Development of the Regional Operations Plans for the Central RTMC Region (Districts 2, 3, 9) – Lead Charge



Transportation Engineering and Safety Conference
December 6, 2018



Agenda

- TSMO Overview
- ROP Overview
- Regional Operations Needs and Issues
- Prioritization Criteria / Rankings
- Recommended Projects
- Maintenance of the ROP
- Required Steps-Lessons Learned



What does TSMO mean to PennDOT and Partners?

Transportation Systems Management & Operations

TSMO Purpose

A way to address reliability, mobility, and congestion by using various strategies rather than just trying to build our way out.

TSMO Vision

A less congested, more reliable network

TSMO Mission

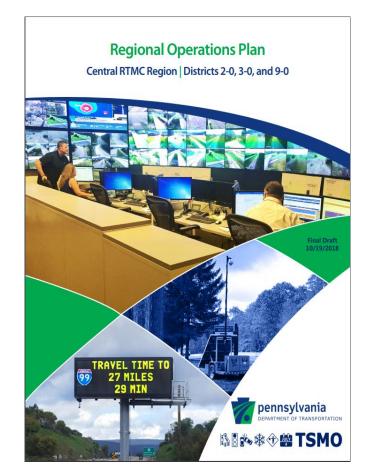
Move people and goods, from Point A to Point B, as efficiently, safely, and reliably as possible.



Regional Operations Plan-ROP

Planning document with a "wish list" of TSMO driven projects that will increase safety and reduce congestion.

The ROP complements the TSMO Program Plan to identify the approach to traffic operations at the regional level and sets the stage for regional implementation of the TSMO Program Plan.





Identify 5 Areas Congestion

Rural Congestion Perspective



Goals

- Improve safety
- Reduce Congestion which means improved traffic flow
- Urban/Rural

FHWA National Congestion Perspective/Causes



Recurring Congestion



Bottlenecks



Poor Signal Timing

Unplanned Events



Traffic Incidents



Inclement Weather

Planned Events



Work Zones



Special Events

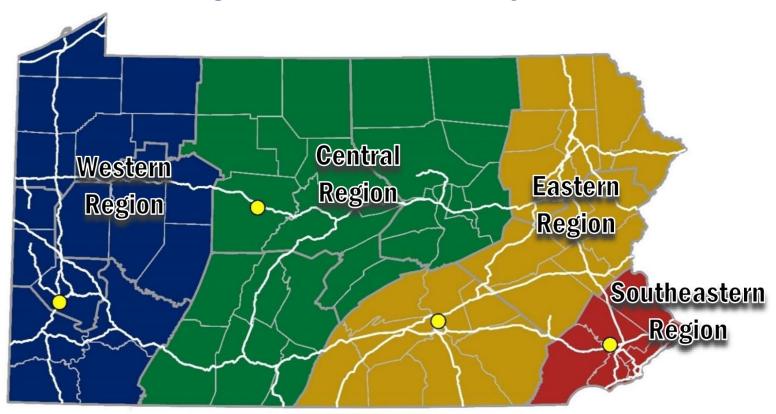


TSMO Solutions (6) different causes of congestion Matrix

| | Causes of Congestion | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------------|---------|
| TSMO Solution | | Traffic | Inclement | Work | Poor Signal | Special |
| | Bottlenecks | Incidents | Weather | Zones | Timing | Events |
| Integrated Corridor Management | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Hard Shoulder Running | X | X | | | | X |
| Managed Lanes | X | X | X | | | X |
| TIM Teams | | X | | | _ | |
| Freeway Service Patrols | | X | | X | | X |
| Smart Work Zones | | | | X | | |
| Traffic Signal Enhancements | | | | | X | |
| Transit Signal Priority | | | | | X | |
| Traveler Information | | X | X | X | | X |
| Ramp Metering | X | X | | | | X |
| Bridge De-icing | | | X | | | |
| Commercial Vehicle Operations | | | | | | |
| Dynamic Lane Assignment | X | X | | X | | X |
| Junction Control | X | X | | X | | X |
| Queue Warning | X | X | | X | | X |
| Variable Speed Displays | | X | X | X | | |
| Dynamic Rerouting | | X | | X | | X |
| RWIS | | | X | | | |
| Dynamic Curve Warning | | X | | | | |
| Traffic Management Center Operations | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Traffic Incident Detection | | X | | | | |
| DMS | | X | | X | | X |
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Regional Operations Plans (ROPs): Four Regions

