AASHTOWARE PROJECT
TASK FORCE TOWNHALL

Agenda for Monday, March 29, 2021:

→ Roll Call

→ Presentation: Project User Satisfaction Survey Results

→ Presentation: AASHTOWare Project Groups

→ Presentation: AASHTOWare Project Strategic Plan Update

→ Q&A

→ Next Meeting Date/Topic

Project Task Force (PTF)

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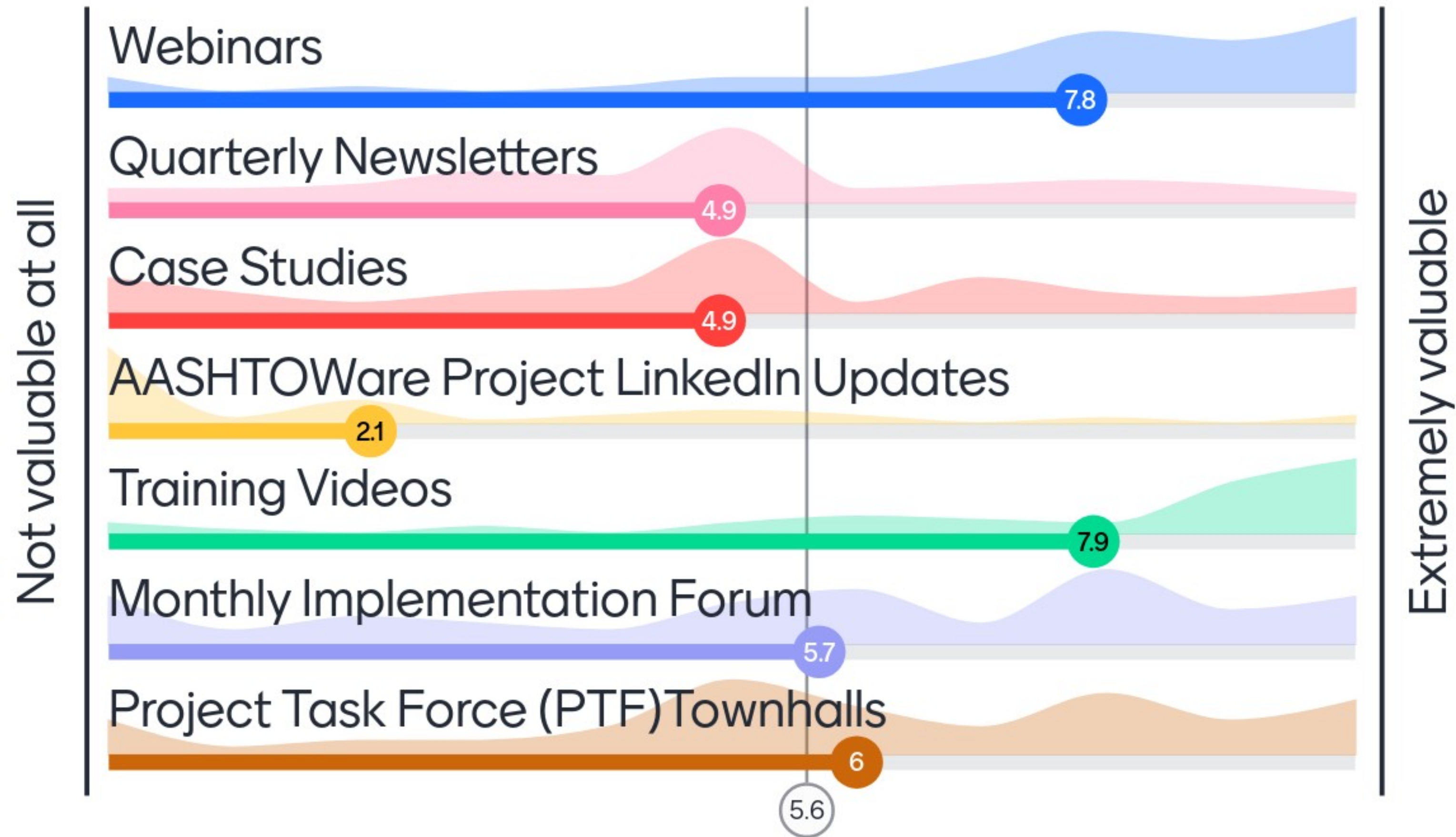Virginia

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Project User Satisfaction Survey Results

PTF MARKETING SUBGROUP

What is your preferred method to provide feedback?

