ALCP Policies and Procedures Update

Transportation Review Committee

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ALCP Overview

- The Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) serves as the financial management tool for the arterial component of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

- The program is guided by the ALCP Policies and Procedures, last approved by Regional Council on December 9, 2009

Managers Working Group

- On April 29, 2013, the Managers Working Group was convened to discuss changes to the Policies

- There was general consensus to:
  1. Strengthen Project Commitment
  2. Better define the annual program development/budget process
  3. Develop a toolkit of program rebalancing methodologies

- The Managers Working Group asked that the ALCP Working Group address develop specific revisions to accomplish these ends

Strengthen Project Commitment

- Two elements were added to the policies to strengthen project commitment

  1. Require an Annual City Manager Commitment Letter

  2. Creation of Programming Principles

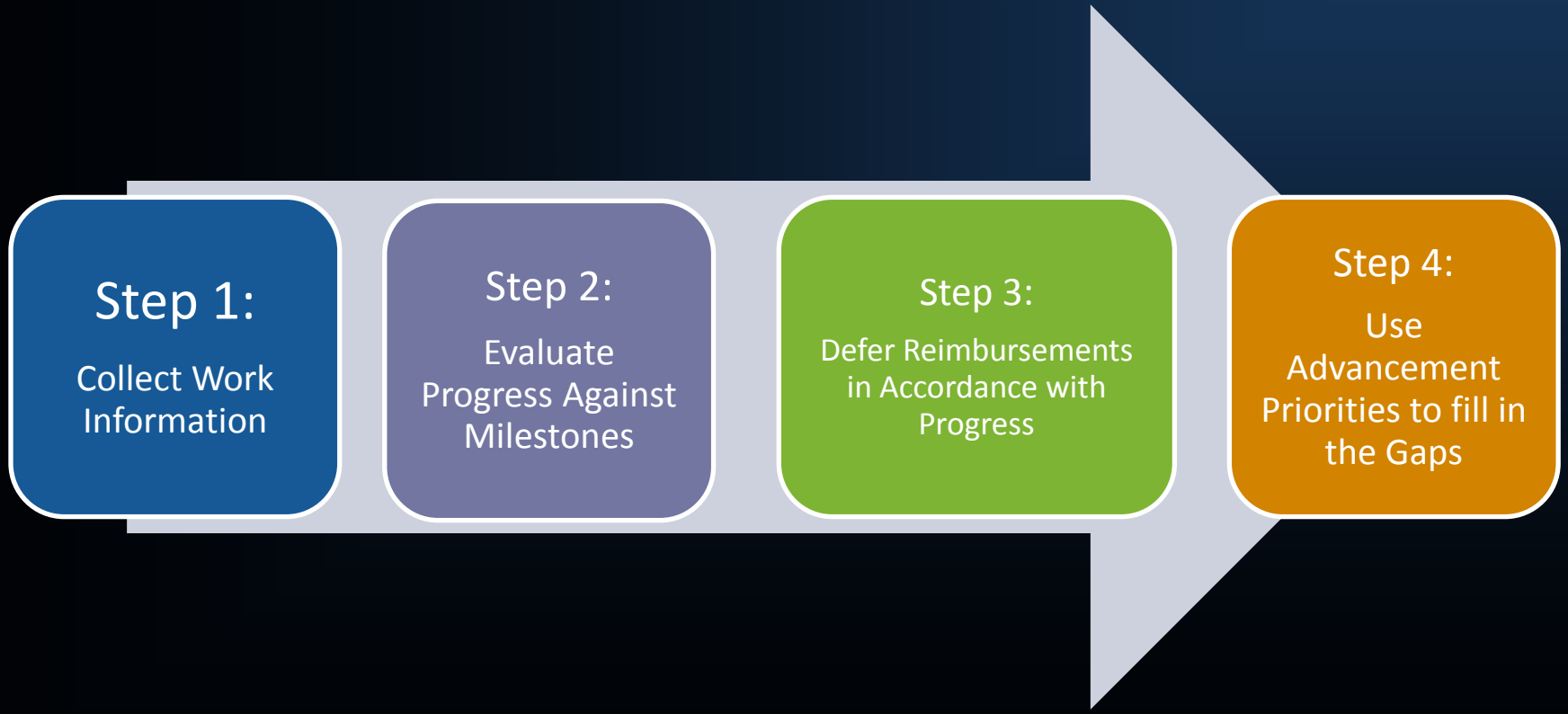
Project Commitment: Programming Principles

- The ALCP Working Group first looked at the feasibility of a deferral policy
  - Challenges associated with such a policy were identified
- Discussions moved to inclusion of programming principles
  - Proactive approach to project commitment
  - Ensures regional reimbursement is there when it’s needed, and isn’t tied up when it’s not

Programming Principles

- The policy addresses reimbursements programmed in the short-term
- Establishes work-based milestones as the basis of programming decisions during the annual update
- Advancement priorities were created to fill in the gaps

Programming Principles



Annual Program Development/Budget Process

- The Managers Working Group requested more involvement when there is a program deficit/surplus

- Policies were revised so that:
  1. Any program deficit/surplus first goes to the Managers Working Group for direction
  2. A toolbox of rebalancing methodologies will provide options for their consideration

Update Policies for Lessons Learned

1. Document the federal fund invoice approval and payment process

2. Streamline administrative requirements

3. Address match requirement for federally funded projects

Match Requirement for Federal Projects

- Current Policies: Entire federal reimbursement and 30% match must be federally eligible
- Revised Policies: Only the federal reimbursement and minimum federal match must be federally eligible
  - The remaining match must be eligible under the ALCP Policies
  - This will apply to expenditures retroactively
  - Generate consistency between federally funded ALCP projects and RARF funded ALCP projects

Requested Action:

Recommend approval of the proposed revisions to the Arterial Life Cycle Program Policies and Procedures