

# MnDOT: Managing risks thru the Construction-let Budget Setting Process

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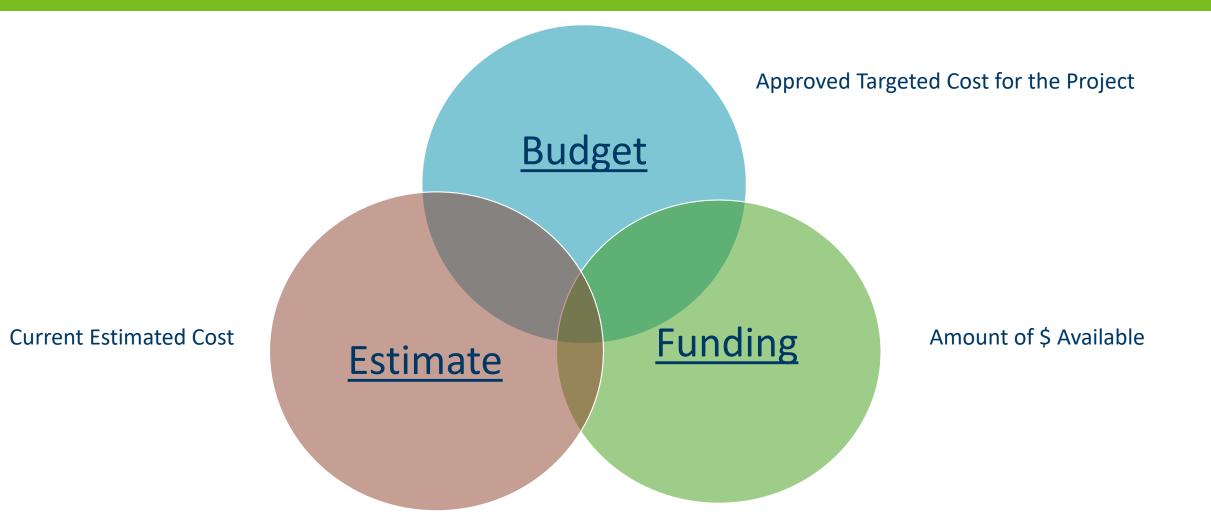
### So What is New?

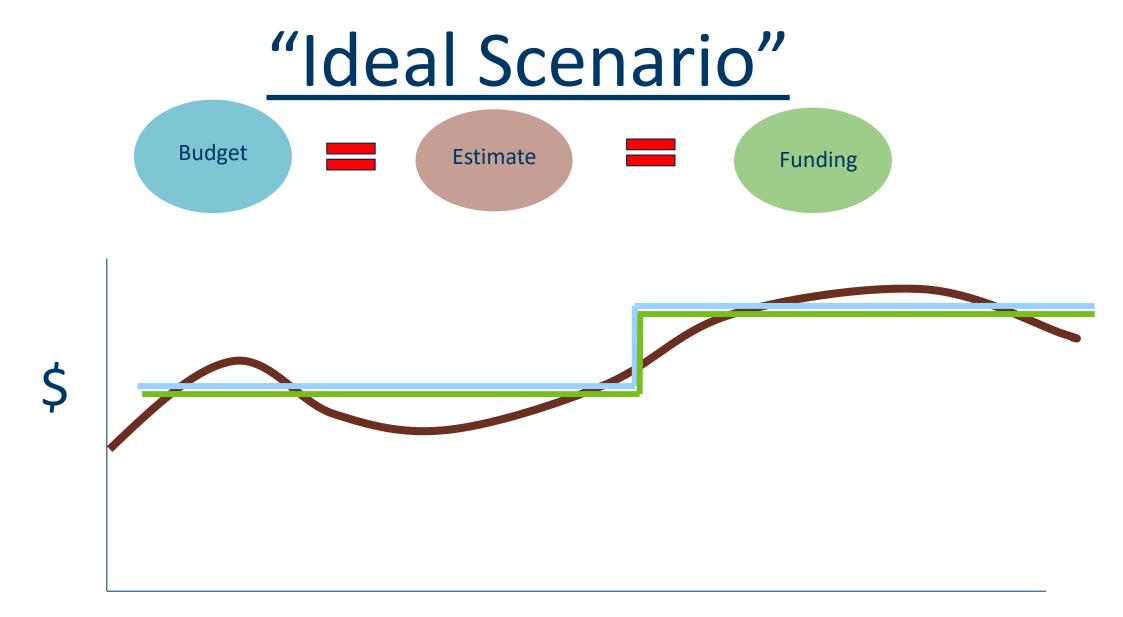
• Are Budgets new to MnDOT?