Rank	Method
1st	Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Sessions
2nd	Complete a feedback form on aashtowareproject.org
3rd	Annual Project User Feedback Survey
4th	Infotech Account Managers
5th	Project Task Force (PTF) Townhalls
6th	Email to Project Task Force (PTF) or AASHTO

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How valuable do you find the following type of marketing resources/activities?

Not valuable at all

Extremely valuable

- Webinars — 7.8
- Quarterly Newsletters — 4.9
- Case Studies — 4.9
- AASHTOWare Project LinkedIn Updates — 2.1
- Training Videos — 7.9
- Monthly Implementation Forum — 5.7
- Project Task Force (PTF) Townhalls — 6

5.6

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Why do you think people hesitate to volunteer for leadership roles for the Task Force, PUG Board & TAGs?
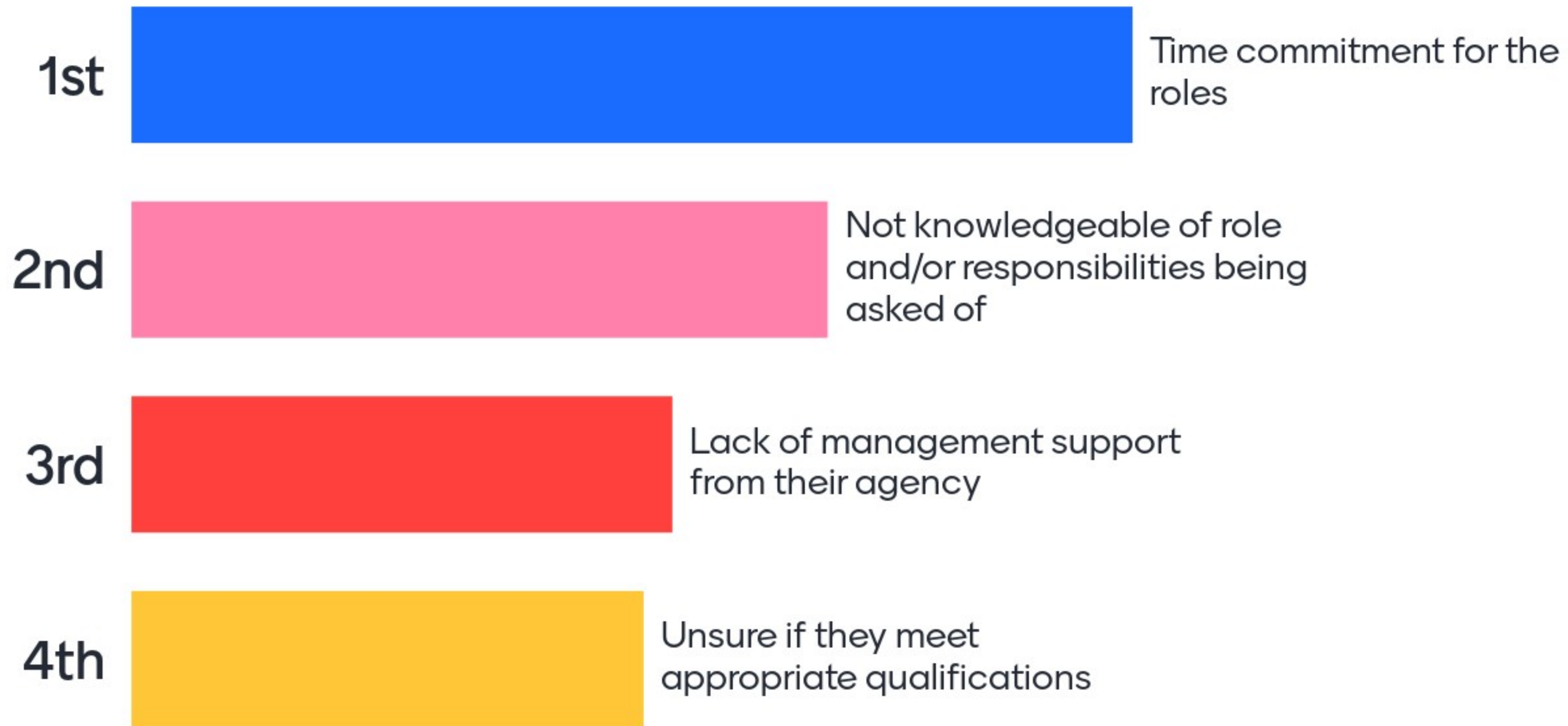
1st — Time commitment for the roles

