

21/24 THREE YEAR PLAN – MODERATION PROCESS

These notes have been compiled to outline the proposed moderation process to support the new operating model with Network teams working closely with their regional principal advisors in the finalisation and endorsement of their 3-year plan bid.

Why?

Funding uncertainty around the NLTP requires us to take a different approach to ensure we have the information to set budgets and programmes based on the optimal investment level or, if funding levels are reduced, the ability to prioritise investment levels.

By aligning our processes with the new operating model – particularly the roles of Programme and Standards (programme development, prioritisation and assurance) and Maintenance and Operations (programme development and delivery) the regional teams are empowered to work together in the development of fully tensioned bids.

Removing the need for moderation at a regional level, reduces the process by approximately 1 month and supports prioritisation and moderation at a National level to confirm budgets and programmes for the first year of the NLTP before the 1st of July.

How?

Network teams and P&S are required to work together and will need to engage fully with their local Principal Asset Investment Advisors (PAIA) and Principal Advisors (PA) for structures. There is an expectation that network plans are “fully tensioned” prior to submission and are submitted together with a formal record of assurance from the PAIA and PA structures.

National moderation will ensure that a consistent assessment has been applied to the submitted tensioned bids and will resolve any outstanding issues identified by the PAIA and PA structures in their regional assessment forms.

A Scenarios based approach will be utilised to enable prioritisation and allocation of budgets to match the funding available.

What?

A regional assessment form will be developed to record feedback from the PAIA and PA structures, and ultimately document their endorsement of the bid. SMO18 updates to be released by Friday 26th of March will reiterate requirements.

Scenarios will be developed by P&S with input from M&O leadership and will be informed by the Network Condition Call to Action investment workstream.

When?

The submission date for the 3-year plan bids remains as COB 1st of May with National moderation and prioritisation being undertaken between 7th May and 15th June. Budget allocations and programmes will be confirmed by the end of June; however, it should be noted, budget allocations are dependent on Board decisions for the overall NLTP allocation to SH Maintenance.