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**Answer 1:** Help FAA process grants!

**Answer 2:** Never hurts to make FAA happy!
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**Question:** WHEN do I need to have a CIP ready?

**Answer:**

- Continuously maintain a list of capital investment needs.

  Early Summer – Work with your consultant to refine CIP
  - Define
  - Prioritize
  - Estimate costs

  Summer – Meet with FAA and State to discuss CIP

  Fall/Early Winter – Finalize and submit to State and FAA
**Question:** HOW do I create an effective CIP?

**Answer:** Format - FAA/State doesn’t currently define format so may vary by airport.
Question: HOW do I create an effective CIP?
Answer:

Provide clear description of project
(Maps depicting projects are helpful)
- Mill and replace 2” of asphalt on Runway 13/31
- Reconstruct Runway 13/31
- Acquire 13.2 acres of land
- Install new PAPI on Runway 31
- Install new MIRL and replace associated regulator(s)
- Acquire new snowblower to replace 1972 snowblower
Question: HOW do I create an effective CIP?

Answer:

Define realistic funding plan

- Don’t use more entitlements than available.
- Discretionary request should be coordinated with FAA
- State Apportionment and state match request should be coordinate with State

Ensure projects are shown on approved ALP
Question: HOW do I create an effective CIP?

Answer:

Confirm timing is clear and considers prerequisites

• Planning completed?
• Received environmental clearances?
• Have local share?
• Design completed or will be?

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Question: HOW do I create an effective CIP?

Answer:

Clear need – Projects must be justified

- Project must meet not exceed FAA standards.
- Replacement/rehabilitation must be warranted and met useful life expectancy defined in FAA Order 5100.38.
Common Mistakes

*Lumping projects together*
- Rehabilitate RTA
- Rehabilitate airfield lighting

*Unrealistic funding*
- $750,000 in non-primary entitlements
- Identify the use of State Apportionment without State input
- Identify the use of Discretionary funds without FAA input
Why Effective CIP and Airport Planning are needed?

An ineffective CIP can lead to an undesirable destination
With that happy thought, who has the first question?