2nd — Not knowledgeable of role and/or responsibilities being asked of

3rd — Lack of management support from their agency

4th — Unsure if they meet appropriate qualifications

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What are the additional reasons why people might hesitate to volunteer for leadership roles in the AASHTOWare Project community?

Already stretched thin by normal workload and family demands

My plate is running over now...the time commitment

How will it benefit the agencies?

shyness, afraid of public speaking

Too many tasks on my plate currently

People aren't aware of what is expected or that they can even apply for.

On some groups, there can only be one rep from a state.

very busy

Travel difficulties - even when AASHTO pays for it, I have trouble getting approved.

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What are the additional reasons why people might hesitate to volunteer for leadership roles in the AASHTOWare Project community?

not knowing positions are available

Already stretched thin by normal workload and family demands; not sure how much of time commitment is expected to be fulfilled during work hours vs. during off hours

Lack of knowledge of software

Fear of doing a good job

Actual value added to agency/agencies.

My workload for my agency is to great and I don't have time to commit.

Too many tasks already on my work plate

They didn't previously get selected.

not understanding the outcome of their input

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What are the additional reasons why people might hesitate to volunteer for leadership roles in the AASHTOWare Project community?

Not sure of the benefits of be a leader
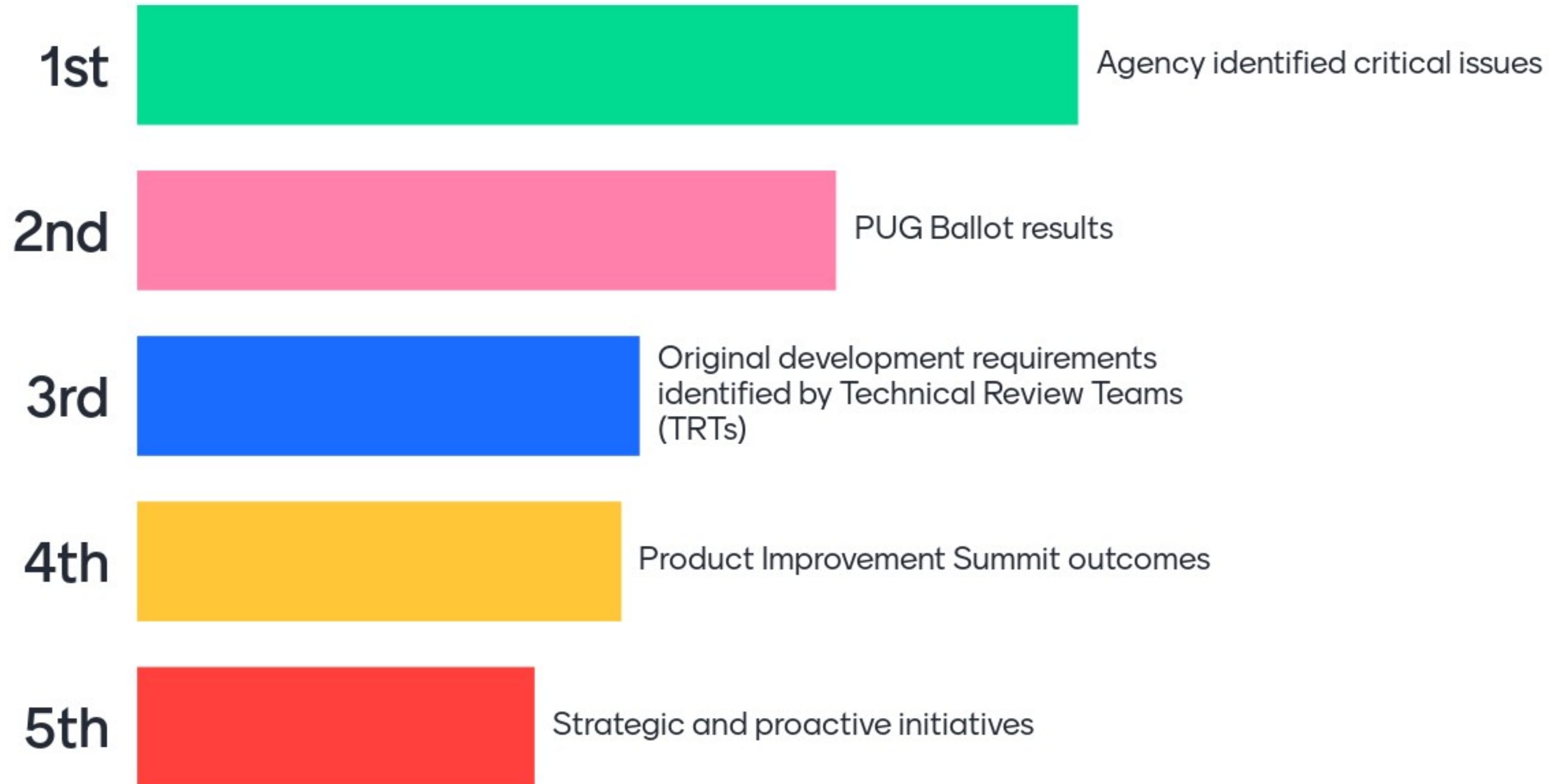
Already have leaders from my state

