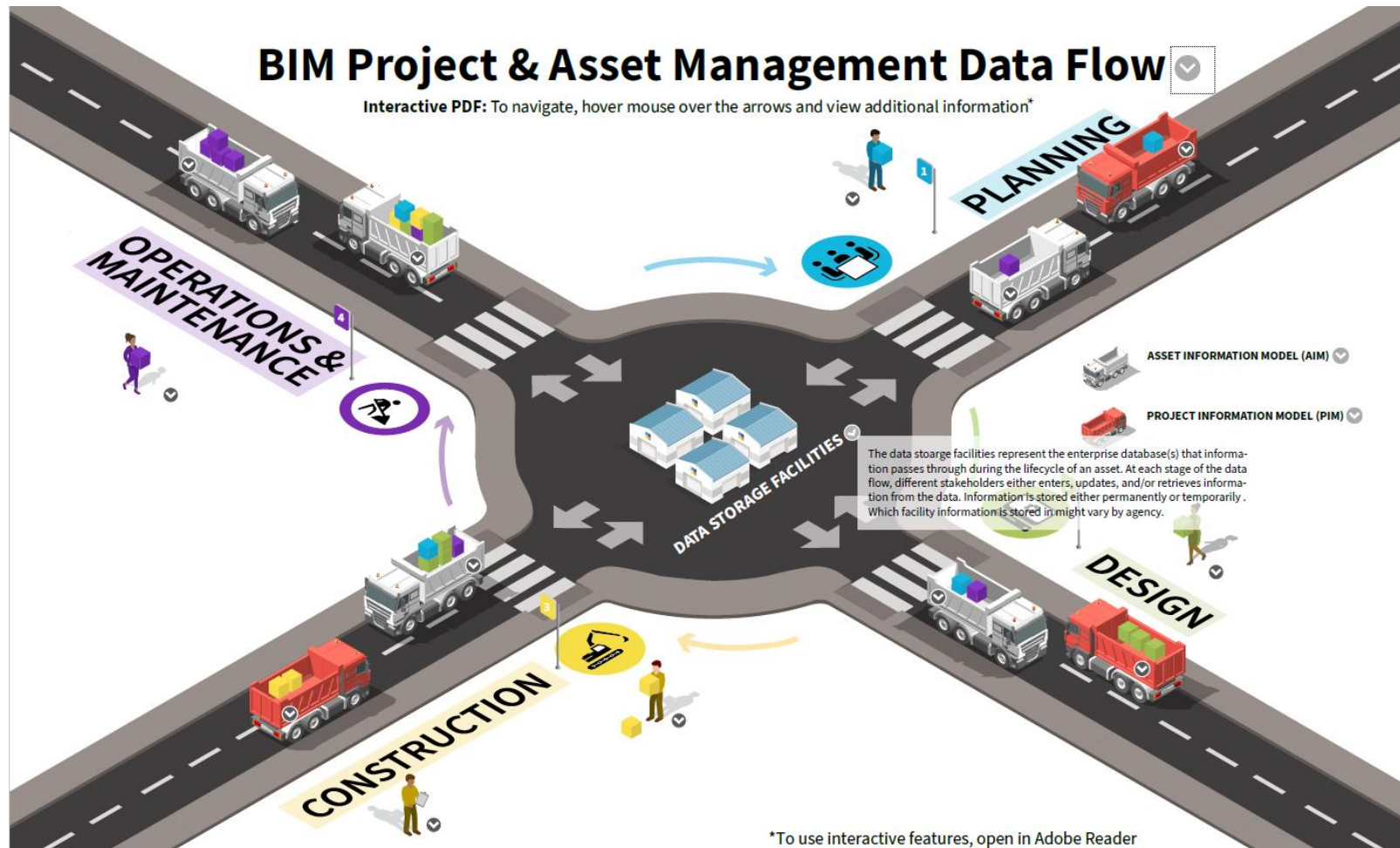
- Increased prefabrication of construction materials
- Accelerated project delivery

Asset Management



- Road or bridge models to schedule maintenance activities
- Information about design can be accessed in the field

Asset Management & Project Management Interaction



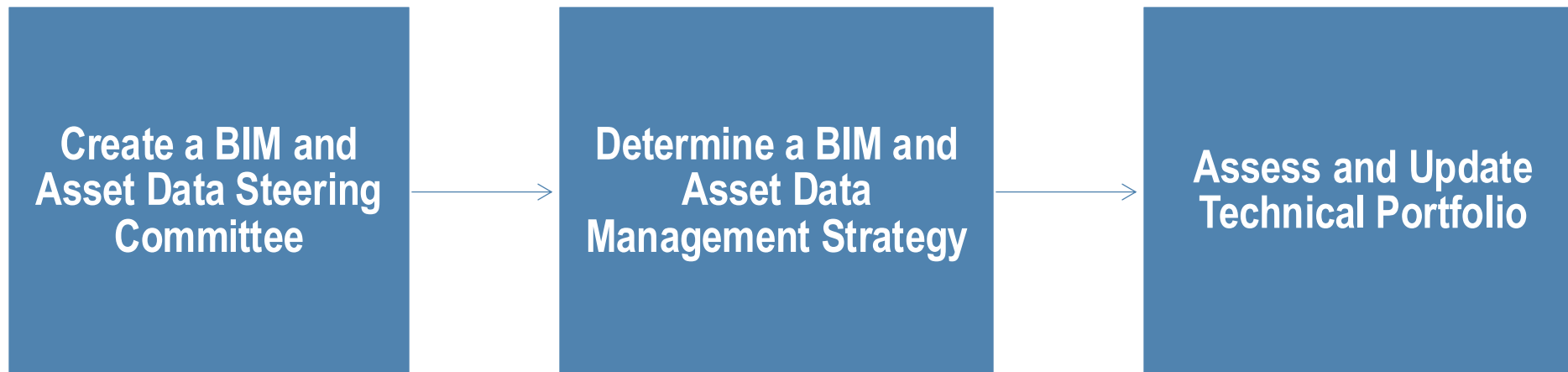
Determining the Right Use Case for BIM

Project Delivery Core			
	1 Capture Existing Conditions		
	2 Author Design Model		
		3 Analyze Engineering Performance	
		4 Coordinate Design Model(s)	
		5 Review Design Model(s)	
			6 Inspect Constructed Assets
Asset Management Core			
		7 Compile Record Model	
			8 Maintain Roads/Bridges
			9 Inventory Roads/Bridges
Project Delivery Extensions			
	10 Create Quantities and Cost Estimate		
	11 Author 4D Model		
		12 Layout Construction Work	
		13 Automate Equipment Guidance	
Asset Management Extensions			
			14 Inspect Assets
Plan	Design	Construct	Operate

BIM for Asset Management Plan

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Part 1: BIM for Asset Data Management Strategic Plan



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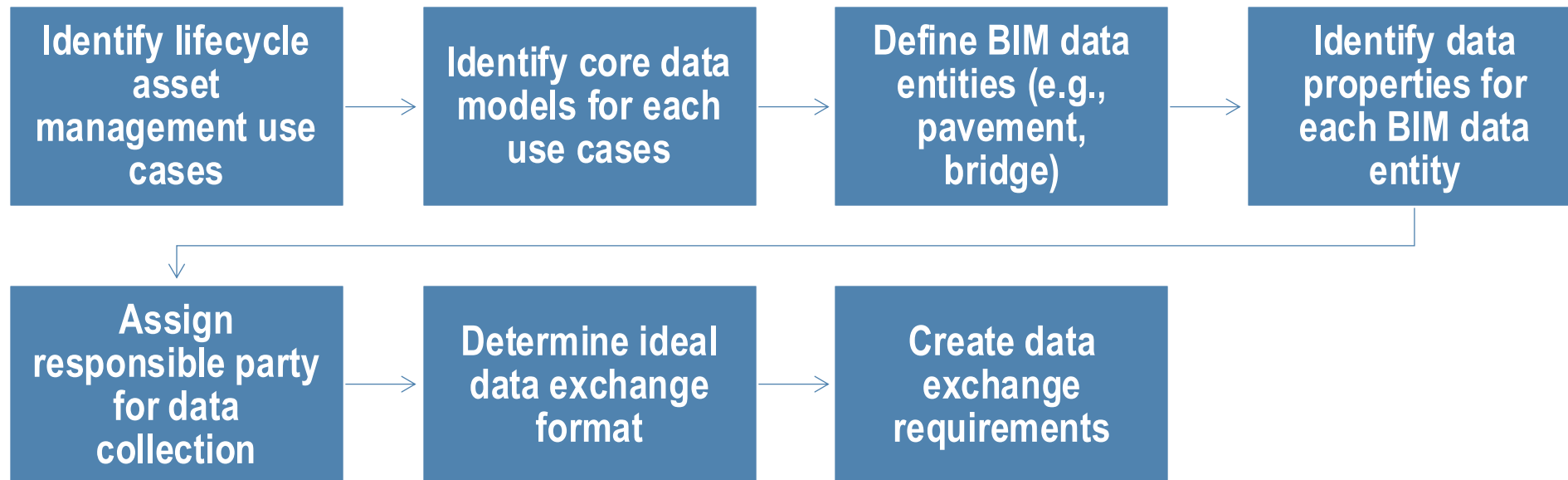
4-Part Process for Creating an Implementation Plan