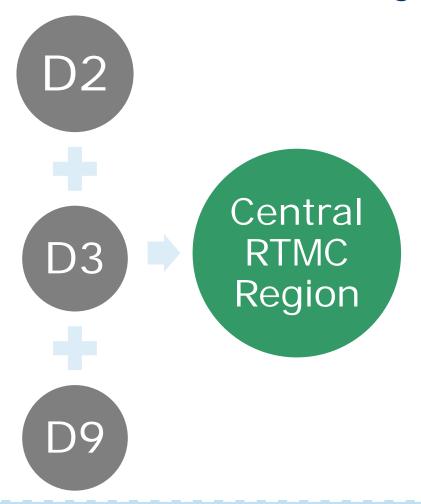
TSMO Regions within Pennsylvania



Each Region will have its own ROP



- Prior Each District-Generated
- Current ROP is based on entire region





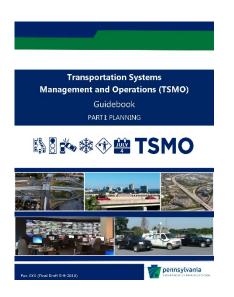






ROP Process

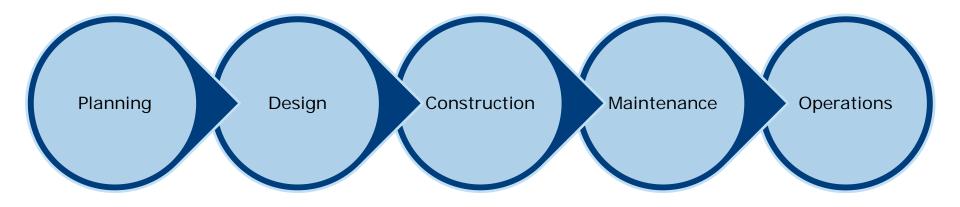
- Complements the TSMO Program Plan
 - Regional Approach to Traffic Operations
 - Regional Implementation of TSMO Strategies
- TSMO Guidebook
 - Meet federal requirements to ITS planning (23 CFR 940)
 - Integrate/mainstream ITS and operations planning into the overall transportation process, per FHWA guidance



Goal is to integrate operations of our transportation system into a project life cycle

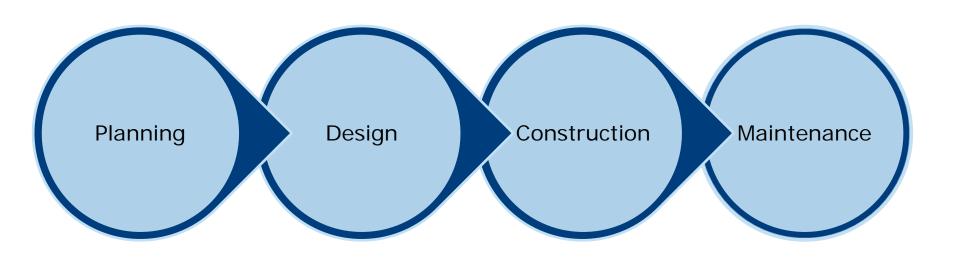


Project Life Cycle – Perceived (Operations Included)





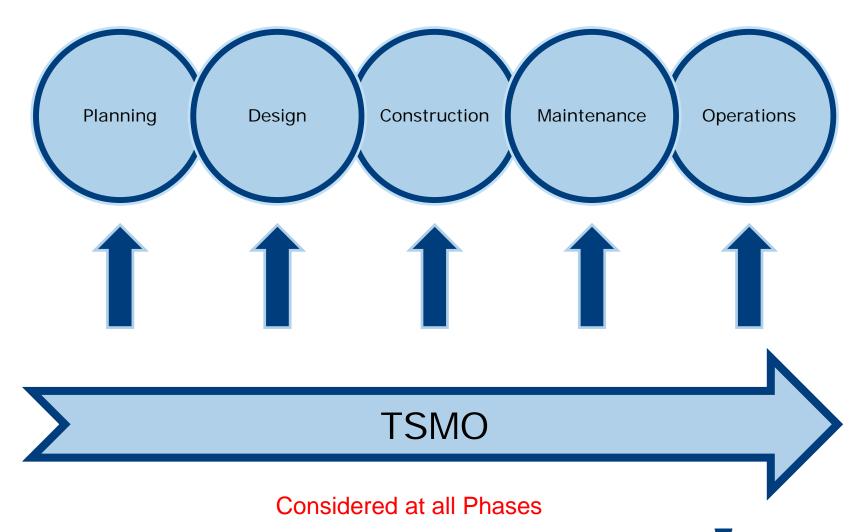
Project Life Cycle - Reality (Operations Not Included)







