

Optimizer Lessons Learned

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Sketch:

NBI Conversion:

- On inspections
- Check Classifications, particularly of ADE's
- Consider your target: by count or deck area
- Dial in a small group, then compare to a larger one
- NBI Deterioration
 - Classification, again.
 - Again, small group, then compare to a larger one
- Risk Assessments
 - The types of Risk you need
 - Policies for Risk
- Work Candidates
 - Work entered by planners and inspectors
 - Action Types
 - Estimated Costs
- Utility
 - Don't include AADT, do things which can improve
 - Including Risk assessments
 - Weight Profiles for just risk, just scour, just seismic, just preservation
- Elements
 - Get the elements you need for proper management, consider the units and roll them up.
 - Element Relative weights and NBI relative weights
- Benefits
 - Name them for the effect, not the work
 - 100% effective can lead to infinite loops
 - NBI Deterioration

- Action Defs
 - Network Level actions
 - Indirect cost formulas
 - Syntax of formulas
- Project Categories
 - Make them your spending categories
- Funding sources
 - Less useful than originally envisioned, and you don't have to use it.
- Network Policies
 - Name policies with a count of how many branches are included
- Lifecycle policies
 - Start simple, then complicate.
- Structure Weight Formula
 - AADT order of magnitude swing
 - Deck Area
 - New Mexico combined solution
- Min Proj cost
- Programs
 - LCCA time frames
 - Subdivision profiles



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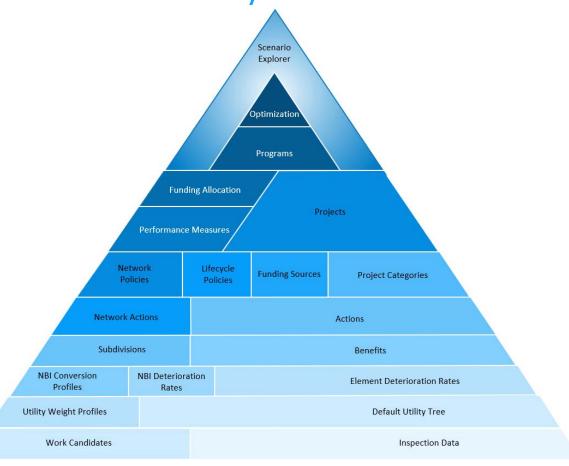
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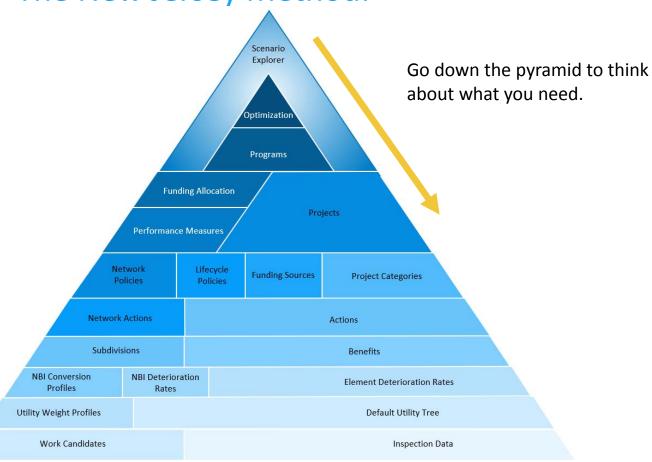
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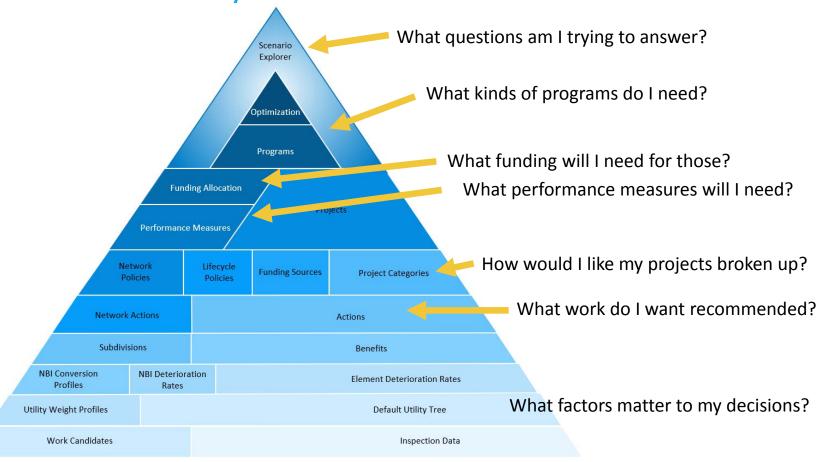
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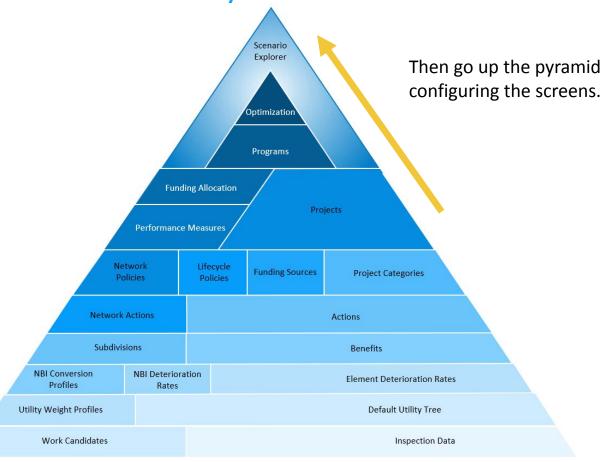
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Yellow tips for the simplest setup.

