

Responses to Asset Management presentation questions – 8/27/19

MPO Workshop

1. What is your role in implementing an asset management approach?
 - a. Duluth MPO – arrange meetings between all the road jurisdictions to get on board with performance based planning.
 - b. Metro COG – work with local govt to think about getting maintenance activities into plans. Maintaining critical infra. In plans.
 - c. Mike Duluth/Superior – have a plan to coordinate and centralize data and plan components
 - d. STC MPO – collect data, reporting it. There's also a disconnect between politics (which might pick projects directly) and staff at MPO and their DDDM (data driven decision-making). AM is not a sleek sexy think elected officials gravitate to. Funding decisions often not at the MPO level.
2. What are local agencies talking about?
 - a. Education the locals that AM is critical. Help them understand the trade-off decision making process. Who is going to be the purveyor of the information and shepherding the process.
 - b. Its hard to break previous/existing project selection and programming processes
 - c. ATPs not fully sold on process and is difficult to adopt to programming steps
 - d. Find a champion
 - e. Data collection efforts are hard at MPOs because of lack of resources. Both human and financial.
 - f. How to think about splitting funding between preservation vs maintenance
3. What are your barriers to implementing AM?
 - a. Existing and future funding limitations
 - b. Have an elected official be a champion
 - c. Those in power are not interested in AM.
 - d. Can be too many other big risks that need immediate attention
 - e. Breaking away from a worst-first strategy
 - f. MPO directors can make this into his/her workplan to prioritize if they really wanted to.
 - g. AM process should come before any public engagement component that is part of any planning process/plan update.