Using Your Management Systems to Increase Resilience to Climate Change

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 Transportation systems are already exposed to the elements











- Existing management systems manage risks associated with climate, e.g.:
 - How much \$ do we need to set aside annually to repair damage from extreme heat, floods, etc?
 - When investing in new infrastructure, how do we design it so it can withstand local climate?
 - What operational contingencies do we have in place for when storms disrupt all or part of our system?



- Climate change may:
 - Increase severity of weather events experienced
 - Increase frequency that extreme events occur
 - Introduce new extreme weather events currently not common at a given site



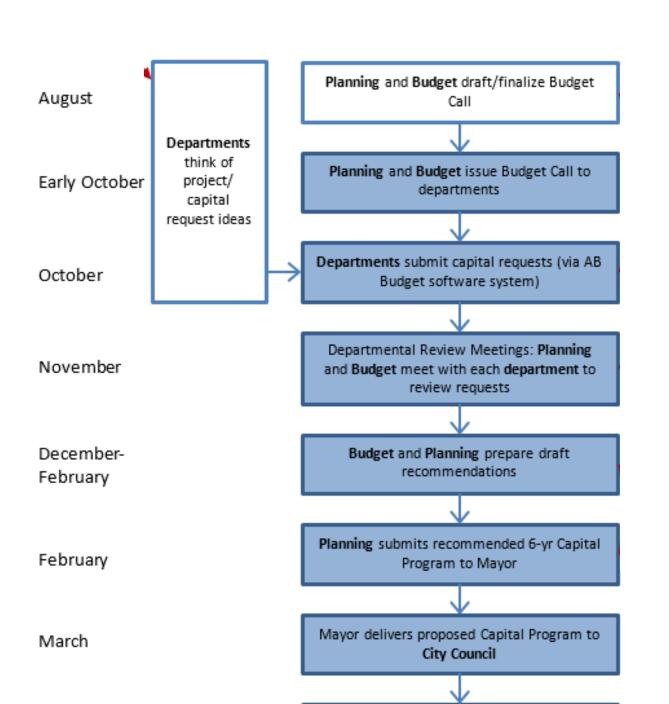
 Existing management systems can address climate change— they just need some adjustments