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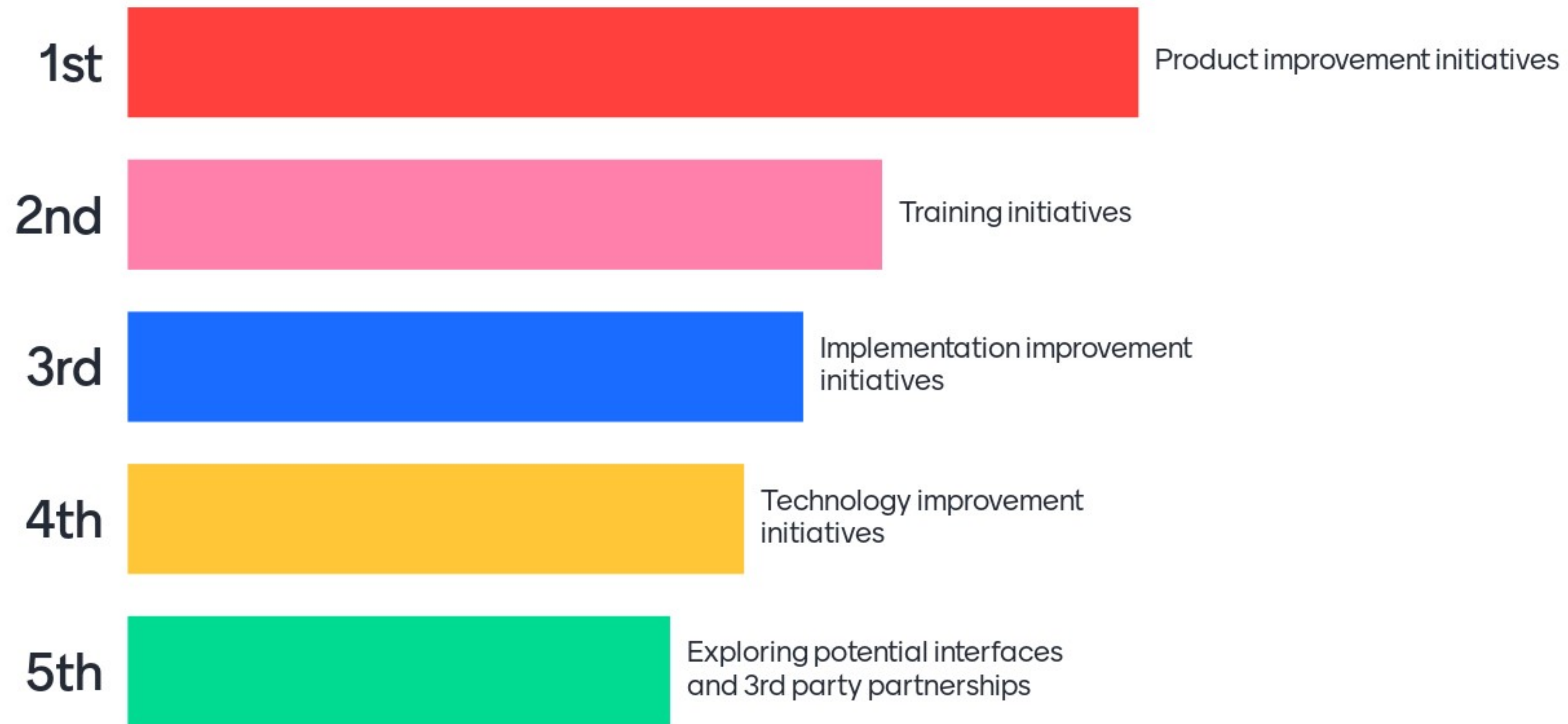# A question was submitted on original AASHTOWare Project requirements