Blue tips for the more advanced things.



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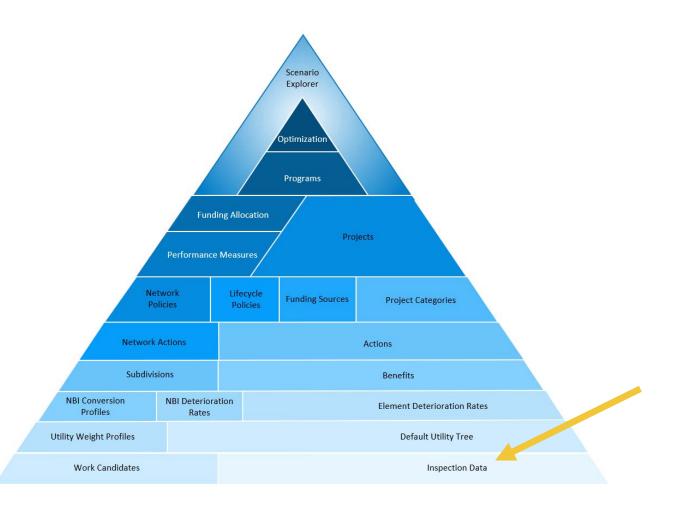
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Inspection Notes

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Low (2)

Fixed Bearing

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Inspection The Validate button runs the NBI submittal check on this inspection. Inspection > Condition Condition Ratings Deck (058): 4 Poor Channel (061): 5 Bank Prot Eroded NBI Converter Profile: BrM Default ▼ Superstructure (059): Culvert (062): N N/A (NBI) Calculate SR ₹ Substructure (060): 5 Fair Waterway (071): 6 Equal Minimum Unrepaired Spalls: (SF) **Element Conditions** Hide Elem Inspection Details Arrow Key Grid Navigation Help Element: Elem # or Elem Desc Struct. Unit.: 2 / Type = F (101) ▼ Clear Filters Add Element ▼ Env.: All Quantity Percent Elem. -Str. Unit. - Env. **Element Description** Tot. Qty. Units Qty1 Qty2 Qty3 Qty4 0 12 101 Low (2) Re Concrete Deck 1493.299 sq.ft 595.826 597.32 300.153 107 101 Low (2) Steel Opn Girder/Beam 630 446.273 170.604 13.123 120 101 Steel Truss 142.999 ft 126.999 16 Low (2) 29.528 152 Steel Floor Beam 137.999 101 Low (2) 108.471 54.101 16.404 215 101 Low (2) Re Conc Abutment ft 27.697 10 311 101 Low (2) Moveable Bearing each 0.000