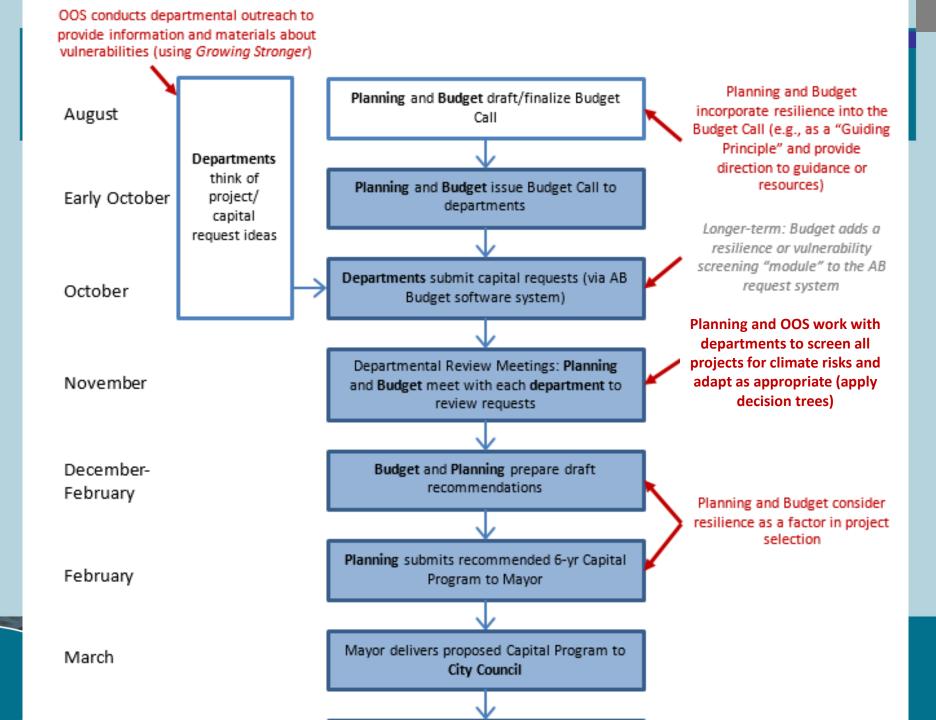


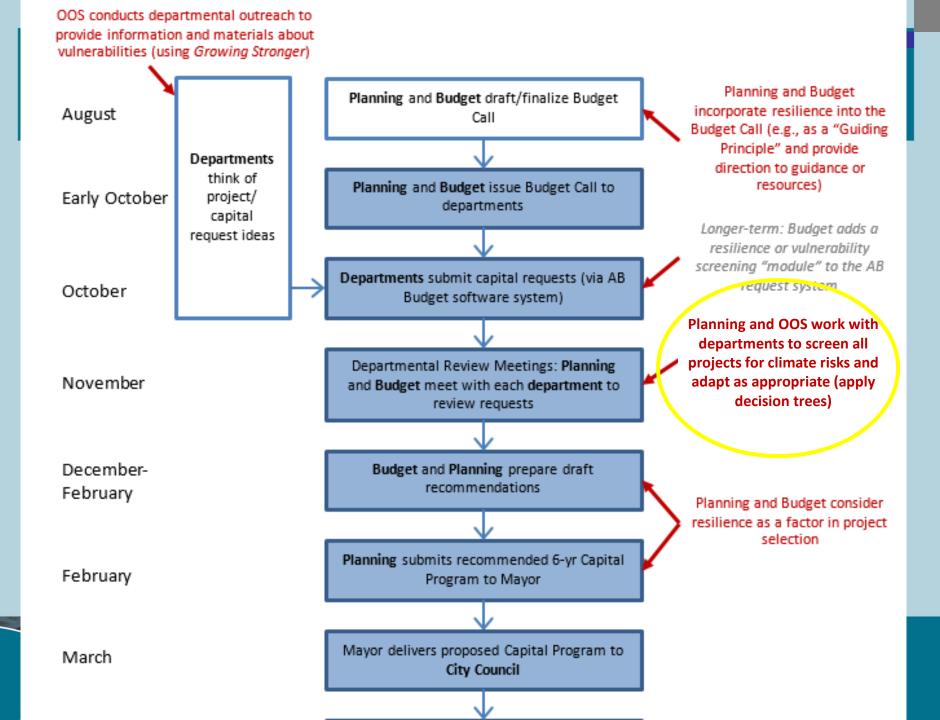
Example: Capital Planning in Philadelphia

- Growing Stronger: Toward a Climate-Ready Philadelphia
 - Recommendation: Integrate climate considerations into Capital Program and annual capital budgeting process
- Capital investments are particularly vulnerable to climate change
- Considering climate change early on can reduce costs down the road

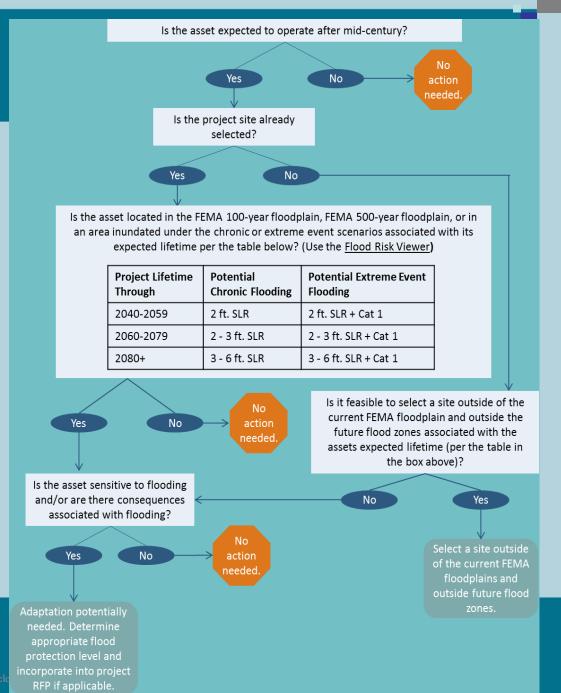








Example decision tree for flood risk screening





Example: Integrating Climate Change into Airport Management Systems

- Challenges:
 - Lack of existing guidance and best practices for addressing climate change risks in existing airport management systems



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- Challenges:
 - Climate change resiliency efforts might not happen organically
 - Not required
 - Risks not always well-understood
 - Near-term planning horizons sometimes obscures need to act now for future climate



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- Upcoming Resource:
 - Handbook for integrating climate change into airport management processes
 - Being developed under ACRP 02-74