- AASHTOWare Project web development started over 10 years ago
  - Technical Review Teams outlined original requirements
  - Not all original requested requirements were delivered
    - The PTF had to make tough decisions based on budget and schedule constraints
    - Focus was on requirements that met needs of the majority (80% rule)
- Since then, the PTF shifted focus towards:
  - Requirements identified during agency implementations
  - Enhancements identified in PUG Ballots
  - Strategic and proactive initiatives
- No current plans to revisit original requested requirements
- Is the PTF missing the mark, should we prioritize the original requirements?

Rank the following selection criteria for enhancements, in order for importance:

1st — Agency identified critical issues

2nd — PUG Ballot results

3rd — Original development requirements identified by Technical Review Teams (TRTs)

4th — Product Improvement Summit outcomes

5th — Strategic and proactive initiatives

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Rank the following strategic initiatives, in order of importance:

1st — Product improvement initiatives

2nd — Training initiatives

3rd — Implementation improvement initiatives

4th — Technology improvement initiatives

5th — Exploring potential interfaces and 3rd party partnerships

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Any questions or suggestions for the Project Task Force (PTF)? What's on your mind? What do you want to talk about?

what is the difference between an odata API and a 3rd party interface?

Just a thought but to garner more interest in becoming a PTF member maybe you can have "guest slots" to people that may have an interest?

is either the Odata API or a 3rd party interface 2-way? Meaning can data be given and received by AWP?

What is the long term plan for addressing a growing interest in 3D BIM data (Model as a Legal Document, Digital Twins)

What's the lifecycle for ballot items that "win" the vote? We've seen a few things get the most votes yet show up on the ballot the next year.

how much trouble have other agencies had in migrating from SiteManager to Project Construction and Materials? Our upgrade/implementation has been active for over 15 months, and we have yet to run a migration of our SiteManager database to C & M

How to report Both AWP Construction Material and SiteManager if both systems are running? For example what is the current total for all ongoing projects in both systems.

I believe time commitment was the number 1 objection to joining the different committees. Can any of the PTF members speak to how they were able to balance current responsibilities with Task Force related responsibilities ?

But should cost drive functionality? If people want it, it should go in to the system.

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We were advised against migrating due to issues and decided to run parallel systems until the old jobs end!

Could extracting initial item quantities from the plans be one example where AWP could interface with BIM/CIM products?

For each AASHTOWare Project upgrade, we test any corrected TMRs submitted by our agency . However, each upgrade appears to introduce new issues. What can be done to improve stability of an AASHTOWare Project upgrade to reduce the # of new issues?

Great information and we should have these sessions every 5 months

outcomes of tag sessions. do the tags truly make a difference in the ballot process if only the top 3 are even considered?

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How often would you like us to schedule the Project Task Force (PTF) Townhall?