- Part 1: BIM for Asset Data Management Strategic Plan
- Part 2: Information Exchange Requirements for BIM Asset Data
- Part 3: BIM in the Delivery Phase
- Part 4: BIM for Operation Phase

BIM for Asset Management Plan

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Part 2: Information Exchange Requirements for BIM Asset Data



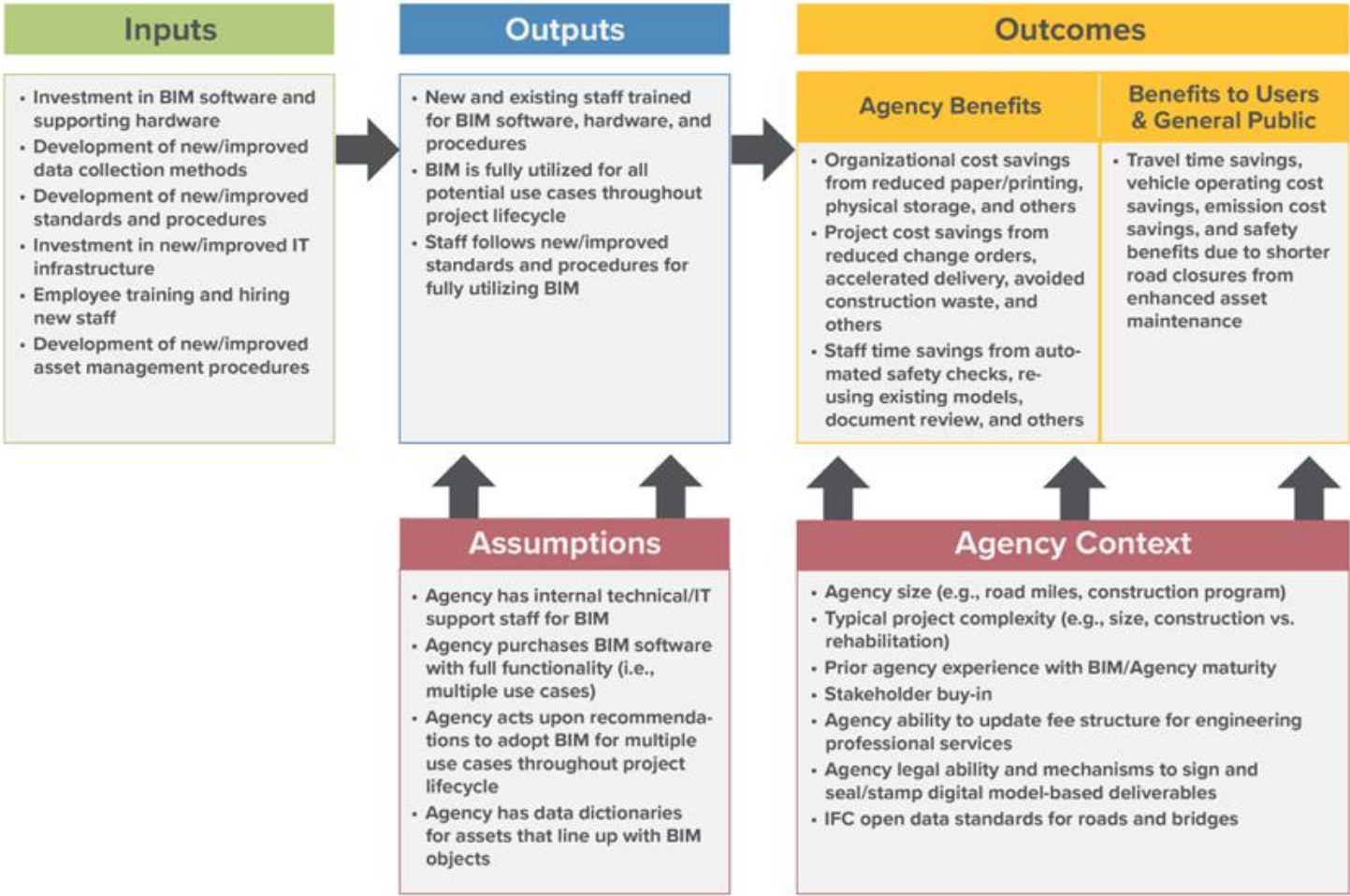
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Part 4: BIM for Operations Phase

