

# Project Initiation Pool (PIP)



## MAG Transportation Review Committee

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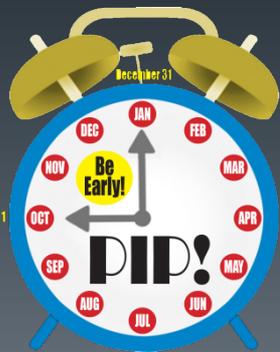
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# Process improvement for improved project delivery

Establish pilot program that contains a small pool of FHWA funding, available to member agencies, to initiate their federal aid funded projects at ADOT.

## The Project Initiation Pool (PIP) will:

- Encourage early submittal of project information on a voluntary basis.
- Allow early review, assignments of work, and contract development at ADOT.
- Assist with protecting Federal Obligation Authority and making better planning decisions.

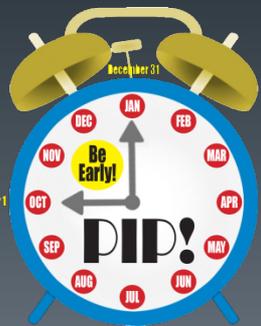


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- Eligibility:
  - Only FHWA projects outside the ALCP and RF-HP
  - Only projects that have not started at ADOT
- Funding:
  - Total is anticipated to be no more than \$250,000/year
  - Funding per project would be \$2,829 federal with \$171 local
  - Distributed on a first-come-first served basis
  - Funding available from October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> each year
- Expenses covered:
  - Assignment of project numbers and an ADOT PM
  - A kickoff meeting with ADOT
  - ADOT assistance with IGA development
  - Unused funds can be applied to other ADOT expenses – e.g. applied to environmental clearances

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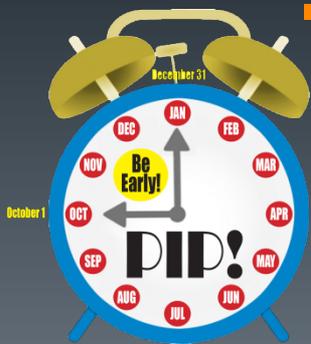
- Authorization Requirements:
  - Sign a letter contract with ADOT
  - Provide a check for \$171
  - Provide project information
  - Construction or Procurement project is listed in the TIP
- The Program is Proposed for **Three Years**.
- Program report would be reviewed on an annual basis by FHWA, ADOT and MAG to determine success. Expected results would be to see a shift of authorizations into the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters of the federal fiscal year.



