

Tools to Increase Certainty of Permit Approval Requirements

California Transportation Commission Workshop

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Assembly Bill 1282

AB 1282 was passed in late 2017 creating the multi-agency
Transportation Permitting Task Force

“Develop a structured, coordinated process for early engagement of all parties in the development of transportation projects to reduce permit processing time, establish reasonable deadlines for permit approvals, and provide for **greater certainty of permit approval requirements.**”



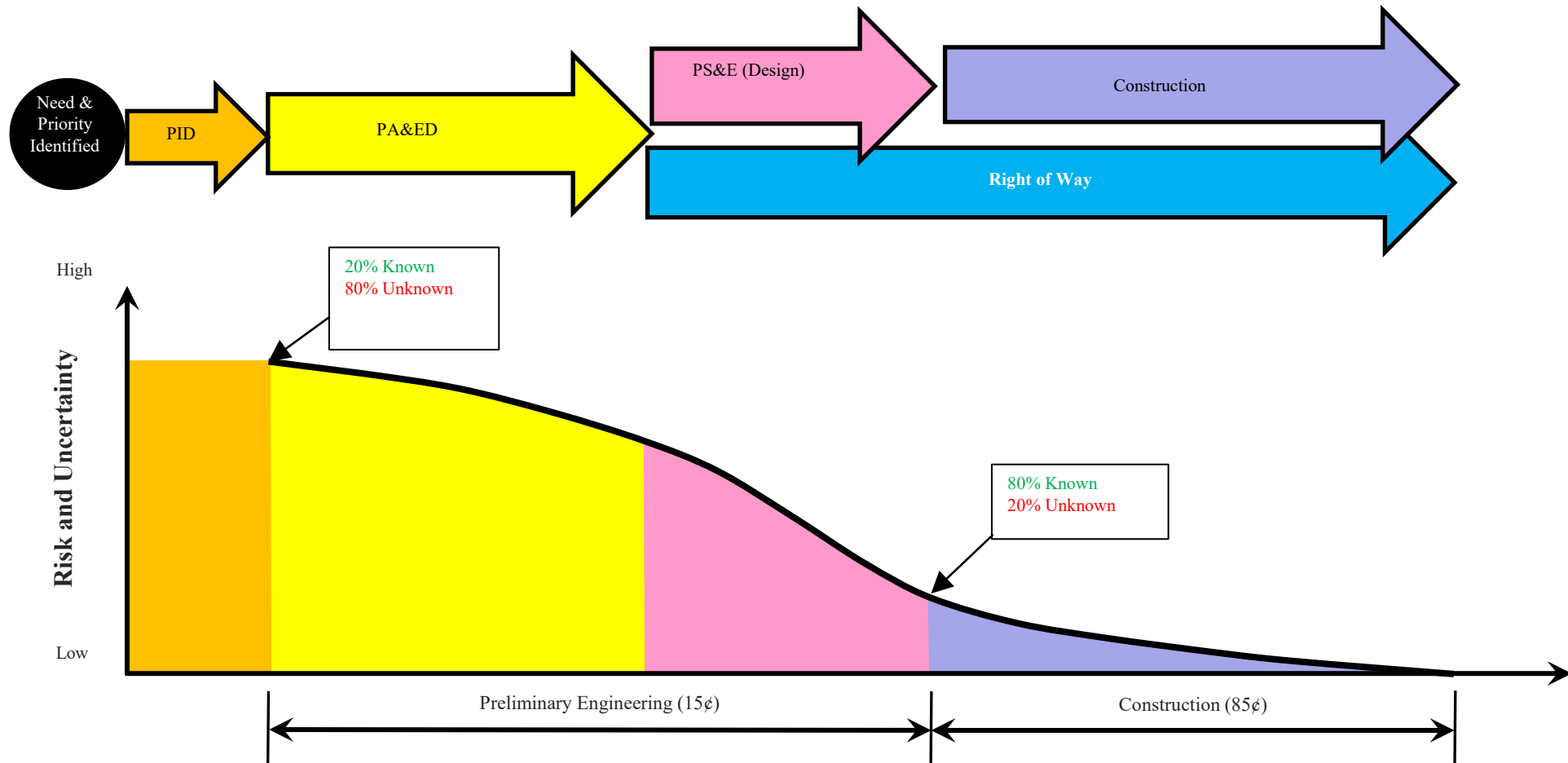
The Challenge: Causes of Delay and Uncertainty