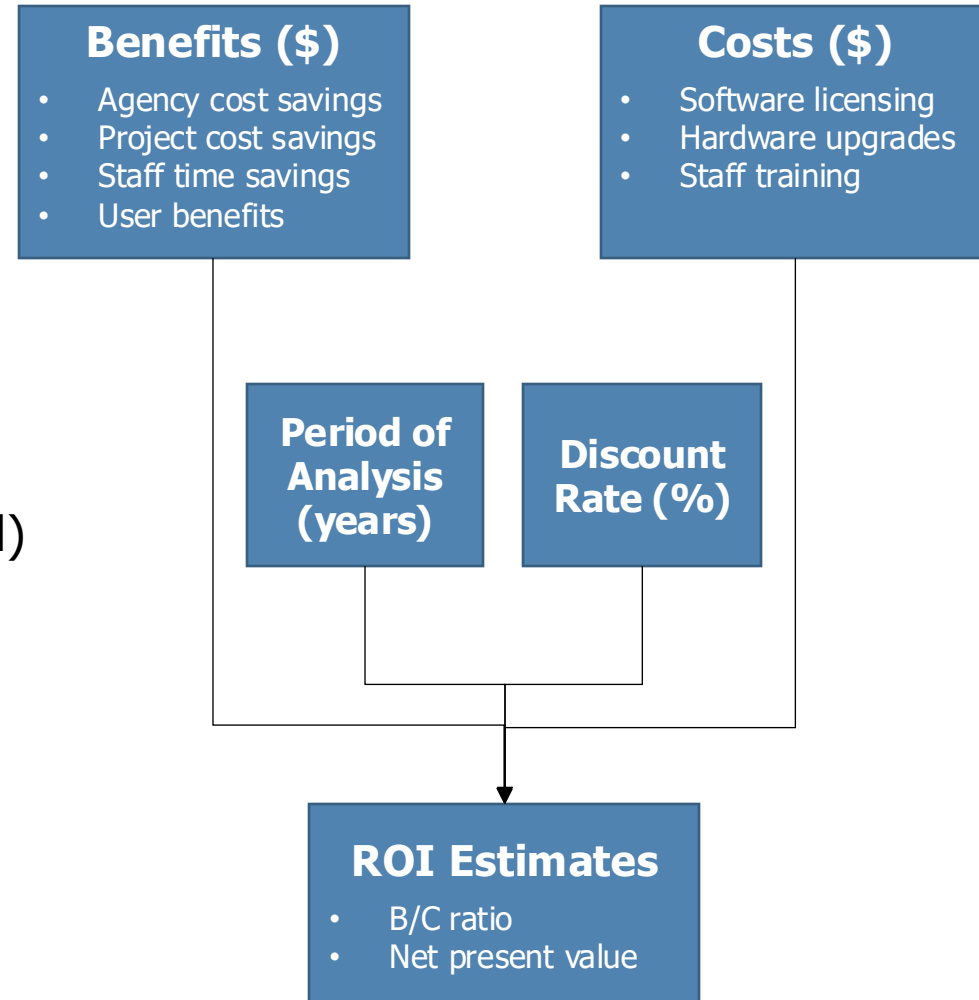


Input-Output Approach for Identifying Outcomes from Adopting BIM



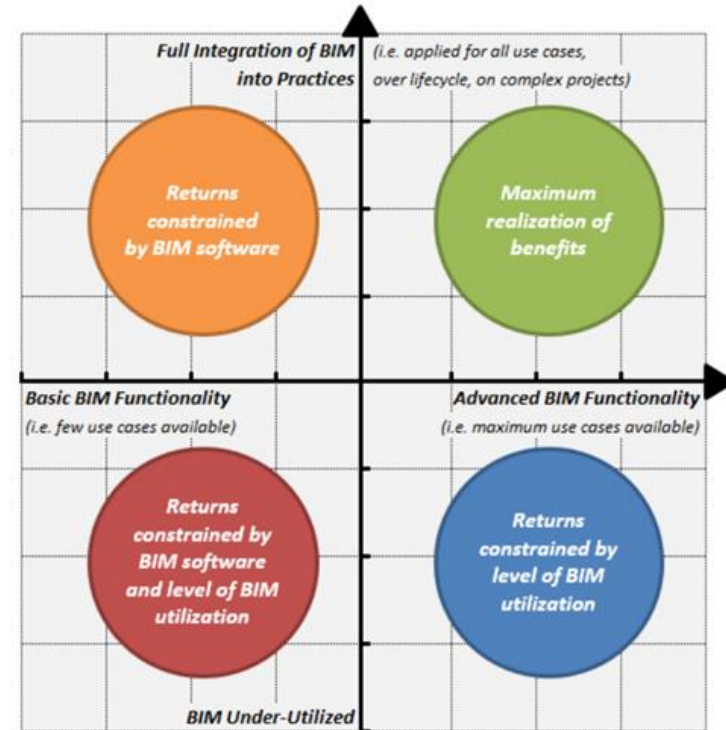
ROI Defined

- ROI analysis determined by benefit-cost analysis (BCA)
- Base Case:
 - State of the world where investment in BIM is not made (i.e., business as usual)
- Investment Case:
 - State of the world where investment is made

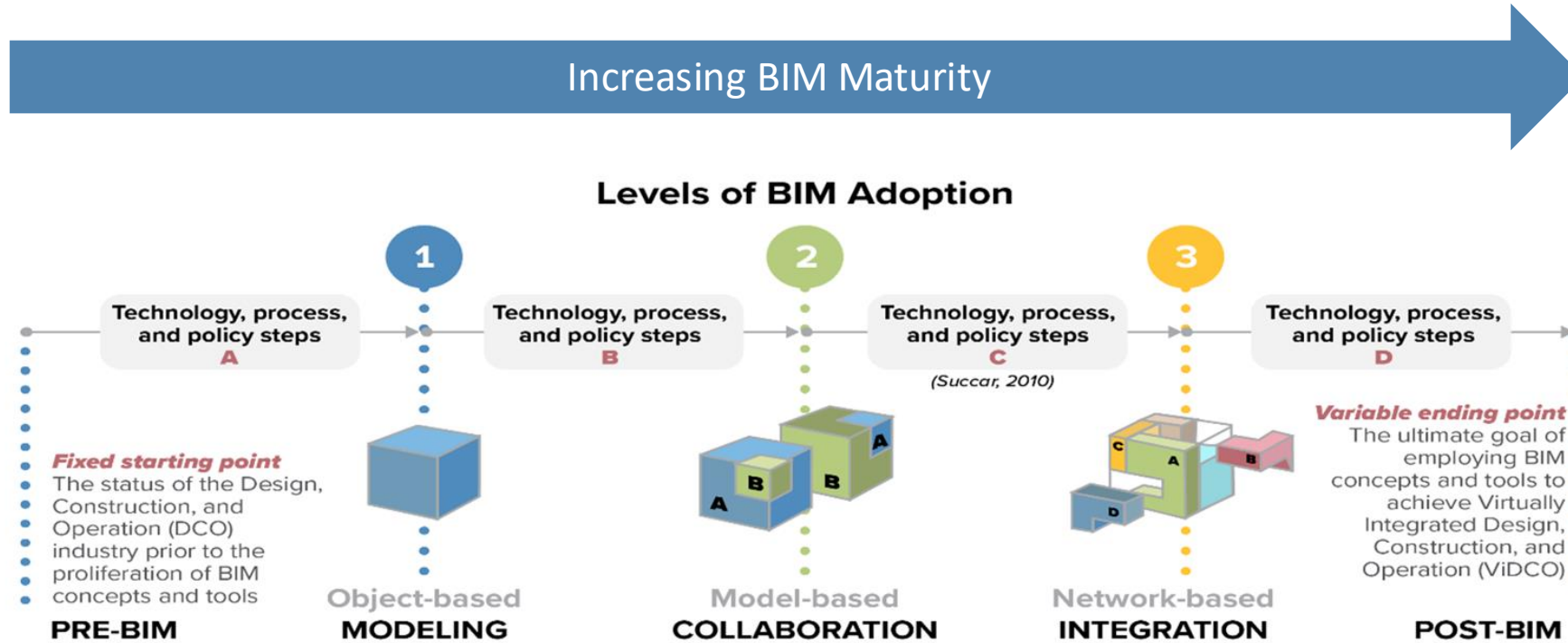


ROI Approach

- Mapped benefits to one or more use cases to create a link
 - Purchasing functionality that supports more use cases provides more opportunities for benefits
- Program-level ROI
 - Costs not fully recovered by one project
 - Some benefits accrue to the agency, not a specific project
 - Benefits build up over time
 - Program of “typical” projects

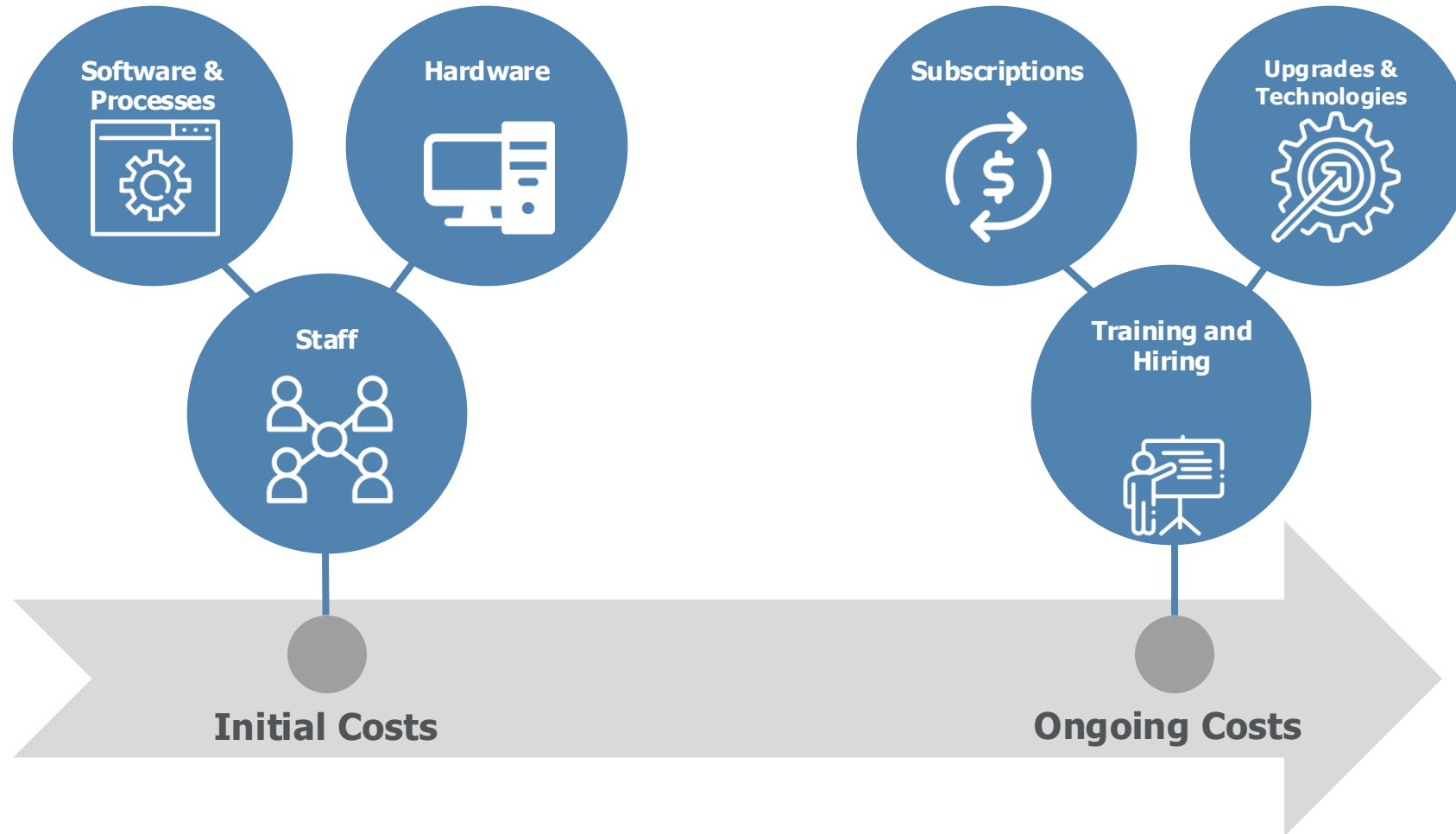


Agency Maturity







Adapted from original source: Source: Succar, et. al., 2013

Framework: Costs of Implementing BIM



Framework: Quantifiable Benefits of Implementing BIM

 <p>In-house agency cost savings</p>	 <p>Project cost savings</p>
 <p>Staff time savings</p>	 <p>User benefits</p>