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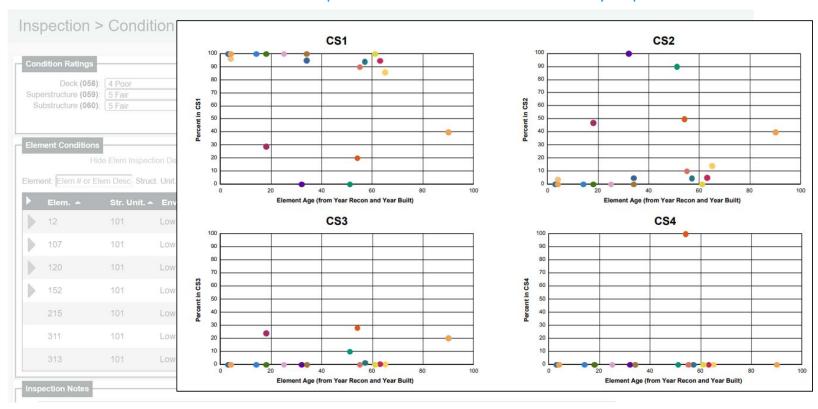
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Run the Insp009 – Network Element Summary Report to find outliers





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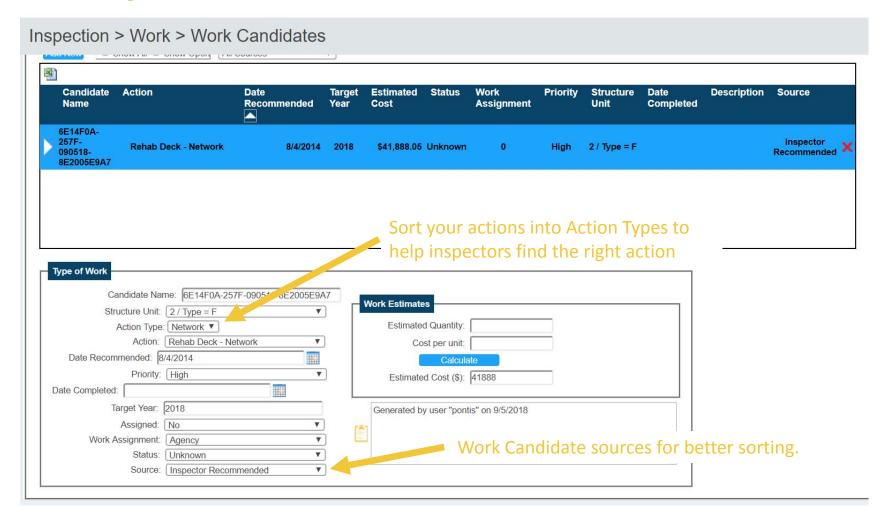
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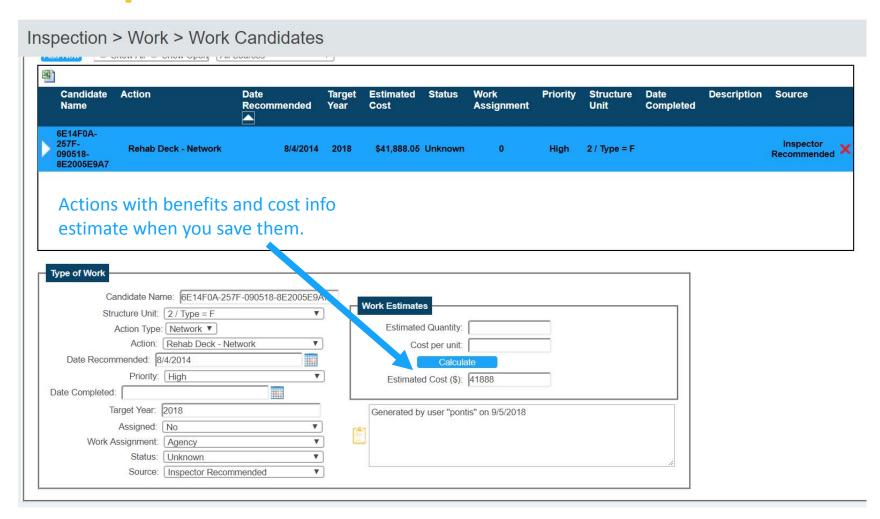
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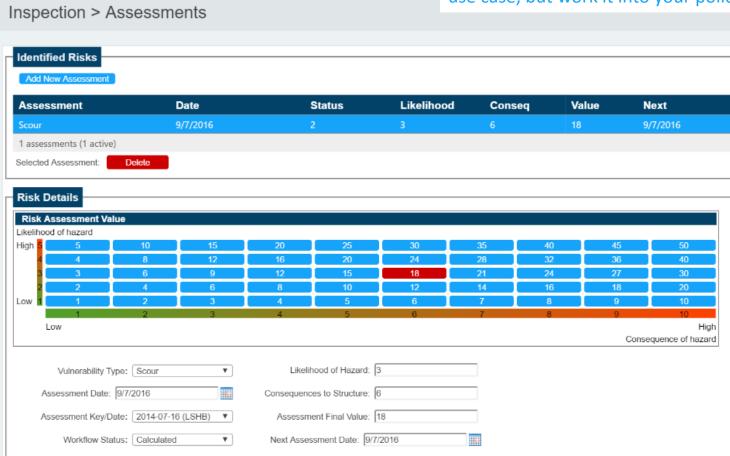
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Using Risk Assessments as part of your bridge management is a more advanced use case, but work it into your policies.