Top Six Categories of Causes of Delay across All Permit Processes

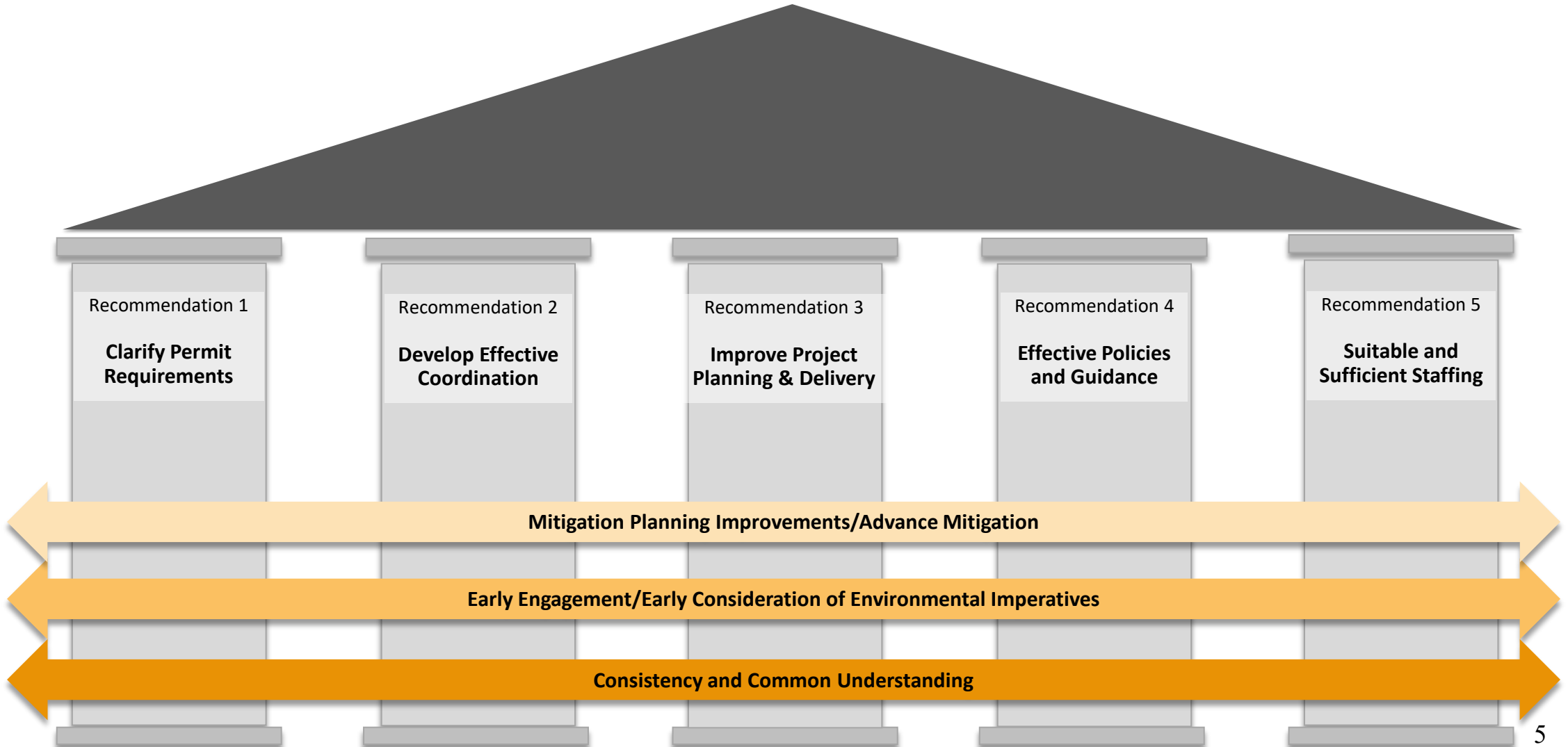
1. Unclear understanding of permit requirements.
- 2. Ineffective early engagement.**
3. Ineffective project planning/program management.
4. Need for updated procedures, policies, and guidance.
5. Increased/high workload demand.
6. Uncoordinated design change management.

Mitigation is included in all six categories.

Phases of Project Development



AB 1282 Recommendations



Foundation for Success: AB 1282 Structured Process for Early Engagement



Early engagement would begin here under new process proposed by AB 1282

Early engagement brings Caltrans functional units and permitting agencies together earlier in project development, when risk and uncertainty are high, to discuss proposals and concerns, and develop solutions.



Advance Mitigation Alignment with AB 1282

- **Examination of environmental needs during planning process**
 - Scopes mitigation projects by identifying potential impacts from multiple transportation projects during the transportation planning phase
- **Promotes early coordination with resource agencies**
 - Process agreement identifies coordination with resource agencies during the advance mitigation planning process
- **Encourages interagency alignment**
 - Examines all permutations of possible advance mitigation project approaches, seeks to identify best fit and challenges to be resolved



Advance Mitigation: Certainty of Permit Requirements Through Early Coordination

- Advanced notice to regulatory agencies regarding proposed mitigation solutions.
- Provides regulatory agencies opportunities to provide feedback on planned mitigation.
- May reduce negotiations related to mitigation during later phases of project delivery.
- Reduces likelihood of redundant mitigation.

Next Steps

- ✓ Positions and Funding from Finance Letter
 - Agency Positions – Water Board, CDFW, and Coastal Commission.

- ✓ Continued Positive Results and Trust-building among Agencies