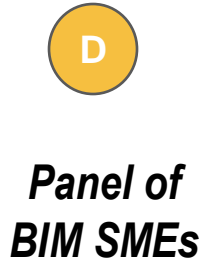
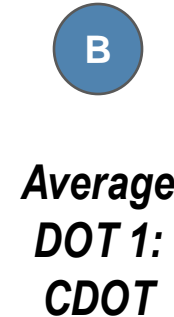
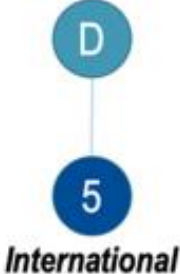
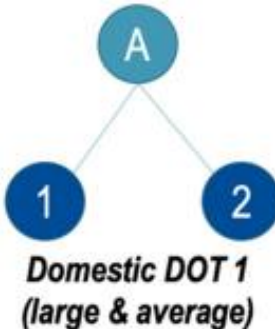
Case Studies and BIM Expert Validation

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Case Studies Approach

Organization

Project



Agency-Specific Benefits

	CDOT	DIA	Highways England	NYSDOT	UDOT
Improved Design Efficiency	✓			✓	
Avoided Change Orders	✓	✓		✓	✓
Improved Schedule Management	✓				
Construction Material Optimization	✓				
Improved Worker Safety		✓	✓		✓
Reduced Need for Non-Scheduled Maintenance		✓			
Reduced Physical Storage Needs		✓			
Improved Quantity Estimation			✓		
Pre-construction Utility Visualization			✓		
Accelerated Delivery			✓		
Increased Accuracy in Material Quantities				✓	
Identification of Alternate Construction Options				✓	
Centralization of Information					✓
High-quality Design and Visualization					✓

BIM ROI Tool

Step 1: Start

Analysis with Default Values

Use values in the tool to quickly monetize largest benefits and costs and calculate ROI.

Steps:

- 1) Start-- click 'Analysis with Default Values'
- 2) Fill out 'User Inputs'
- >> Review ROI results on 'ROI Results Default'

Detailed Analysis with Agency Data

Review data in the tool and adjust for agency-specific context, and enter additional data to capture more benefits and costs.

Steps:

- 1) Start-- click 'Detailed Analysis with Agency Data'
- 2) Fill out 'User Inputs'
- 3) Update default values and enter new agency-specific data for:
 - 3.1) 'Staff Data'
 - 3.2) 'Benefits Data'
 - 3.3) 'Cost Data'
 - 3.4) 'Parameters' (optional)
- >> Review ROI results on 'ROI Results Detailed'

Investigate Impacts

Browse through benefits to see impact metrics identified through this study and case study examples.

Steps:

- 1) Start-- click 'Investigate Impacts'
- 2) Use drop-down menu to view details for each benefit

◀ ▶ 1. Start 2. UserInputs 3.1 StaffData 3.2 BenefitsData 3.3 CostData 3.4 Parameters ROIResults_De

BIM ROI Tool

Results Summary - Analysis with Default Parameters

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SUMMARY METRICS

Total Discounted Benefits

Mid	\$15,468,710
Low	\$5,253,487
High	\$25,683,934

Benefit-Cost Ratio

Mid	6.83
Low	3.26
High	8.81

Total Discounted Costs

Mid	\$2,264,452
Low	\$1,613,533
High	\$2,915,371

Payback Period (years)

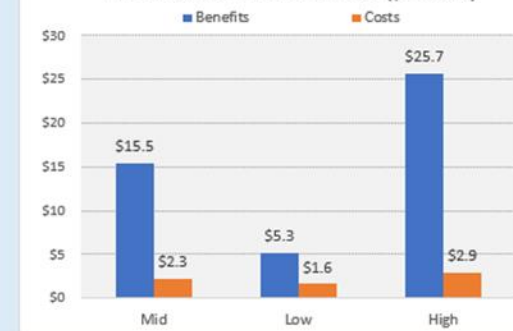
Mid	2
Low	4
High	2

Net Present Value

Mid	\$13,204,258
Low	\$3,639,954
High	\$22,768,563

Based on discounted series. A value of 0 indicates investment is paid back in same year of investment.

Total Discounted Benefits vs. Costs (\$ millions)



TOTAL DISCOUNTED BENEFITS

Agency Cost Savings

	Mid	Low	High
BA5 Improved worker safety during maintenance inspections	\$0	\$0	\$0
BA6 Cost savings on inspections due to use of drones	\$3,190,277	\$1,160,101	\$5,220,453

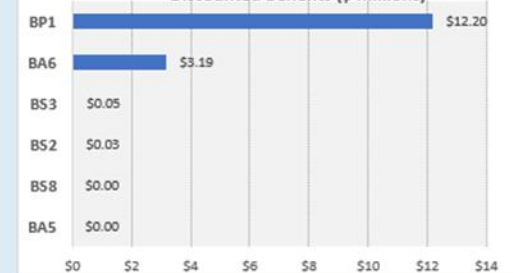
Project Cost Savings

BP1 Cost savings from avoided change orders	\$12,203,381	\$4,067,794	\$20,338,968
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Staff Time Savings

	Mid	Low	High
BS2 Time savings during project scoping	\$25,293	\$712	\$49,873
BS3 Time savings from design efficiency	\$49,759	\$24,880	\$74,639
BS8 Time savings completing design quantities	\$0	\$0	\$0
	0.00	0.00	0.00

Discounted Benefits (\$ millions)



TOTAL DISCOUNTED COSTS

Mid Low High

Discounted Costs (\$ millions)



Challenges to BIM Adoption

- Insufficient Trainings
- Resistance to Change
- Evolving Software
- Lack of Modeling Standards and Information Requirements

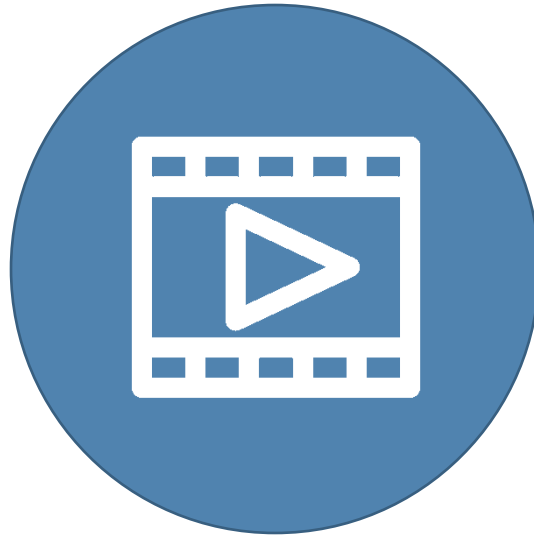
Best Practices & Lessons Learned

- **Trainings are key!**
 - CDOT recommends training programs that cover uses of technology, BIM processes and methods, and using modeling standards.
- **Standards must be established and continuously reviewed**
 - NYSDOT found that standardization of BIM tools saves time and prevents manual adjustments later
- **Collaboration leads to success**
 - Highways England's contractor, Costain, recommends designers and contractors work together to achieve mutual project goals.
- **Dedicated Leads & Stakeholder Input**
 - Having a dedicated lead can help ensure processes are followed, stakeholders are on board, and the right use cases/tools are identified.