Project Life Cycle – Ideal (Seat at the Table)



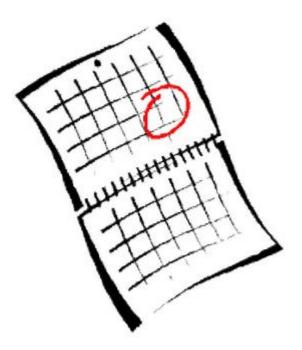


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- 4 Steering Committee Meetings
- 3 round of Stakeholder Meetings at each District in the Region (D2, D3, and D9)
- Start: January 2018
- Finish: December 2018





Steering Committee

- Composition
- JACOBS
 - PennDOT BOMO
 - PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management
 - PennDOT Districts 2, 3, and 9
 - FHWA
 - PA Turnpike
- Purpose
 - Met prior to each stakeholder round to review and refine message and material to be presented to stakeholders



Stakeholder Committee

Composition

- PennDOT BOMO
- PennDOT Center for Program Development and Management
- PennDOT Districts 2, 3, and 9
- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs)
- National Weather Service, State College (NOAA)
- Transit Organizations
- PA Turnpike
- PA State Police

Purpose

Provide input in breakout sessions by reviewing
 OneMaps on each phase of the ROP development



- Held on March 1, 2018 at PennDOT District 2-0
- Provided overview of material to be presented at first stakeholder meetings
- Discussed relevance of needs identified in previous ROPs
- Discussed PennDOT One Map tool



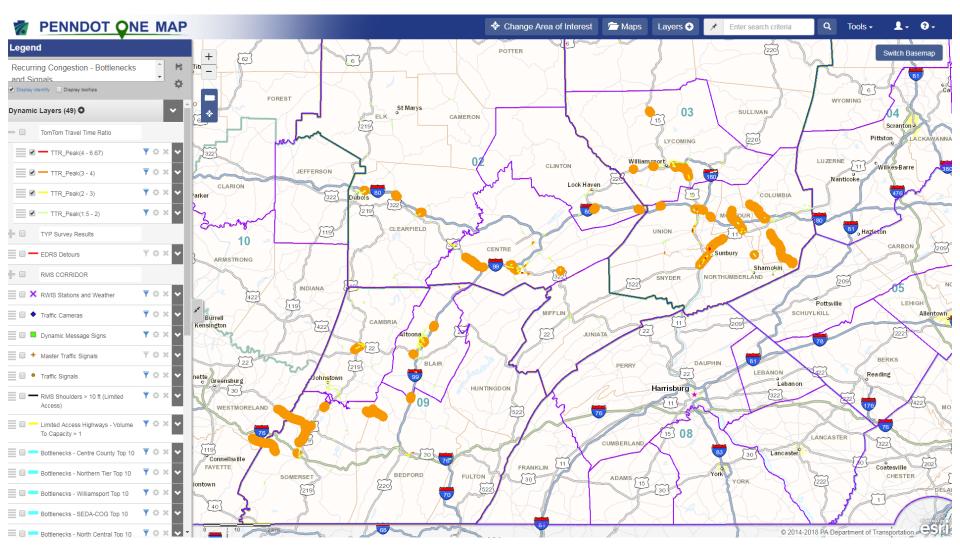


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Regional Operations Needs and Issues - One Map