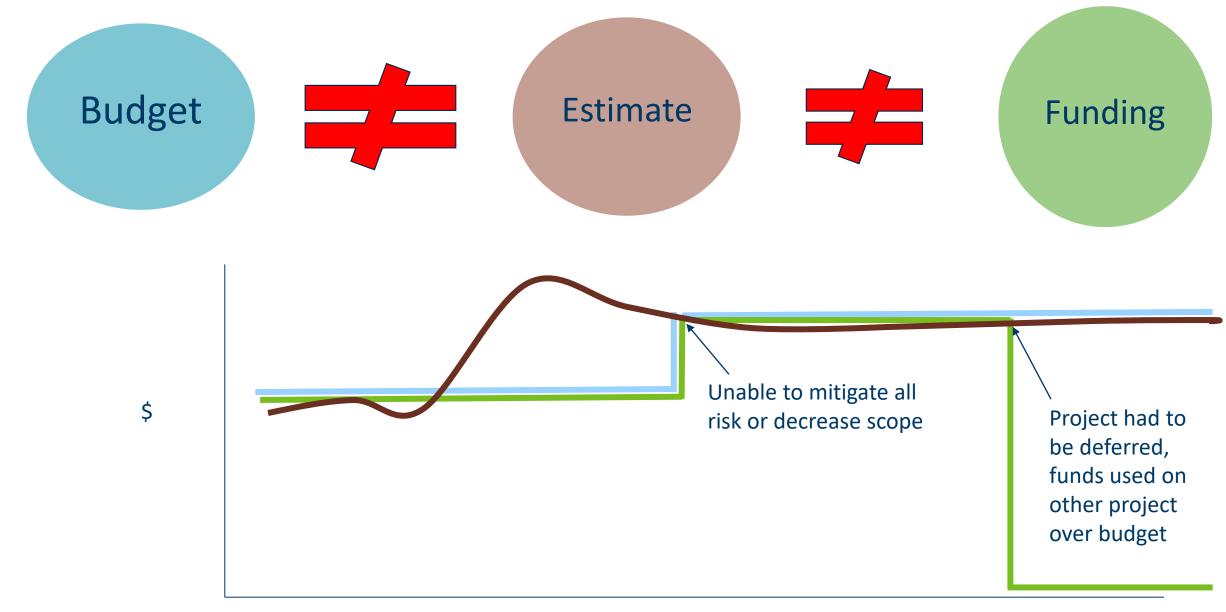
• Improved processes to set, track, and adjust project budgets

