

# Federal Transportation New Requirements and Constraints

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# What has changed?

- Oversight from the Federal Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has increased drastically in the last year. Obligated funds and how long those funds have or will be on a project has surfaced as a top priority. Although the OIG had previously focused on such processes they had not strongly enforced the regulations. They are now!
- This is a federal mandate coming from Washington DC.



# What is the Focus?

- **Inactives are projects where federal funds have been requested, but have sat dormant for 9 months. These are considered improper obligations where a decision by the federal government can be made to remove the federal obligation.**
- **Project End Dates are dates defined by phase. Thus a project end date is actually a phase end date.**



# Are all funds involved?

- Yes all funds are involved.
  - UPWP – PL funds and funds transferred for planning purposes
  - STP – even transferred funds to PL.
  - CMAQ – even transferred funds to PL.
  - TAP
  - HSIP – even transferred funds to PL or STP.
- Inactives and Project End Dates do not distinguish between programs, projects, or political desires.
- Every federal program, every project, every phase has a project end date.
- Every project can go inactive.



# Prevention measures

- For PE, RW, UT, RR, and CE - Make sure you do not request federal funds to be authorized unless the work will begin within 6 – 8 weeks of your request.
- UPWP PL funds carry a 18 month window for the 1<sup>st</sup> year funding. When the 2<sup>nd</sup> year funds are added, the project end date is pushed out to the 30<sup>th</sup> month from the beginning of the 1<sup>st</sup> year. Unless the 1<sup>st</sup> year date lapses before you apply the 2<sup>nd</sup> year funding. If this happens, you have 18 months and have lost the ability to seek reimbursement for any remaining funds for the 1<sup>st</sup> year.
- Make certain you and/or your consultant understands INDOT must receive an invoice as often as possible. No less than quarterly and preferably once a month.



# Warning

- Do not wait until all work has been completed and do not allow your consultant to do the same.
- Know that any funds expected for reimbursement are in jeopardy if the project falls into inactive or the project/phase date ends.
- A project can and will go inactive before the project end date. The project end date will not protect the project if it is inactive.



# Wrap up

- Questions?