Congestion and Safety Concerns from INRIX, CDART, Bottlenecks

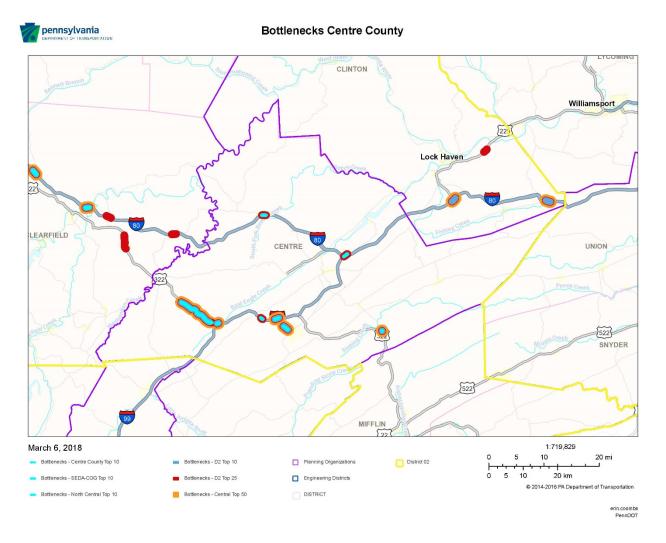


Stakeholder Meetings (Round 1)

- Held in March-April 2018
- Provided overview of...
 - TSMO
 - Previous District ROP
 - Process for current ROP
- Introduced PennDOT One Map tool
- Breakout sessions discussing initial maps of One Map data
 - Bottlenecks
 - Crash clusters
 - Special events

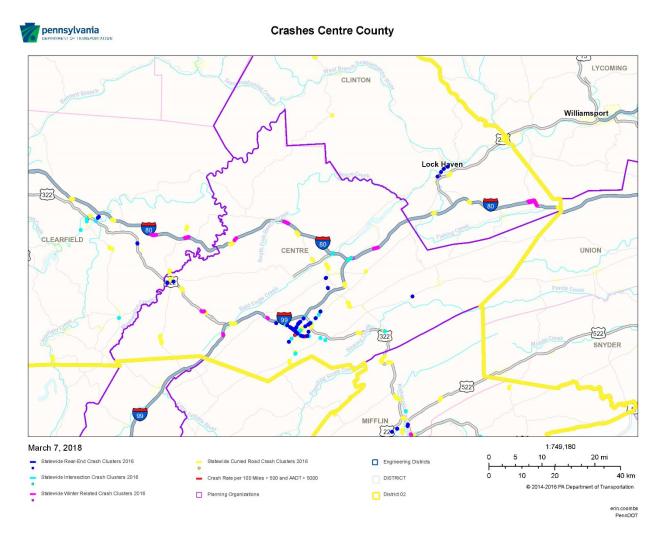


One Map - Bottlenecks



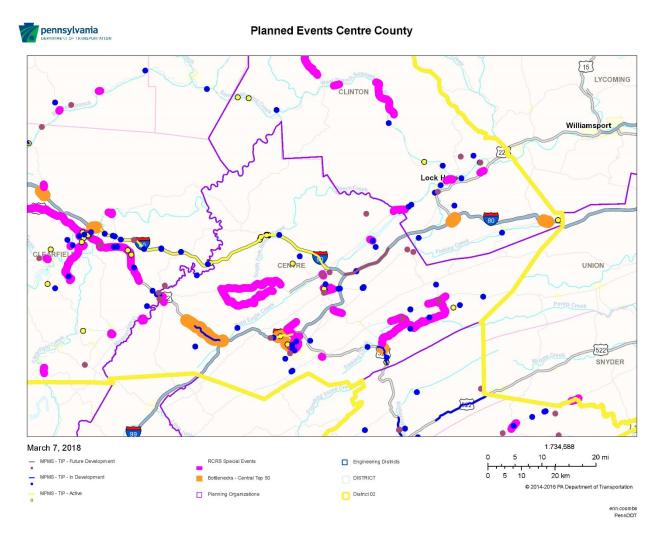


One Map - Crashes





One Map – Special Events





- Held on May 11, 2018 at PennDOT District 2-0
- Provided overview of material to be presented at second stakeholder meetings
- Discussed identified regional issues and needs
- Provide update to group on emerging technologies