Research Products



Excel-Based
ROI Toolkit



Multi-Media
Package



Final Report

Final Report available as CRP Special Release 4



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Limited Scope Guardrail Terminal Maintenance Inspection Program

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Presentation Overview

- **Program Context and Background**
- **Limited Scope Guardrail Terminal Maintenance Inspection Program Implementation**
- **Program Outcomes: The First Year**
- **Next Steps**

Program Context and Background

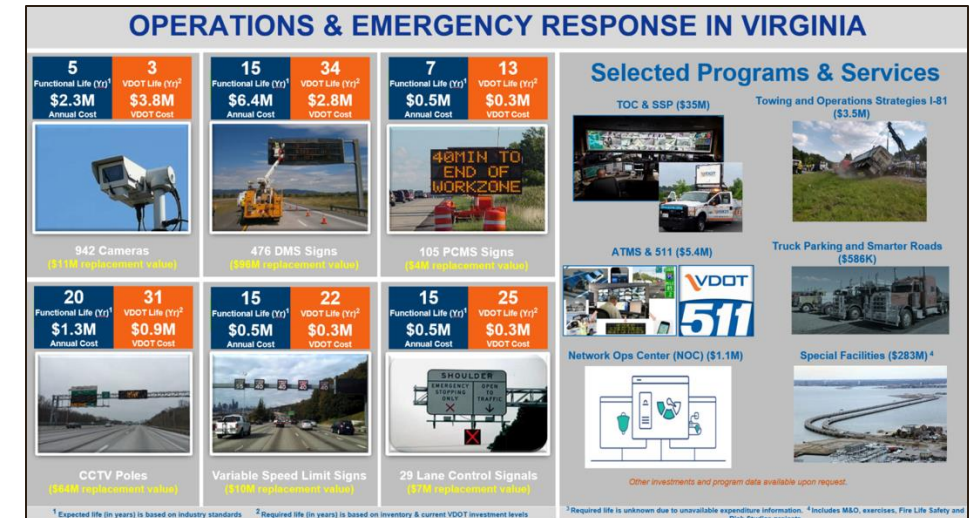
VDOT's Traffic Operations Asset Program

The Scope

- 129k lane miles of VDOT maintained roads
- \$6B in replacement values of Traffic Operations Assets & Programs

The Approaches

- Set data-driven, lifecycle and return-on-investment based targets and investment priorities
- Continuously improve process, policy and technical guidance
- Engage cross-functional teams for program delivery
- Leverage technology to drive efficiency and accountability



Limited Scope GR Terminal Maintenance Inspection Program

National Concerns

- Guardrail terminals found which were not installed and maintained per manufacturer specs and crash testing
- Intensive media interest in GR safety
- Many states planned statewide review

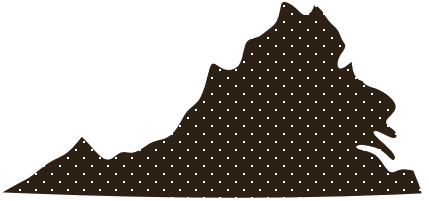
Objective of VDOT's Response

- Recognized safety concerns for the traveling public
- Committed to “boots-on-the-ground” assessment of all statewide terminals for installation and maintenance issues

Targeted Issues

- Mix & Match Hardware
- Severely Rusted Terminals
- ET-Plus 4” vs. 5”
Verification
- Severe Damage, Incorrect Bolts, Loose Cables, Other Construction Issues

Program Challenges



SCALE & URGENCY

150,000+ terminal to be assessed in 3 years.



COMPLEXITY

30+ products, with unique hardware and installation requirements.



RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS

Limited technical guidance, industry capacity, and funds.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

A max of 15 minutes per site to ensure worker safety and reduce costs.



CONFIDENCE

Data across 9 Districts and 20+ contracted crews must be trusted.

Data and System Innovations

Simple to use suite of mobile app and BI tools:

- “Smart forms” to streamline data collection
- Data & technology driven solution to Mix & Match identification
- Statewide and District performance reporting and quality management applications

Supported by:

- First-of-its-kind terminal identification and inspection methodology
- Easy to reference and consume “pocket guides”
- Innovative training & certification to scale teams



Limited Scope Maintenance Inspection Program Implementation

Program Implementation Activities

Program Concepts (Feb-Apr 2023)

- Evaluate field inspection alternatives, secure executive approval
- Examine 30+ terminal products and their installation/hardware requirements
- Develop reliable methodology to evaluate observable terminal components

Pilot Process & Tools (Apr-Jun 2023)

- Develop field collection tools and supporting field pocket guide
- Configure quality control/assurance tools and performance dashboards
- Pilot approach to ensure safety and reliability

Implementation Prep (Jul-Sept 2023)

- Develop inspector training and certification materials
- Contract inspection forces through available on-call contracts
- Organize and hold District training and certification workshops

Year 1 Implementation (Oct-Aug 2024)

- Coordinate and monitor data collection
- Ramp up collection to peak of ~4,000 terminals per week
- Complete 100,000 terminal assessments by Aug 2024

Inspection Alternatives Considered

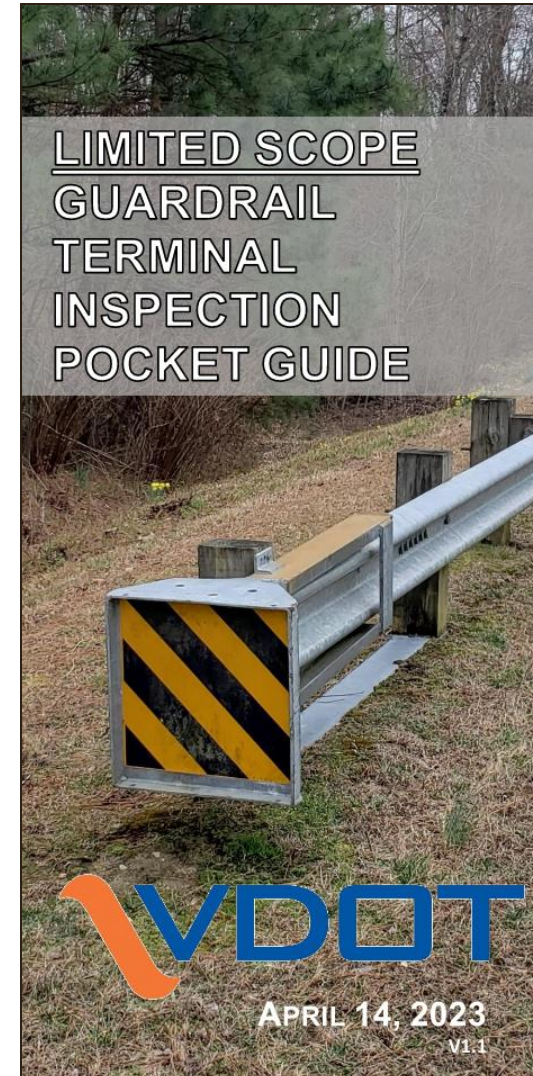
	Option 1 DETAILED ONSITE INSPECTION	Option 2 LIMITED ONSITE INSPECTION	Option 3 FIELD WINDSHIELD ASSESSMENT	Option 4 VIRTUAL WINDSHIELD ASSESSMENT
Inspection Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Functional Inspection • Evaluate Hazard & Length-of-Need 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted Inspection (specific observable components, and other obvious issues) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corridor based drive-by assessment • Capture visually obvious deficiencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use latest pavement video log imagery • Capture visually obvious deficiencies
Site Photos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comprehensive photos (~12 / site) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select photos (~4 / site) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited photos (~1-2 from vehicle, if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
GR Tracker Data Entry	<p>All Inspected guardrail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall condition • Detailed data elements and photos • Recommended improvements 	<p>All Inspected guardrail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mix-and-match and hardware install issues • Damage • Rust • Other obvious issues 	<p>Observed Issues Only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deficiency type and severity • <i>Note: unlikely to capture most mix-and-match issues</i> 	<p>Observed Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deficiency type and severity • <i>Note: unlikely to capture most mix-and-match issues</i>

Field Inspection Methodology and Supporting Pocket Guide

17 Readily Observable Components

(with standardized responses addressing all possibilities across 30+ terminal types)