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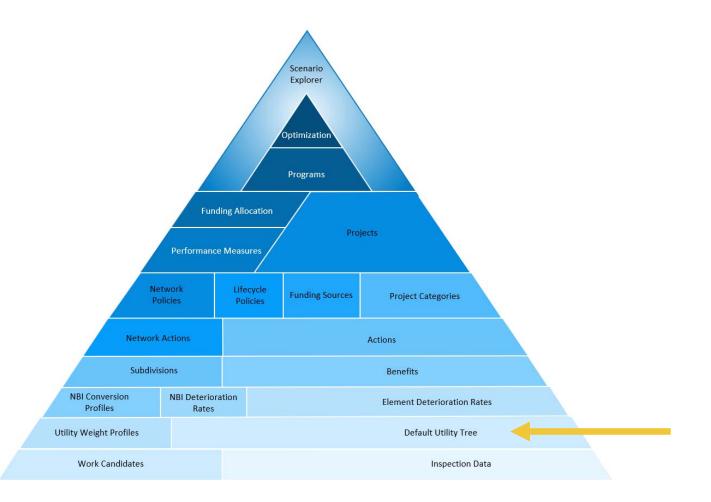
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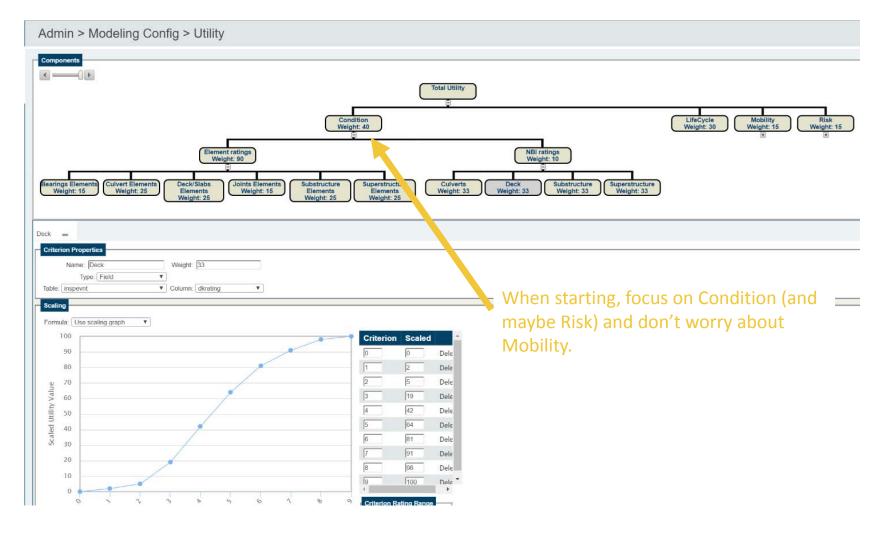
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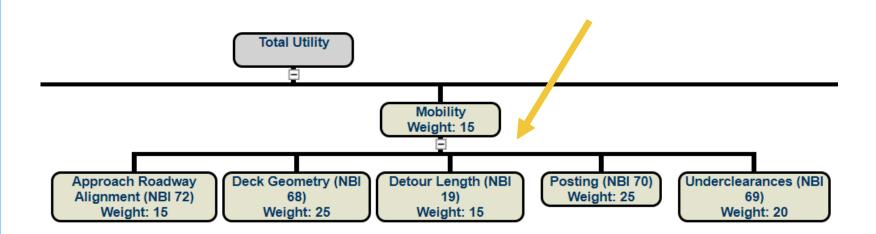
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Remember: include in Utility the things which can be improved from doing work. Detour length and AADT are rarely fixed by maintenance work.