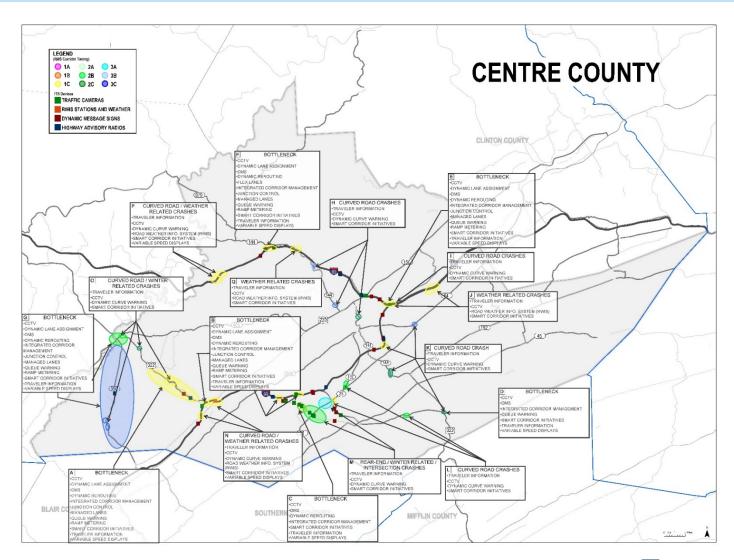


Stakeholder Meetings (Round 2)

- Held in May-June 2018
- Discussed tools and strategies from the TSMO Guidebook
- Discussed role of traffic signal improvements and connected vehicle technologies in the ROP process
- Breakout sessions discussing regional issues and needs developed based on One Map data and stakeholder input

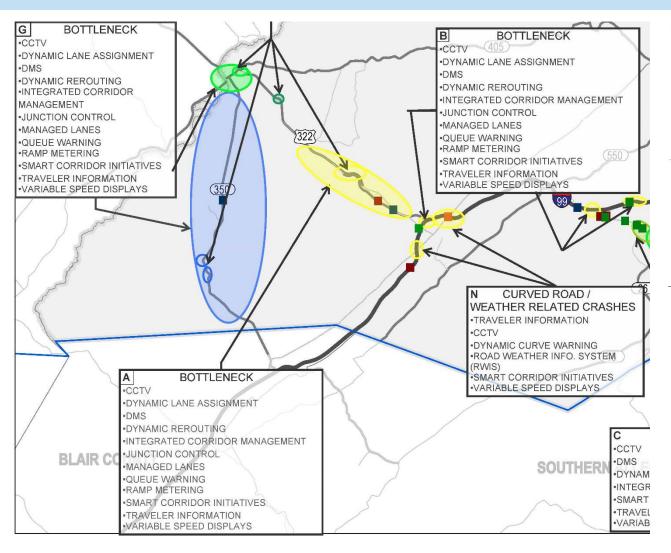


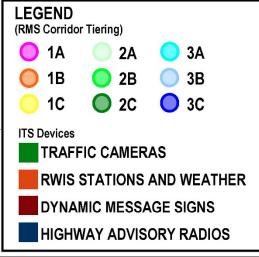
Issues and Needs Maps





Issues and Needs Maps







- Held on August 2, 2018 at PennDOT District 2-0
- Provided overview of material to be presented at final stakeholder meetings
- Discussed initial list of projects and the prioritization criteria for project ranking





Comparative Need

- Data taken from PennDOT One Map
- Top Bottlenecks
- TomTom Travel Time Ratio
- Crash Cluster Rates

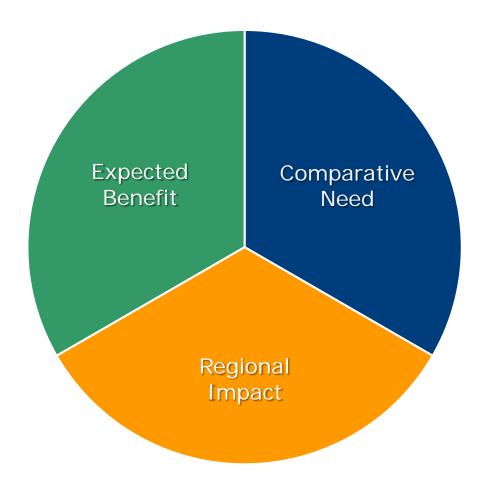
Regional Impact

- TSMO Roadway Tiering considers ADT, NHS, Limited Access
- Significant Corridors For D2: SR 255, SR 3014

Expected Benefit

Qualitative benefit of each potential upgrade –
 Engineering judgment and stakeholder input __

