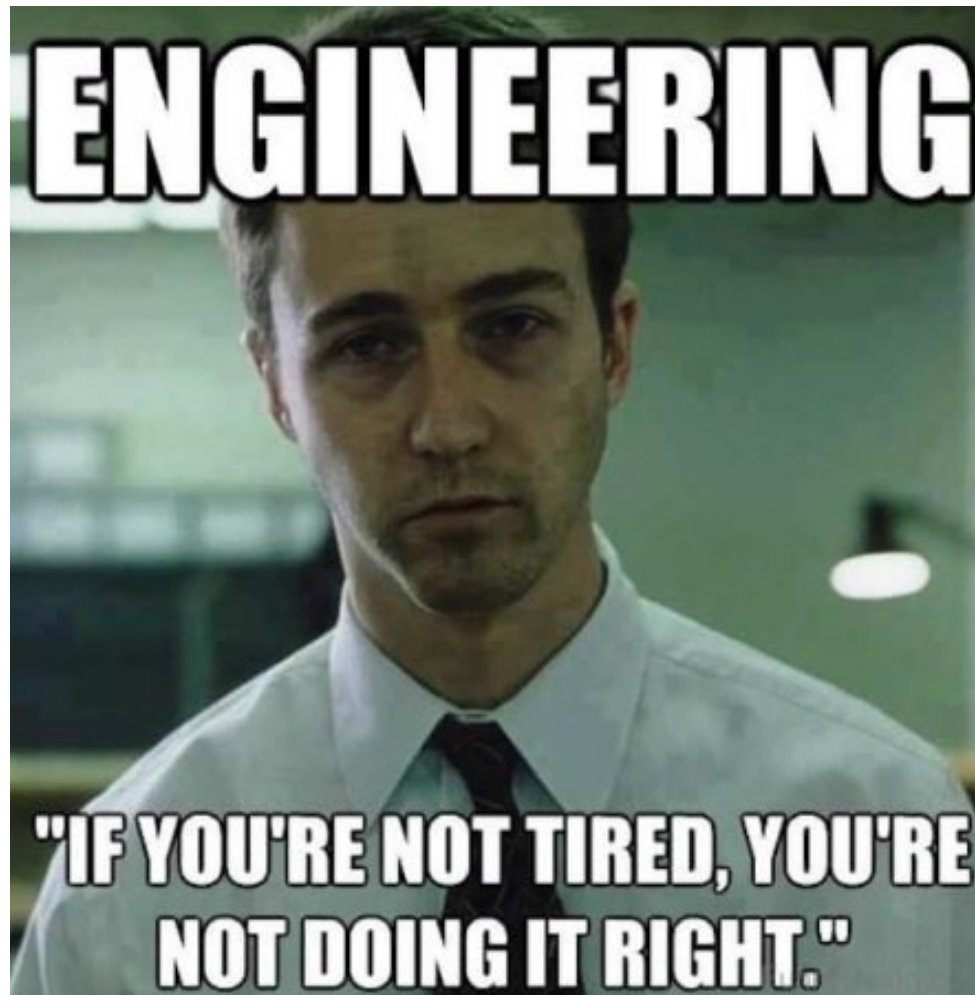




Local Partnership Program (LPP) Process Improvements

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Objective

The LPP vision focuses heavily on development of long term and sustainable partnerships, collaboration of transportation system needs, leveraging of agency investments and streamlining project time and cost.

- Funding and Project Selection Implementation
- Project Delivery Implementation
- Agreement Implementation (Cost Sharing and Maintenance)
- Contract Award Implementation
- LPP Measures Implementation

Local Partnership Program (LPP) Improvement Focus Areas

1. Give DSAE's and DE's more decision-making authority on projects.
2. Process improvements for level 2 and 3 projects/layouts because these projects stay at the district.
3. With local agencies designing, letting, and constructing the project, there should be less concern and/or comments because they do not need to follow MnDOT design preferences or practices. A locally led design plan does not need to look exactly like a MnDOT design plan- contractor need to know how to build it.
4. Give DE's/DSAE's more decision-making authority to maximize MnDOT's cost participation to the full extent as allowed by the Cost Participation Policy and not restricted with a narrow MnDOT focus, set on shifting costs to the local agency.
5. Provide flexibility to allow the district to balance funds across two (2) years, rather than every year, this would encourage larger projects that may have economy of scale.
6. Consider annual training for several MnDOT staff that have a role in review and approval of these projects. Training would focus on differences in program, streamlined processes, etc.
7. Annual training for district staff and local agencies on the program.
8. Develop a one pager for solicitation that includes - What to "expect" one-pager that goes along with the solicitation.
9. Consider developing clearer guidance for ROW requirements and process with OLM.

Local Partnership Program (LPP) Improvement Action Items/Priorities

1. Local agency projects initiated through the LPP should be considered as MnDOT projects for cost participation.
2. Eliminate CO review of all level 2 & 3 projects. Consider single-lane roundabouts as a level 2 & 3 project.
3. Develop cost participation review committee that includes Operations, State Aid, and Engineering Services for resolving cost participation differing opinions.
4. Give DSAE's and DE's more decision-making authority on projects.
5. Develop the project scope and a date to deliver with a MnDOT project manager/engineer and hold everyone to it.