But if you include a formula, like AADT/# of Lanes, then work can improve things.



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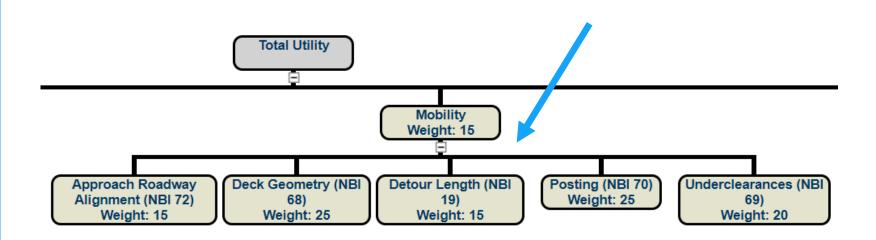
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Leave factors which emphasize one bridge over another, the "Criticality" factors like AADT, Detour, Functional Class ... to the structure weight formula.



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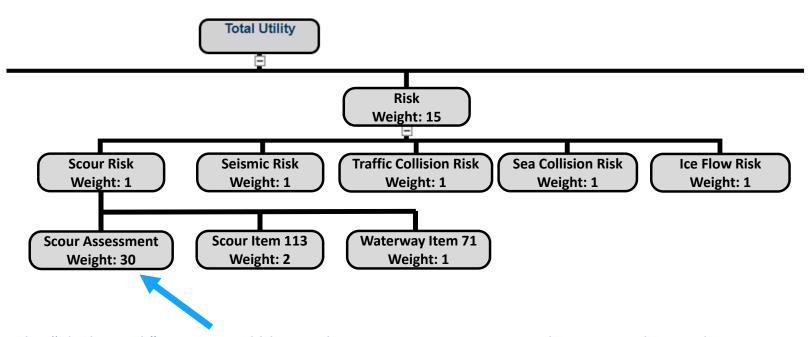
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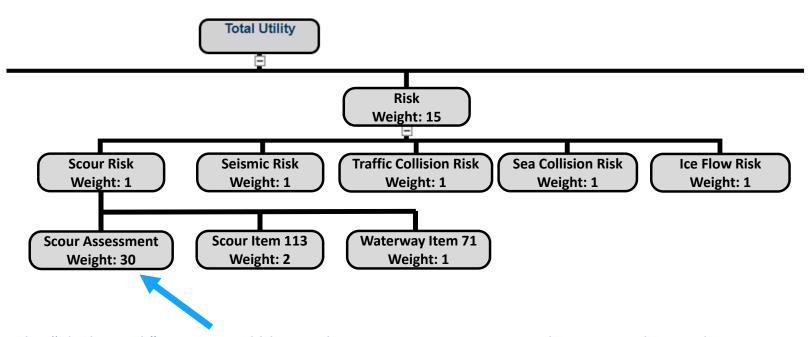
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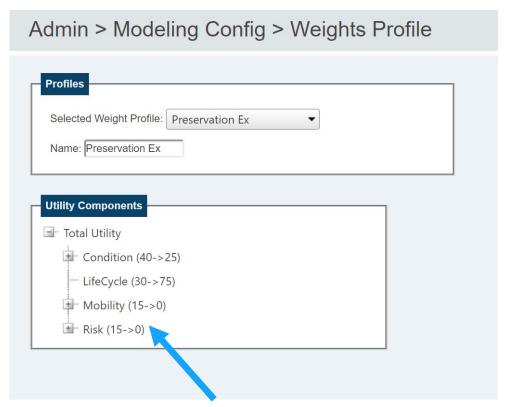