Quarterly	Bi-Annually	Annually
28	19	2

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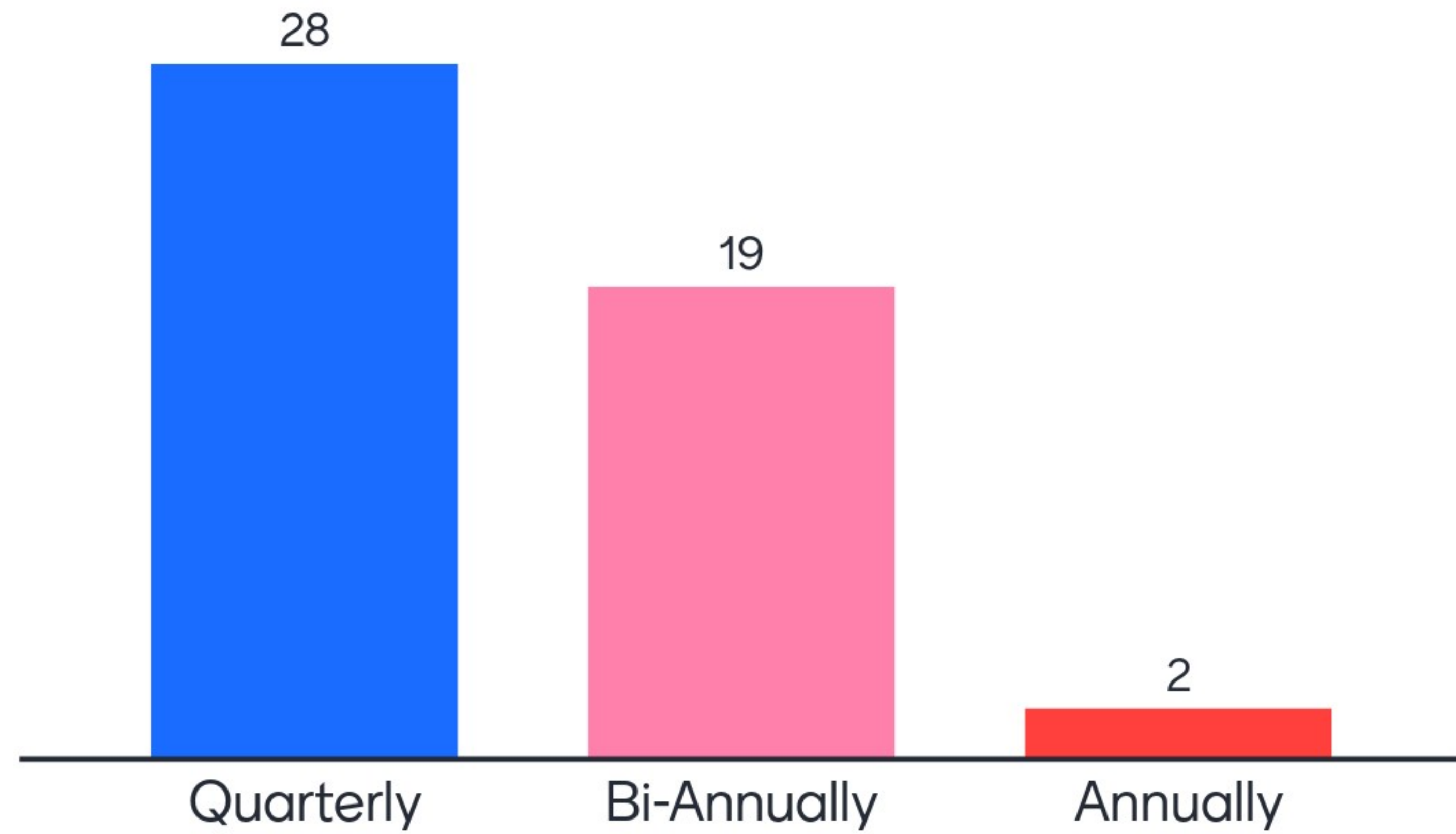
Any suggested topics for the next Project Task Force (PTF) Townhall?

Implementation Lesson Learned.	PUG Plans	Strategic Planning SubGroup - what's new? what's resolved?
Review some of the questions which not answered and use them as topics	Updates to the Strategic plan goals; Update on how many DOTs are hosted	Better explain the development process once a TMR is selected
Hosting	What training videos are available on Construction and Materials	bids software as a service

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Finding items in our website!

PTF Budget

The advantages of keeping both SiteManager and C&M during a migration. How long should a mixed implementation run, how do you get past the reporting issues?

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AASHTOWare Project Implementation Forum:

→ When: Monday, April 26, 2021 - 1:30-3:00 PM EDT

→ Topic: How to cope with missing functionality in AASHTOWare Project

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