



# Revised Federal Fund Programming Principles

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# Fed Fund Working Group - 2009

The Management Committee tasked the Working Group with addressing four issues:

1. Project deferrals
2. Project development and small and/or inexperienced member agencies
3. Project costs, and
4. Local financial commitment.

# Peer MPO Research



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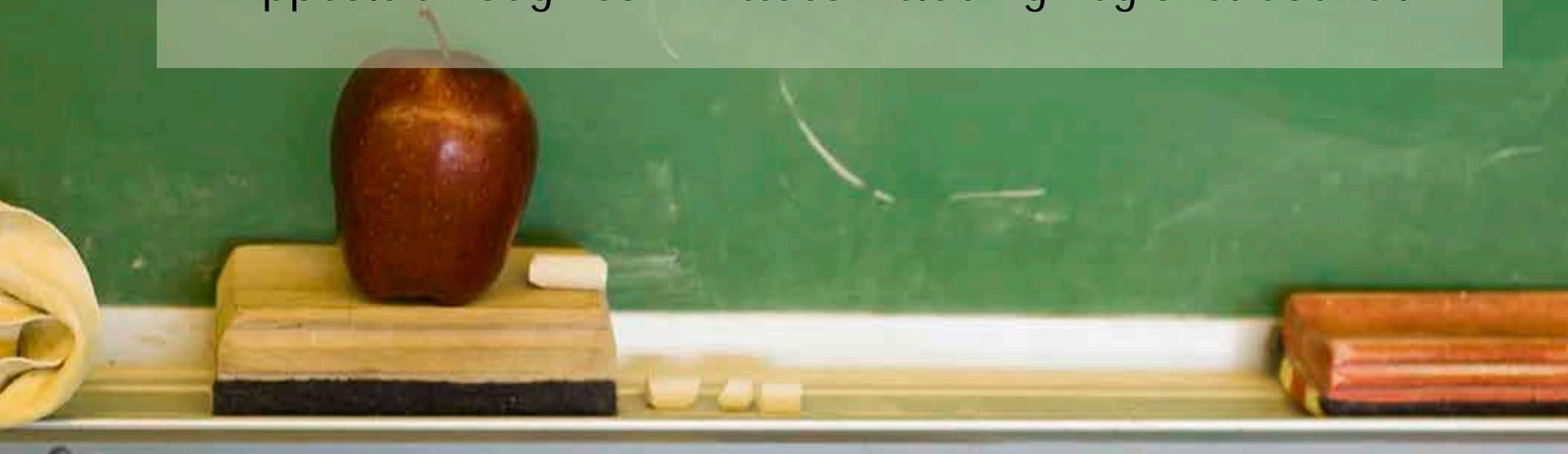
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# Lessons Learned

- Better upfront project scoping
- Monitoring against milestones important
- Investigation and action required if project is falling behind
- Progress must be demonstrated to defer a project or the project is deleted
- Second deferrals require more documentation
- Flexibility in moving projects that are ready to go
- Appeals through committees including Regional Council





**Looking  
Forward**

**Revised  
Principles**

# Major Policy Elements – Local Commitment

- Commitment letter from Manager
- The project and local funds must be documented in an approved local CIP/budget document.
- Project Development Schedule
- Project sponsor must show continuous progress towards obligation and completion of the project.
  - ∅ Failure to work continuously on project development will result in deferral or deletion of the project.
- Project sponsor submit the status of the project development milestones twice a year

# Major Policy Elements – Progress Reports & Milestones

- Progress Reports every 6 months:
  - Ø Progress based on Project Development Schedule – deletion, deferral, advancement, etc.
- Dynamic TIP process – efficient use of federal funds
- Scope Changes – guidance for project changes
- Appeals Process: Regional Council
- Deadlines, Milestones, Deadlines, Milestones!

# Major Policy Elements – Deferrals & Deletions

- Deleted federal funds will be considered within each mode.
- A project can be deferred only once.
  - Ø Second time - agency does not show continuous progress – project is deleted
  - Ø Second time – external factor – project may be rescheduled