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Create different Utility Weight profiles to focus on the aspects of Utility for special funding cases, like funds to mitigate specific types of Risk.



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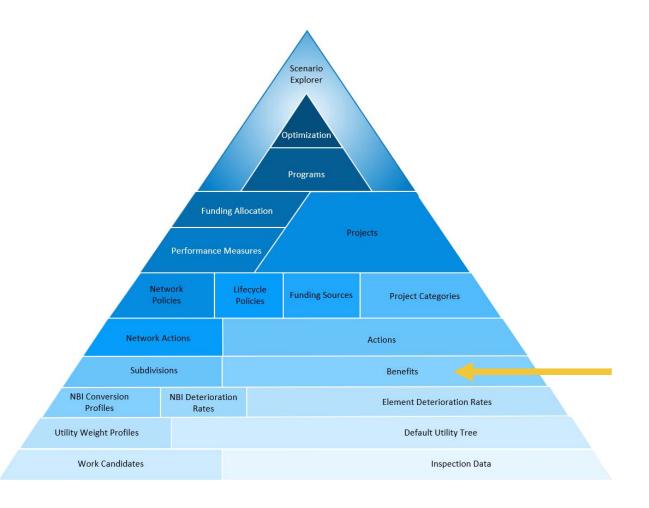
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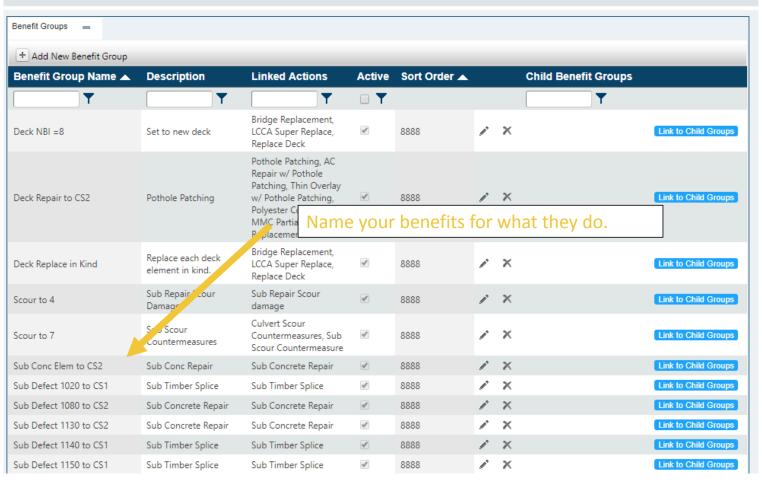
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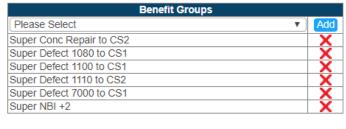
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Name Benefits for what they do. It will make Actions easier to read.