Product	Strut?	Rail Slots	Cable Anchor Connection	Post 1 Post	Post 1 Bolt	Post 2 Post	Post 2 Bolt	Post 3 Post	Post 3 Bolt
	Yes	10 or 13 short	Bolted	Wood CRT	No bolt	Wood CRT	Long bolt	Wood CRT	No bolt
	No	10 or 13 short	Bolted	Steel Square Tube Breakaway	No bolt	Hinged Breakaway	Short bolt	Standard Guardrail	No bolt
	Yes	6 Long	Bolted	Hinged Breakaway	Short bolt	Hinged Breakaway	No bolt	Wood CRT	Long bolt
	Yes	6 Long	Bolted	Wood CRT	Long bolt	Wood CRT	Long bolt	Wood CRT	Long bolt
	Yes	None	Cleat	Wood CRT	No bolt	Wood CRT	Long bolt	Wood CRT	Long bolt
	Yes	3, 10, or 13 Short	Bolted	Wood CRT	No bolt	Wood CRT	Long bolt	Wood CRT	Long bolt
	No	3, 10, or 13 Short	Bolted	Steel Square Tube Breakaway	No bolt	Hinged Breakaway	Short bolt	Standard Guardrail	Long bolt
	Yes	3, 10, or 13 Short	Bolted	Plug Weld Breakaway in Square Tube	No bolt	Plug Weld Breakaway in Square Tube	Short bolt	Plug Weld Breakaway	Long bolt
	Yes	None	Cleat	Hinged Breakaway	No bolt	Steel Yielding	Short bolt	Steel Yielding	Long bolt
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INSPECTION CHECKLIST

The inspector shall observe the following items as detailed on the following pages:

- 1. Identification
- 2. Reflective sheeting
- 3. Damage
- 4. Is the guardrail needed?
- 5. Photos
- 6. Ground strut
- 7. Height
- 8. Rail slots
- 9. Posts
- 10. Corrosion (rust)
- 11. Cable tension
- 12. Cable anchor connections
- 13. Cable bearing plate
- 14. Post #1 attachment
- 15. Impact head rail insertion
- 16. Impact attenuator size
- 17. General notes

Field Data Collection Mobile Application

This screenshot shows the mobile application interface. At the top, there are 'Cancel' and 'Submit' buttons. Below them is a map with a purple line indicating a route. A white circle highlights a specific location on the map. Below the map, there is a 'No location' indicator and an 'Add Point' button. A red box highlights the 'Take Photo' and 'Attach' buttons. Below these are several form fields: 'Serial Number', 'Route Number', 'Route Direction', and 'Defer Inspection'. Each field has a 'No Value' or 'No value' placeholder. At the bottom, there is a note: 'If a terminal cannot be inspected, please select the reason that best describes the site constraint. Otherwise, just leave this question blank.'

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Smart Form Features

- Form configured to hide/show certain fields as user fill out the form
- Automatically populate the “Mix & Match Components” field as user answers related questions

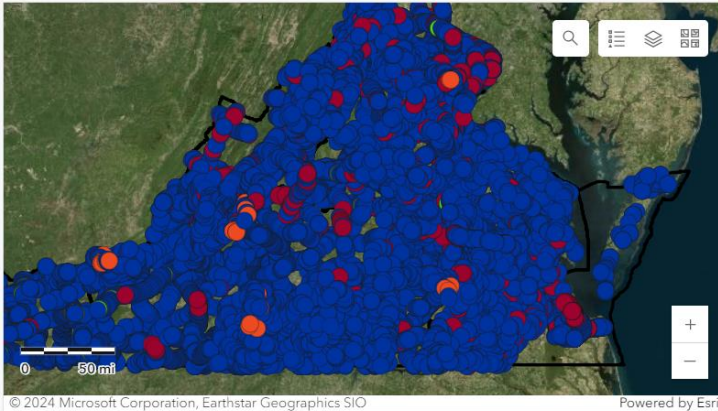
Data Quality Management and Monitoring



Limited Scope Guardrail Terminal Inspection Status

Inspection Date: 8/15/2024 and before
District: None

- Filters**
- SRT 2nd Panel Orientation: None
 - Potential Mix & Match/Misinstallation: None
 - Potential Deficiency Rating: None
 - Potential Damage: None
 - Corrosion (Rust): None
 - Cable Anchor Tight?: None
 - Cable Bearing Plate: None
 - Supplemental Information: None
 - Deferred Inspection: None



Terminal Model	Count
Blunt End	16,628
FOA-Various	16,028
Radial	10,750
GR-11, non-proprietary	10,517
MSKT (GR-MGS2, Road Systems)	9,873
SKT-SP (GR-9, Road Systems)	6,978
ET-Plus mod., 4" (GR-9, Trinity)	6,739

No. Inspections
102,597

No. Deferred Inspections
5,347

Serial Number	*Inspection Date	Terminal Model	Terminal Damaged?	Corrosion
	12/12/2023	Sand Barrels	No Damage	
	8/6/2024	Blunt End	No Damage	
	8/7/2024	Blunt End	No Damage	
	8/7/2024	MELT (GR-7, non-proprietary)	No Damage	
	8/7/2024	Blunt End	No Damage	
	8/7/2024	GR-6 non-proprietary	No Damage	

All Attribute QA/QC Tool - PROD

Search by Serial: 37949 of 66297 | Search by Obj: 3421

3421

All Attribute - Guardrail

QA/QC Status Editor

QA/QC Status*: No QA/QC Review

QA/QC Comments

All Attribute Editor

Serial Number: 3421

*Mix and Match Terminal Components?: No

Notes

Guardrail Component: Run-on

Terminal Model: MSKT (GR-MGS2, Road Systems)

Update | Delete

Mix and Match Field Error: No Errors Found!

Google Street View Link	View
Google Map View Link	View
Serial Number	3421
*Inspector	Tom.Kilgore@vdot.virginia.gov_VDOT
Company	Pillar
*Inspection Date	2/13/2024, 2:32 PM
XY Coordinates	36.696008,-81.992365
Route Number	181
Route Direction	Northbound
*Mix and Match Terminal Components?	No
Notes	
Guardrail Component	Run-on
Terminal Model	MSKT (GR-MGS2, Road Systems)
Can traffic impact the guardrail terminal from a head-on approach?	Yes
Terminal Damaged?	No Damage
Reflective sheeting present and firmly attached?	Yes

Inspector Training and Certification

- Trained and certified over 100 inspectors
- Held workshops at each District office
- Addressed GR terminal identification, detailed inspection methodology, and program-specific worker safety guidance
- Included field demonstration at nearby guardrail installations
- Required training certification for all inspectors prior to approval to participate in the program



Program Outcomes: The First Year

Year 1: Interstate & Primary Systems (100% Complete)

Over 100,000

Terminal Inspections Completed
(10 months)

