

## FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION

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## FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION &amp; RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION

- Federal Authorization:
  - Reimbursement Program funded primarily from the Federal Highway Trust Fund (requiring a Local Match currently 5.7% for Arizona).
  - Transportation Bill FAST Act initially expired September 30, 2020 but has been extended for one year.
  - Funding is distributed by both Apportionments (checks) and Obligation Authority (cash).
  - Obligation Authority is “use or lose” by September 30<sup>th</sup> – Funding packages must be submitted to ADOT for review by May 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Cannot fund design without construction programmed.
  - Enduring enough time is in schedule for project to deliver in year programmed.
  - Qualifies for the HURF swap program
- Resource Administration Responsibilities:
  - Project Review Board (PRB) Meeting
  - Construction Packets
  - Budget Increases
  - Construction Award Recaps
  - Construction Huddle
  - Monitor Receipt of local funds
  - Track/update Project End Dates
  - Inactive Projects

## UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA)

- Uniform Guidance
  - Applies to all non-Federal entities that administer Federal funds
  - FHWA delivers their program using Grant (project) Agreements
  - Codified at 2 CFR 200 (specifically 2 CFR Subpart A-F)
- See Electronic Code of Federal Regulations:
  - [www.ecfr.gov](http://www.ecfr.gov)
- Project Authorization/Funds Management
  - Projects must be properly authorized through various steps
  - Should a project meet inactive status project will have to adhere to inactive obligations
  - Closeout and Record Retention guidelines need to be met following project completion
  - Project Number should be reflected on all documents and reflect specific format
  - Six different types of Phases of Project Authorization
  - Increased Federal Share 23 USC 120(c)3
    - Promote innovative Technologies and Practices
    - Offers Additional 5% Federal Aid – with 100% share
    - [https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/resources/increased\\_federal\\_share.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/resources/increased_federal_share.cfm)