Associated Benefit Groups for Action Concrete Super Major Repair





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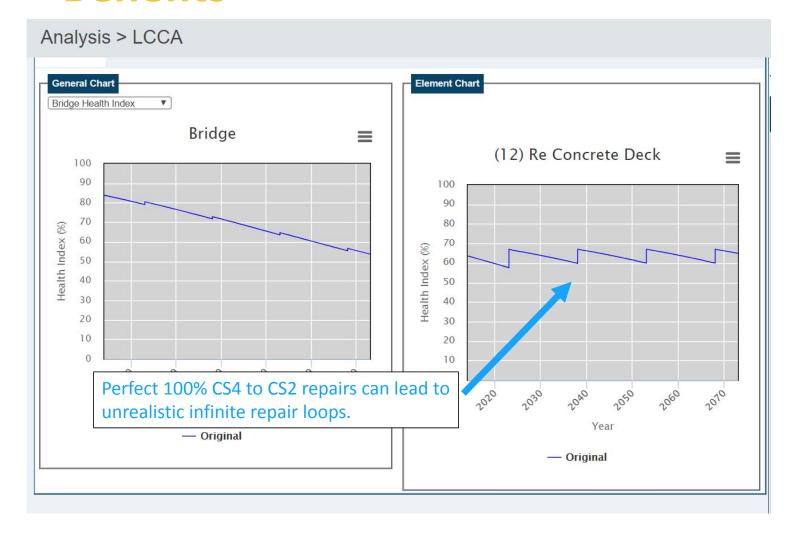
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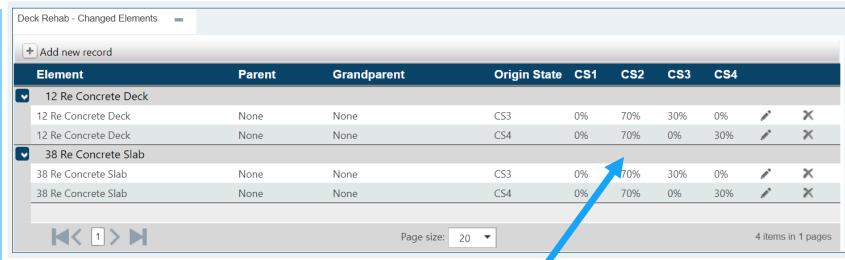
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Consider modeling "less than perfect" repairs.