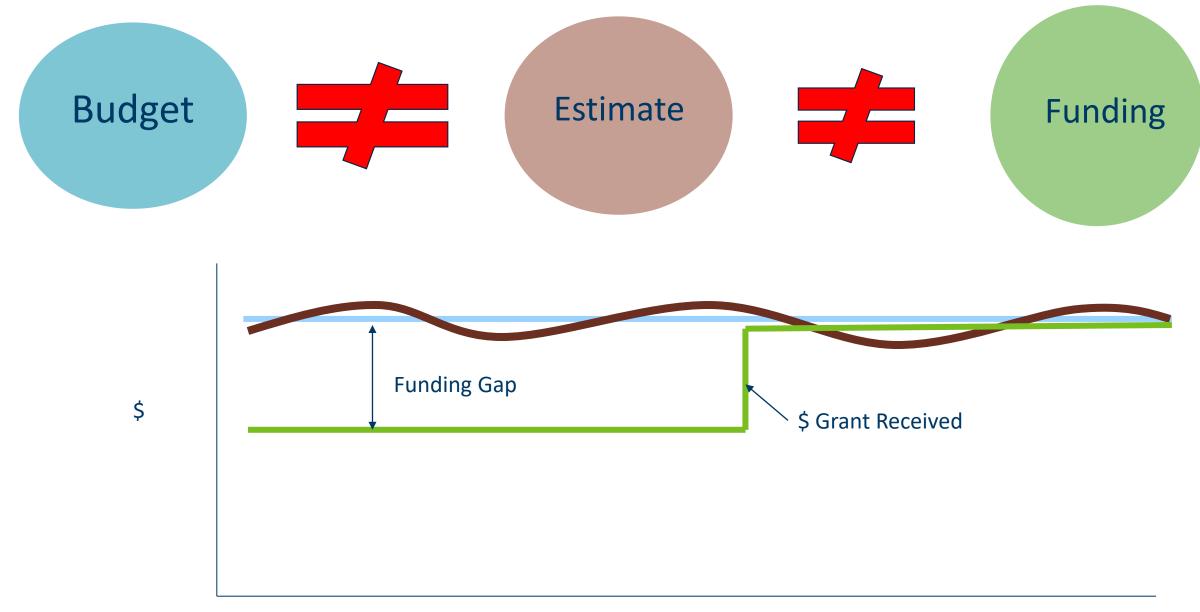
### Three Key Elements





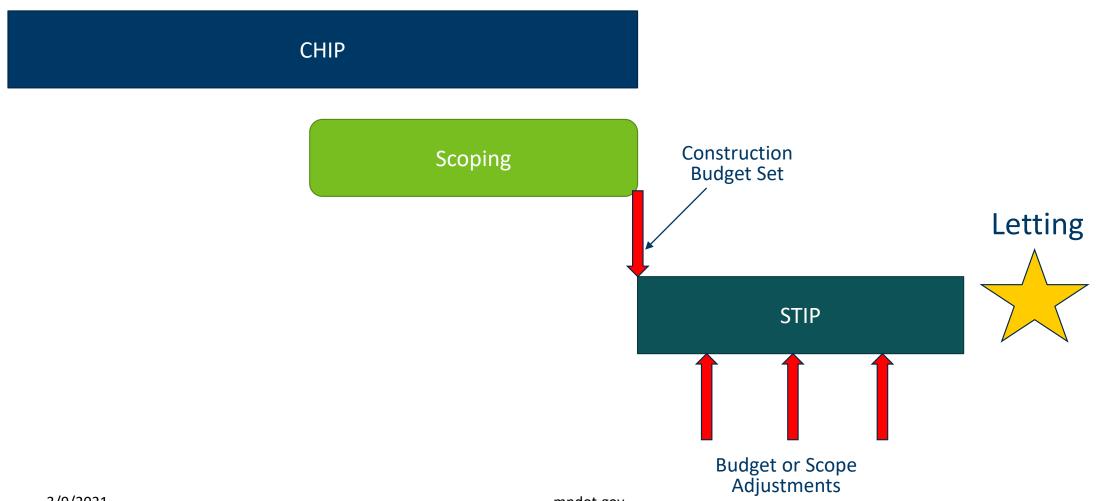






#### Time

### Programmed Projects Budget Setting Timeline & Updates



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### Level 1 Projects

### LEVEL 1

- Significant Cost- >20% of District Construction Budget
- High Profile
- Most Complex
- Higher Impacts
- Special Funding Programs



#### **Risk and Monte Carlo Analysis**

### **Budget Set by Major Project Leadership Team**

### Level 2 & 3 Projects

### LEVEL 2

- Moderate Cost 5-20% of district program
- Moderate Profile
- "Normal" risks

### LEVEL 3

- Lower Cost <5%
- Low Complexity

Project Manager Recommends Budget

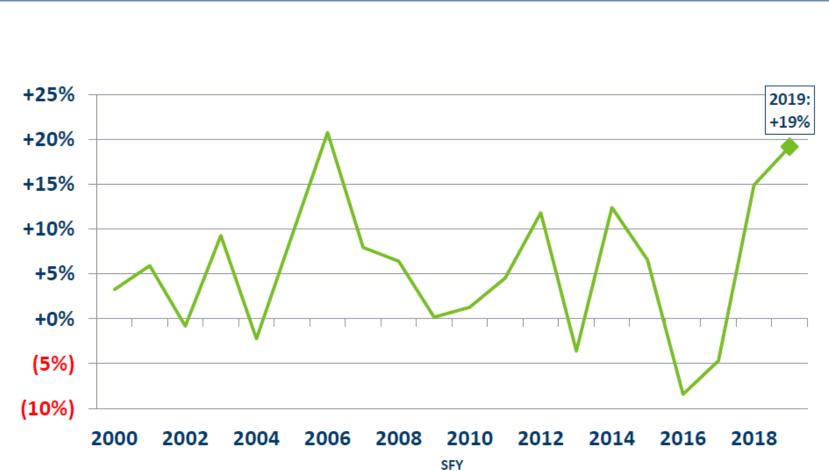
District Engineer Approves Budget and Changes Project Manager Recommends Budget

Assistant District Engineer Approves Budget and Changes

### Challenges with Budgets

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### **MnDOT Highway Construction Annual Inflation Rate History**