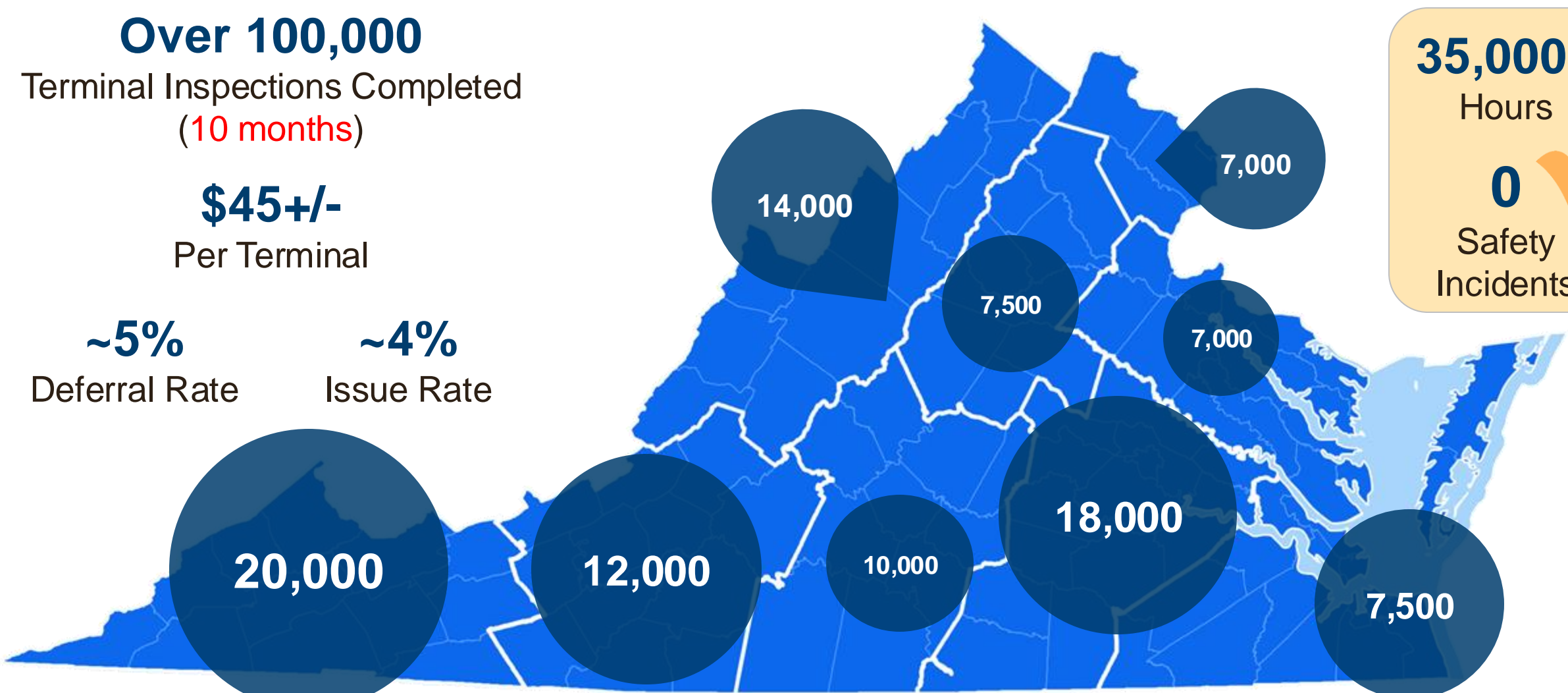
\$45+/-
Per Terminal

~5%
Deferral Rate

~4%
Issue Rate

35,000+
Hours

0 ✓
Safety
Incidents



Completed as of 8/15/24

Next Steps

Continue Inspections

Complete Secondary Routes

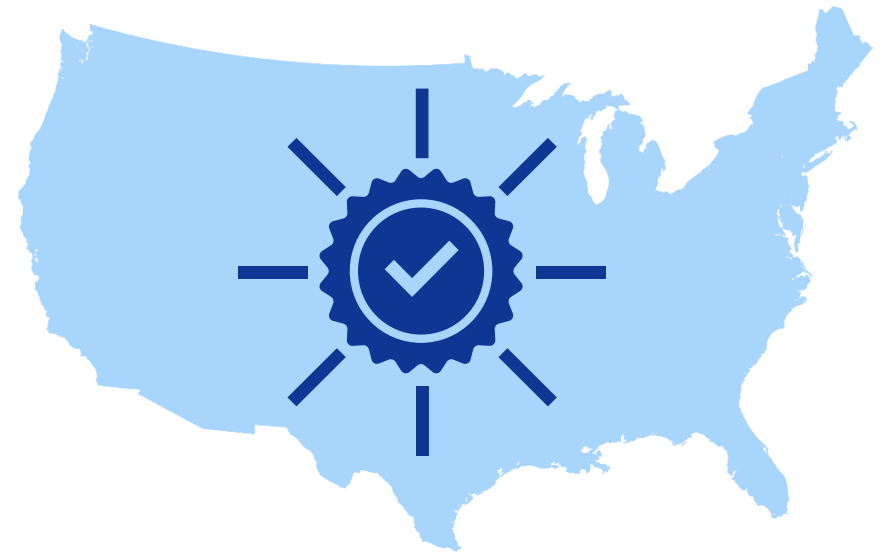
- Anticipate lower efficiency (more miles, less guardrail, more challenges safely parking and accessing terminal locations)

Work with Executives and Districts

- Perform 100% quality assurance of “Mix & Match” and Severely Damage hardware
- Summarize deficient and deferred locations for investment
- Address high priority and low hanging fruit repairs

Sharing Best Practice and Lessons Learned

- Consolidate and share District best practices and lessons learned
- Support other state DOT implementation (e.g. Iowa and Wisconsin DOTs)
- Participate in Midwest Roadside Safety Pooled Fund
- Engage national audiences through AASHTO, TRB, or other opportunities



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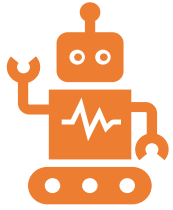
Indiana AI/Machine Learning Project Bundling for Improved TAM Results

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What is the difference between AI and Machine Learning?

- Typically, an AI is programmed to behave a certain way and fulfill a task.
- Machine learning is a unique subfield of artificial intelligence in which algorithms learn to fulfill tasks.

What is Machine Learning



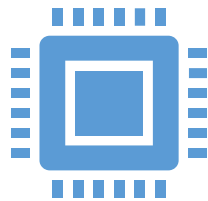
Machine learning (ML) is the use of algorithms that improve automatically through experience.



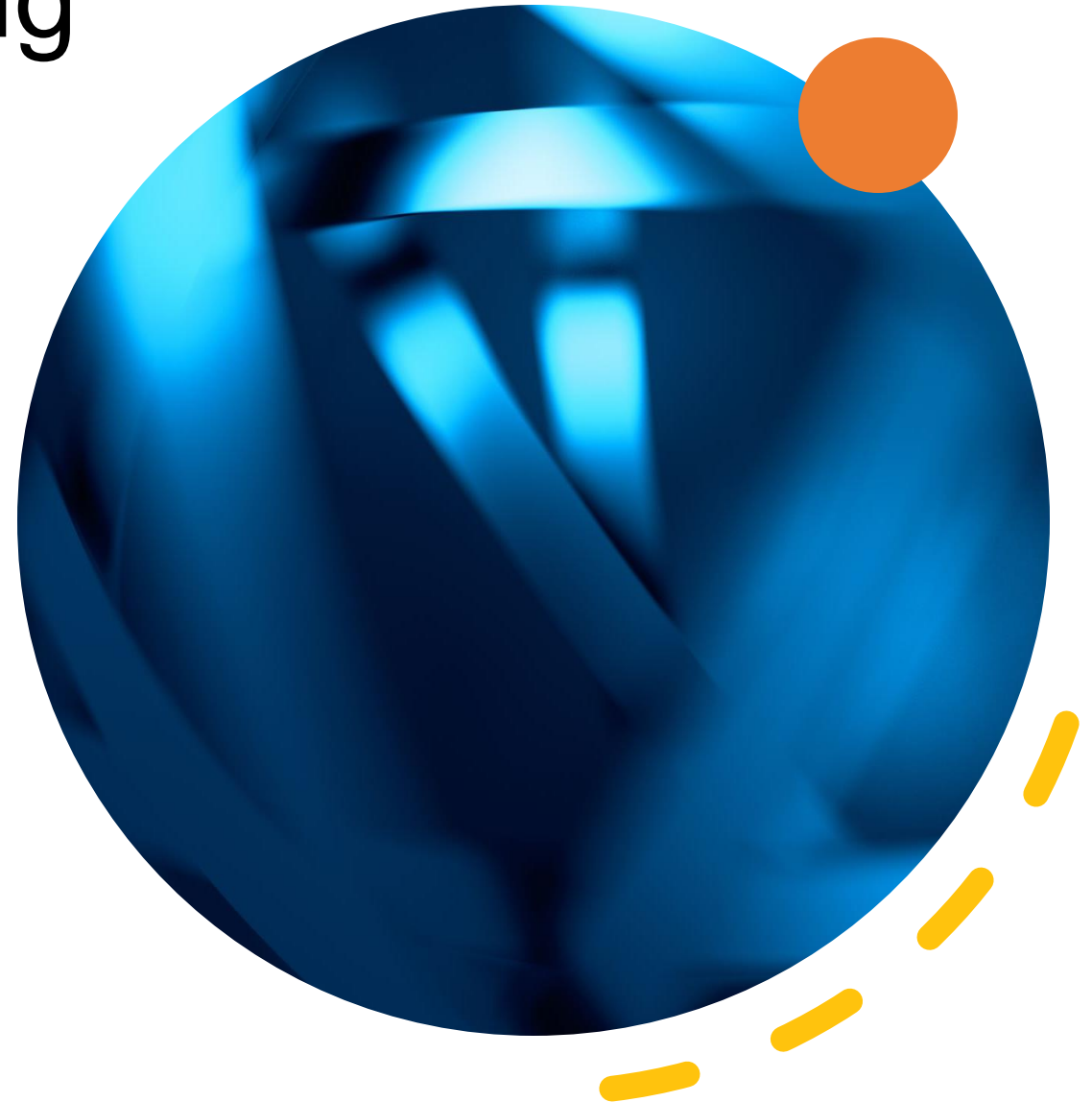
ML is a subset of artificial intelligence (AI).



ML algorithms build a mathematical model based on sample data to make predictions or decisions without being explicitly programmed to do so.



ML algorithms are used in a wide variety of applications where it is difficult or infeasible to develop conventional algorithms to perform the needed tasks.