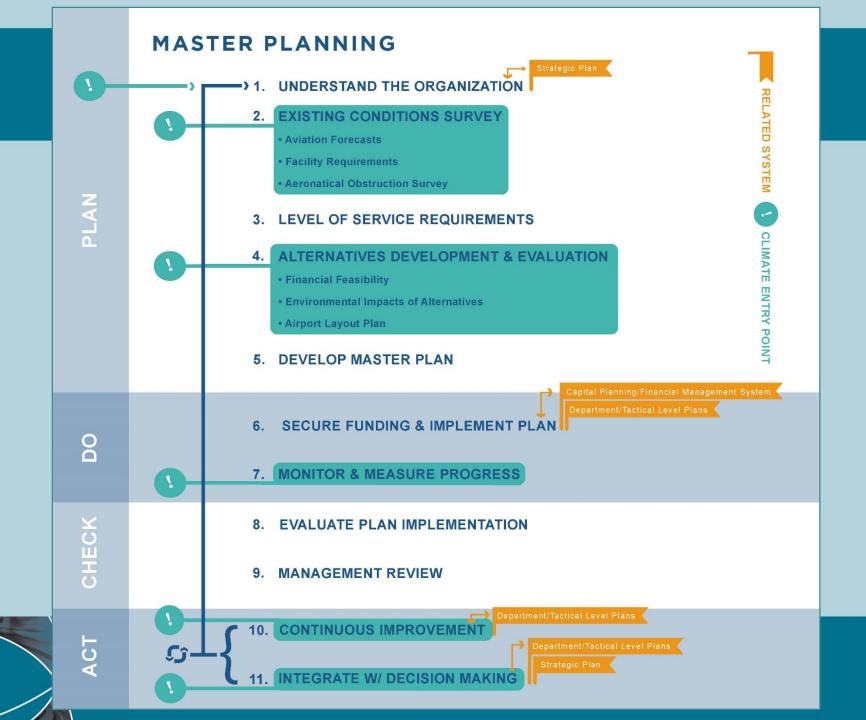


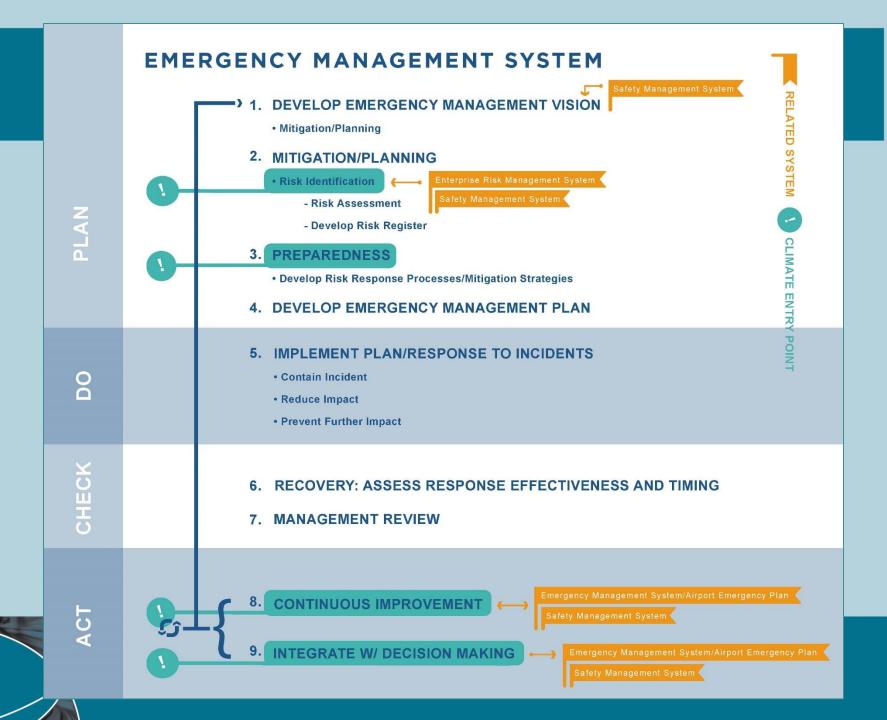
ACRP 02-74 Handbook

- 7 management system flowcharts that show climate entry points
- Guidance on identifying local climate change impacts, and relevant airport systems that will be affected
- Strategies for integrating climate change into those systems









Key Presentation Take-Aways

- Climate resiliency efforts are most effective when integrated into existing processes
- Since transportation agencies already deal with climate and weather, it's a matter of adjusting existing processes
- Climate resiliency efforts don't always happen automatically. New efforts like ACRP 02-74 will help provide guidance on how to address climate change.



Questions?

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