

5.11 Project Timelines

On March 5, 2026, the MPO Transportation Policy Committee finalized and adopted project timelines and policies to facilitate the efficient and effective expenditure of federal funds and to guide each jurisdiction to make a good-faith effort to comply with the project timeline established by the MPO.

TIP Project Timelines	
MPO Commitment Letter to P.E. Contract - All projects	9 months
P.E. Contract to PS&E Approval – Capacity/reconstruction projects	Up to 5.5 years
P.E. Contract to PS&E Approval – New construction projects	Up to 5.5 years
P.E. Contract to PS&E Approval – Intersection projects	2.5 years
P.E. Contract to PS&E Approval – Sidewalk/pathway projects	3 years
P.E. Contract to PS&E Approval – Other (lighting, ITS, signage projects)	1.5 years

- If a delay occurs due to not meeting the target date for **PE contract approval**, a 90-day extension shall be granted by the MPO.
- If the project fails to meet the target date set by the **90-day extension** period for PE contract approval, the commitment of Federal STBG or TA funds for the project will be strongly considered for withdrawal.
- If a delay occurs due to not meeting a target date for **PS&E approval**, a one-year extension shall be granted by the MPO.
- If the project fails to meet the target date set by the **one-year extension period**, the commitment of Federal STBG or TA funds for the project will be withdrawn, and the project sponsor can apply for reallocation of funds during the next call for projects.
- If a project encounters **unforeseen and extraordinary circumstances** beyond the control of the responsible jurisdiction, the responsible jurisdiction may request a project schedule extension approved by MPO vote.
- Projects that do not meet a Categorical Exclusion for environmental review shall be given up to 18 months to complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) and up to 24 months to complete an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). **The additional time allocated for EA and/or EIS** shall be added to the total project life.
- Timelines will be established on the project application within the adopted schedules by project type.