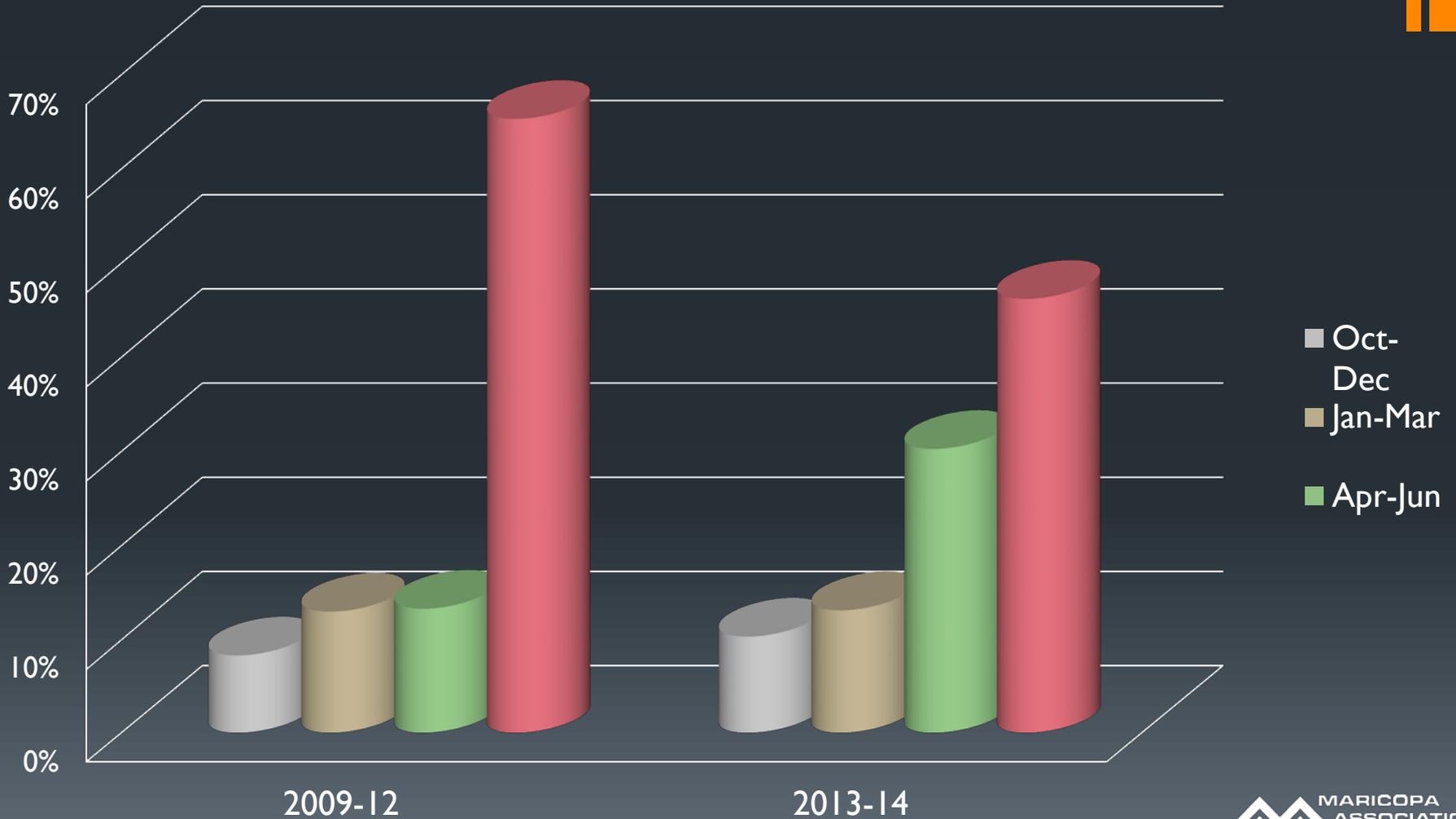
# Rationale

Approximately 72% of all projects authorize in the last 4 months of the federal fiscal year.

- Consequences:
  - Increases the risk for loss of federal funds
  - Floods ADOT/FHWA with work at the end of the year
  - Rushed end of the year decisions are made or missed
- Benefit:
  - Providing start up funding that encourages earlier projects starts and possibly earlier authorizations

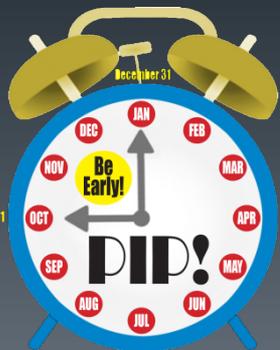


# Percent of MAG Project Authorizations by Quarter



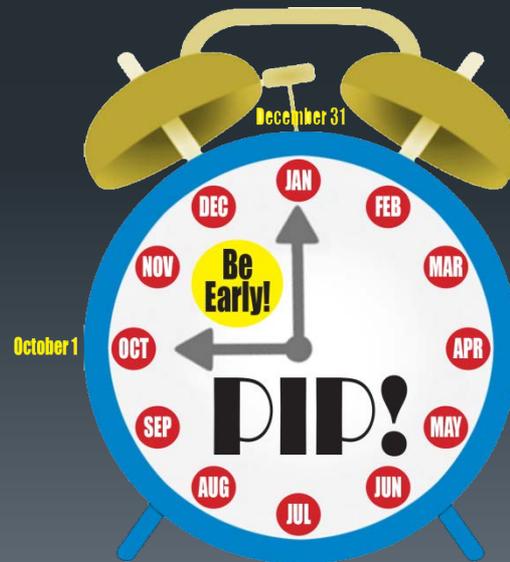
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- For non certification accepted agencies, IGAs have become a barrier to project startup:
  - An IGA is required prior to starting work on a project
  - ADOT staff cannot provide assistance without IGA
  - IGA development is adding three to six months to project timelines
- Providing pool funding would allow ADOT to assist agencies in developing an IGA, thereby cutting project delays.



# Action

- For information, discussion, and possible recommendation to approve implementing the Project Initiation Pool.
- Comments on Letter contract appreciated.



# Be Early!

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