Overall Weighting





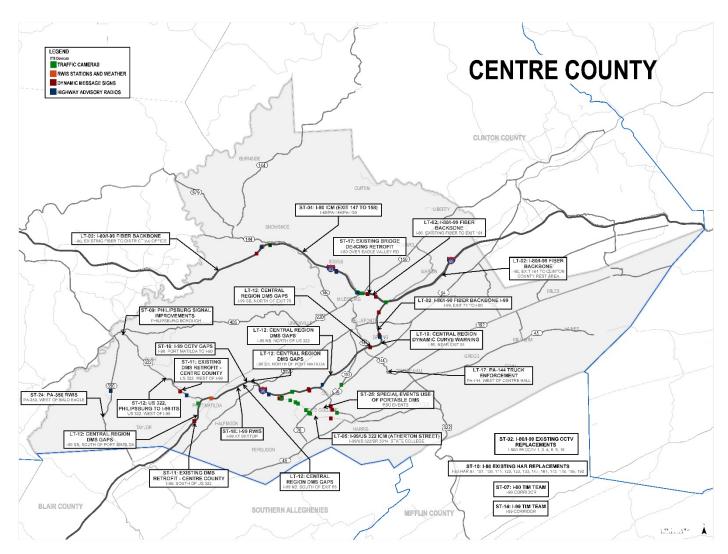
Stakeholder Meetings (Round 3)

- Held in August 2018
- Discussed potential ROP projects
- Discussed prioritization and ranking of projects
- Discussed how ROP will be incorporated into planning cycle in the future



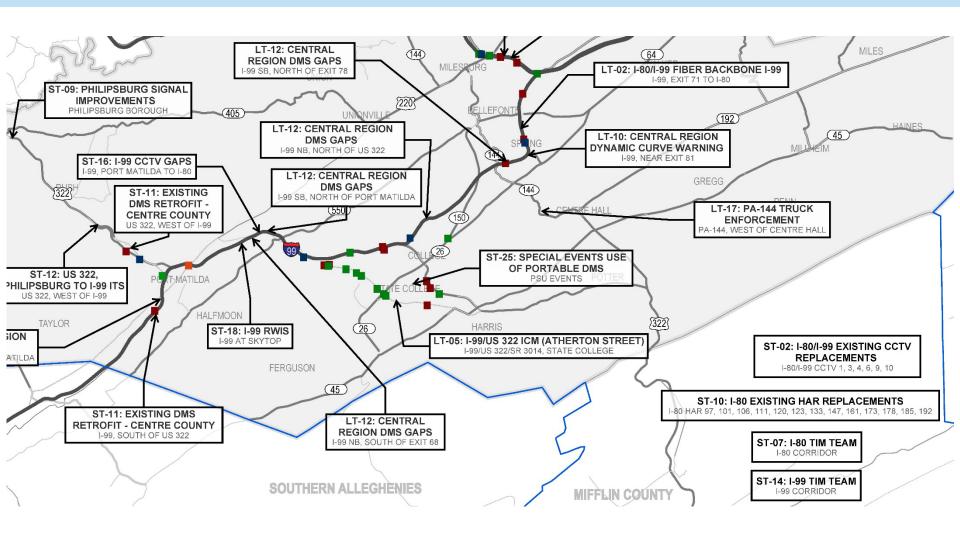


Final Project Maps





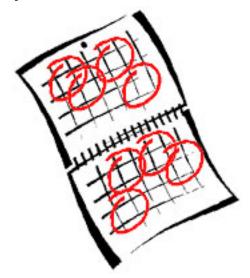
Final Project Maps





- Held on October 9, 2018 at PennDOT District 2-0
- Refined final list of projects to be included in ROP document
- Discussed future ROP coordination and maintenance of the document
- Discussed Required Steps-lessons learned







Final Project Summary

- 25 short-term projects
- 17 long-term projects
- Project Types
 - DMS, CCTV, and RWIS
 - Integrated Corridor Management
 - Regional Fiber Backbone
 - Dynamic Curve Warning + other safety improvements

Costs

- District 2 = \$32.6 M
- District 3 = \$30.5M
- District 9 = \$21.2M
- Central RTMC Region Total = \$84.3M



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- Complete ROP update 4 years
- Interim update 2 years
- Align with TIP update schedule → publish ROP updates early in year prior to TIP







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Required Steps-Lessons Learned

- Executive buy-in from the inception
- Strong relationships with planning partners-S
- Consider assigning MPMS number
- Align ROP with fiscal year
- Separate ROP Working Groups (Safety, MPO, Maintenance, 911 Centers, Executive)
- District Executive Briefing-Buck Stops Here









MPMS-Tracking System

- Preliminary Design
- Final Design
- Utility

- Right of Way
- Construction
- Includes description, milestone dates, costs