How AI/ML is Process Built

- Process Mapping
- Identify Data Points
- Structure Data for Usability
- Algorithm Design
- Algorithm Optimization
- Dashboard/Results

Keys To Successful Using AI/ML

- Data Governance
- Business Rules
- Data
- Expert Review



Things You will Learn Using AI/ML

- Data Issues
 - Incomplete Data
 - Not Consistent Data entry
- The Need for Rules for Data Collection/Management
- Defining Goals for Projects
 - What is a win?
 - Process Mapping
- Expert Review

Challenges Implementing AI/ML

- Ethical Fear
 - Staff should interpret/validate and explain process
 - Label AI or ML items
- Privacy and Security Concerns
 - Assess Risk of sharing data
 - Is there private data in it?
- Bias
 - Be careful not to over trust initial results
 - Validate them with expert staff review
- Fear of AI/ML taking jobs
 - Show how it is a tool
 - Support new staff

INDOT Success Story on Bundling

- Business Rules and Process for ML
- How has it worked
- Challenges
- The Next Steps



Keys to Success for Bundling

Bundling
Criteria/Business
Rules

Asset Rules
and Life-cycle
planning

Work Types

2-3 similar work types: 2%
4-5 similar work types: 4%
6-7 similar work types: 6%
>7 similar work types: 8%

Distance

0-10 miles: 6%
11-15 miles: 5%
16-20 miles: 3%
20-30 miles: 2%

Crossing local boundaries will
incur a penalty

2 locals: -2%
3-4 locals: -3%
5 locals: -5%

Added penalties for larger
distances:

30-40 miles: -2%
> 40 miles: -6%

dTIMS modeling

20 year Plan
Interstate Plan
Life Cycle Planning

Best Bundle Algorithm

“Brute-force” method of determining best bundles

Simulated Annealing

- Start with each project in its own bundle
- Randomly move projects to new bundles
 - If total bundle score is better, keep bundle. If not, revert to previous bundle.
 - Bundle keep algorithm will also weight decision to keep bundle. Will keep more often toward the end of the run. More likely to swap at beginning.
- Repeat until maximum number of iterations met

INDOT Success Story on Bundling – Testing of Process

- ML Created 221 vs Staff Created 209
- Largest Bundle was 55 des numbers vs Staff 53
- Mean Bundle Size ML 3.5 vs 3.9

Modifications to Business Rules

- Added Unions
- Added trades that are connected to Work Types
- Added Corridor Bundling

Key Bundling Criteria

- What worked?
 - Best bundling opportunities were found by looking at 3 key criteria
 - Corridors
 - Geographic Location
 - Work Types



Corridor Bundles

- What to Consider...
 - Multiple work types on
 - Interstate or high volume multi-lane routes
OR
 - City or single highway
 - Similar Maintenance of Traffic (MOT)
 - Construction time
 - Do Not mix interstate with non-interstate



Work Type Bundles

- What to Consider...
 - Bridge Bundles
 - Historic Bridge projects should stand alone
 - Specialty Equipment
 - Flexible/Thin (Polymeric) Overlays with like project types
 - Paint Projects should be bundled with like project types
 - Exception: when complex MOT (e.g. narrow truss bridge with single lane signalized MOT.)
 - Exception: when painting will be required as part of a larger project
 - Large culvert/small structures/ 3 sided structures
 - typically different that traditional bridge contracts
 - Exception: Bundling small structure, bridges and road projects into a corridor contract has benefits to coordination, mobilization and MOT.

Work Type Bundles Continued...

- Road Bundles

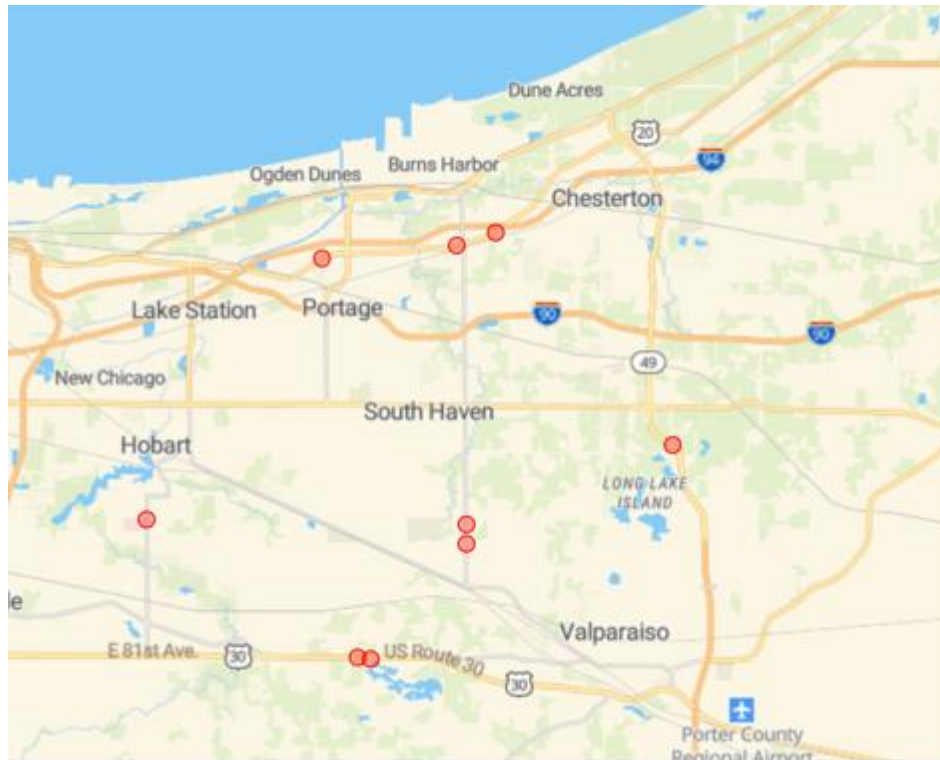
- Unless within a corridor, road bundles have not been more cost effective or beneficial
- Look for MOT conflicts
- Timing and construction completion dates
- Make sure you have a lead contractor

Key Bundling Criteria

Corridors

Geographic Location

Work Types



INDOT Bundled Projects

Bundle Number 40606 - (14 projects) \$1,735,517 - Savings Score: -4 %

DES No.	Work Type	County	Year	Route	Est. Savings
1701442	Small Structure Replacement	Porter	2022	US-20	-\$2,232.48
1701332	Small Structure Pipe Lining	Lake	2022	US-30	-\$3,991.56
1701444	Small Structure Pipe Lining	Lake	2022	US-231	-\$2,812.8
1701454	Small Structure Pipe Lining	Lake	2022	SR-51	-\$1,875.2
1701472	Small Structure Pipe Lining	Lake	2022	SR-312	-\$5,621.76
1701509	Small Structure Pipe Lining	Lake	2022	US-231	-\$11,700

FORO Bundles

Bundle Number	Number of Projects	Score	Bundle Value
198	7	8%	\$2,984,384
656	7	9%	\$18,147,381
516	4	8%	\$3,657,480
824	4	8%	\$3,314,985
859	2	8%	\$393,286
201	6	8%	\$6,241,435

Examples of Successful Bundles

- I-74 mixed bridge rehab work types along a Corridor
 - 11 Des #s
 - Engineers Estimate - \$ 2,540,301
 - Award - \$ 2,081,968
 - **18 % savings**
- I-74 mixed bridge work types along a Corridor
 - 10 Des #s
 - Engineers Estimate - \$ 17,443,874
 - Award - \$14,659,979
 - **16 % savings**
- SR 63 Small Structure Pipe Linings
 - 6 Des #s
 - Engineers Estimate - \$1,251,800
 - Award - \$1,097,163
 - **8% savings**
- US 50 Bridge Rehabilitation Corridor
 - 23 Des #s, primarily thin deck overlays with 2 joint repairs
 - Engineers Estimate - \$2,286,205
 - Award \$1,667,760
 - **27% savings**
- US 31 Road Resurfacing and Deck Overlays
 - 3 Des #s
 - Engineers Estimate - \$ 4,396,942
 - Award - \$ 3,657,475
 - **17 % savings**

INDOT Success with ML on Bundling

- Staff Time Savings
 - Before Bundling took weeks to over a Month
 - Now a week
- Breaking Down of Human Barriers
 - District lines
- Allows INDOT to Innovate looking at Bundles

INDOT Next Step with ML on Bundling

- Multi Years
- Adding additional Criteria
 - Resiliency
 - Equity
 - Max Size of Bundles



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