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# Why Will Budgets Change

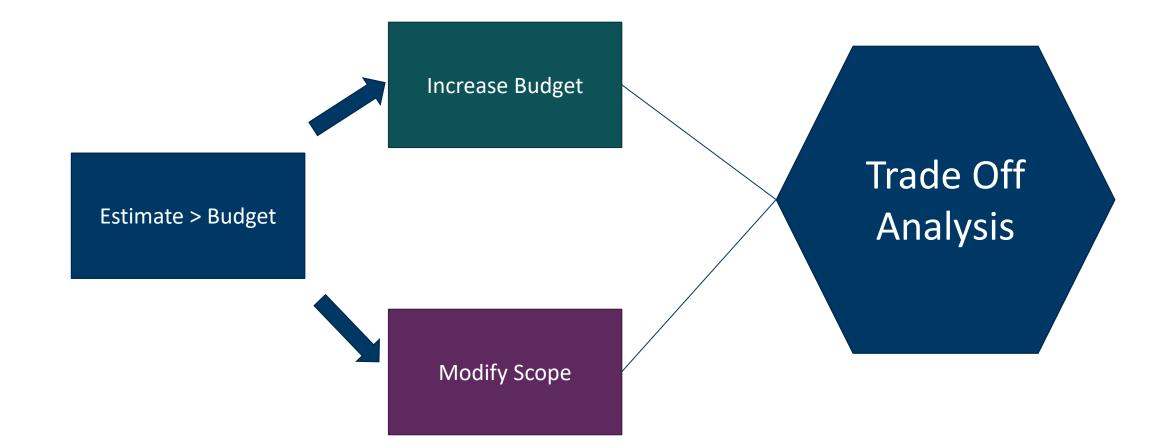


Project Cost

Budget Set Here Highest possible. Total Project Cost Estimate Significant Risks Realized Cost Range Few Risks Realized Lowest possible Total Project Cost Estimate Planning Design Letting Scoping

#### Project Development Process

## Changing Budgets



### Programmed and Unprogrammed Projects





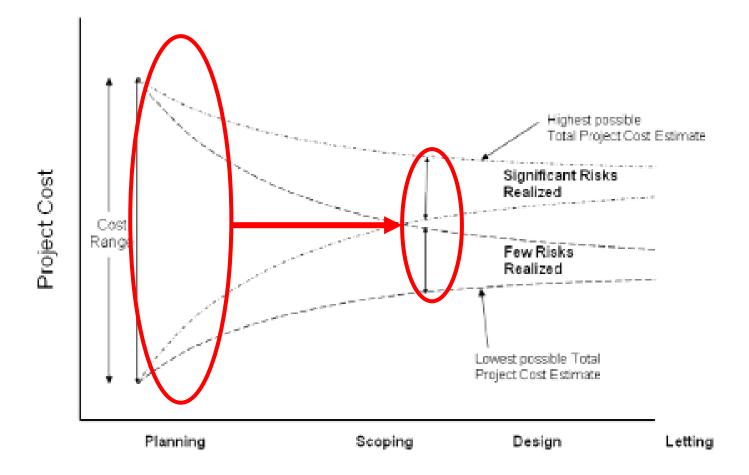
#### How can budget process help these projects?

### Cost Estimate Risk

 Table II.3-1. Cost Estimate Classification System

Project Development Phase	Project Maturity (% project definition completed)	Purpose of the Estimate	Estimating Methodology	Estimate Range
Planning	0 to 2%	<b>Conceptual Estimating</b> Estimate Potential Funds Needed (20-year plan)	Parametric (Stochastic or Judgment)	-50% to +200%
	1% to 15%	<b>Conceptual Estimating</b> Prioritize Needs for Long Range Plans (HIP – 10-year plan)	Parametric or Historical Bid-Based (Primarily Stochastic)	-40% to +100%
Scoping	10% to 30%	<b>Scope Estimating</b> Establish a Baseline Cost for Project and Program Projects (HIP and STIP)	Historical Bid-Based or Cost-Based (Mixed, but Primarily Stochastic)	-30% to +50%
Design	30% to 90%	<b>Design Estimating</b> Manage Project Budgets Against Baseline (STIP, Contingency)	Historical Bid-Based or Cost-Based (Primarily Deterministic)	-10% to +25%
Letting	90% to 100%	<b>PS&amp;E Estimating</b> Compare with Bid and Obligate Funds for Construction	Cost-Based or Historical Bid-Based Using CES (Deterministic)	-5% to +10%

## "Shelf Project" Confidence



#### Project Development Process



# Thank you again!

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