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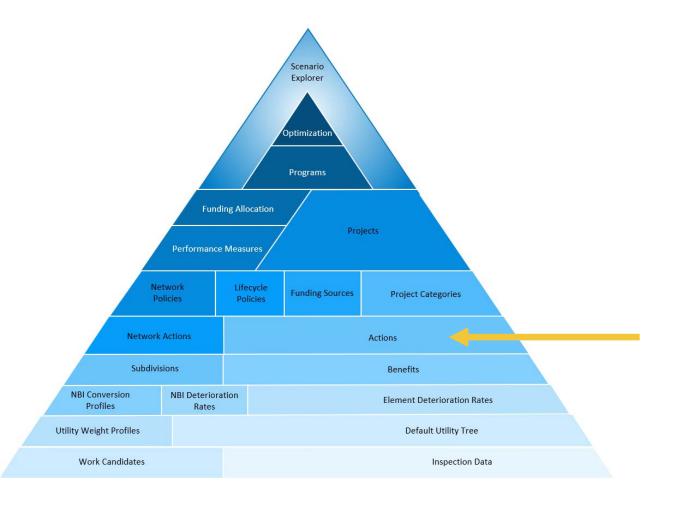
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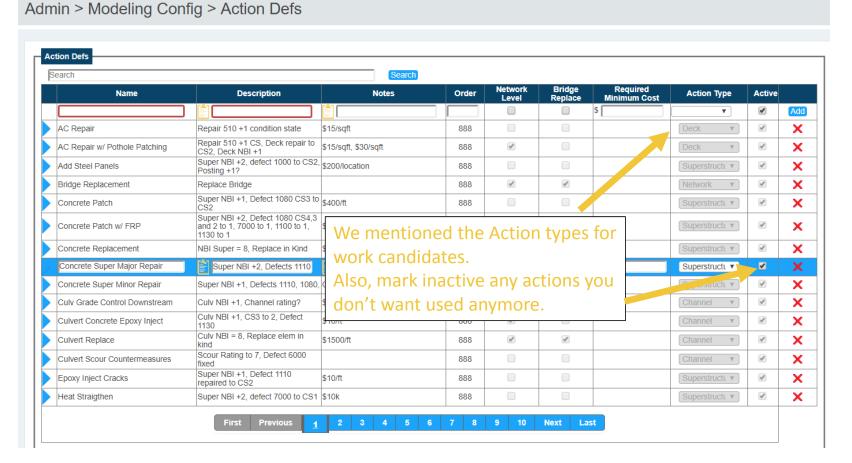
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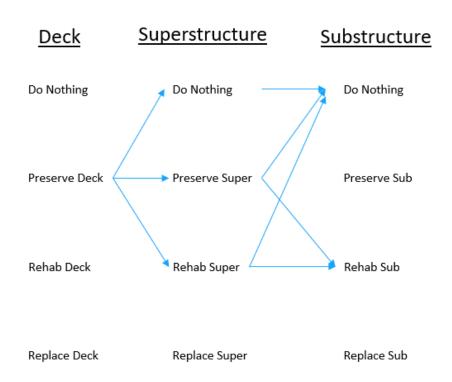
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For initial setup, focus on these actions. And if that is too much, focus on deck work at first.





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Consider the units of your costs.

Idaho preferred to set their per/unit costs based on bridge item bid costs. But the optimizer budgets are given in total program costs.

Consider using indirect formulas to mark up the difference.



Enabled	Field Name	Cost Pe	r Unit	Unit	
	Deck Area	\$ 0		sq.ft	
nit Costs	-				
ID	Element Name	Cost Per Unit	Unit	?	
12	Re Concrete Deck (Condition improved)	\$ 25	sq.ft	X	
13	Pre Concrete Deck (Condition improved)	\$ 25	sq.ft	X	
15	Pre Concrete Top Flange (Condition improved)	\$ 25	sq.ft	X	
16	Re Conc Top Flange (Condition improved)	\$ 25	sq.ft	X	
28	Steel Deck - Open Grid (Condition improved)	\$ 100	sq.ft	X	
29	Steel Deck - Conc Fill Grid (Condition improved)	\$ 100	sq.ft	X	
30	Steel Deck - Orthotropic (Condition improved)	\$ 100	sq.ft	X	
38	Re Concrete Slab (Condition improved)	\$ 25	sq.ft	X	
54	Timber Slab (Condition improved)	\$ 100	sq.ft	X	
300	Strip Seal Exp Joint (Replace)	\$ 65	ft	■ ×	
301	Pourable Joint Seal (Replace)	\$ 15	ft	X	
302 Compressn Joint Seal (Replace)		\$ 65	ft	X	
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320	Pre Conc Appr Slab (Condition improved)	\$ 25	sq.ft	X	
321 Re Conc Approach Slab (Condition improved)		\$ 25	sq.ft		
330	Metal Bridge Railing (Condition improved)	\$ 100	ft	X	
331	Re Conc Bridge Railing (Condition improved)	\$ 70	ft	X	
332	Timb Bridge Railing (Condition improved)	\$ 100	ft	■ ×	
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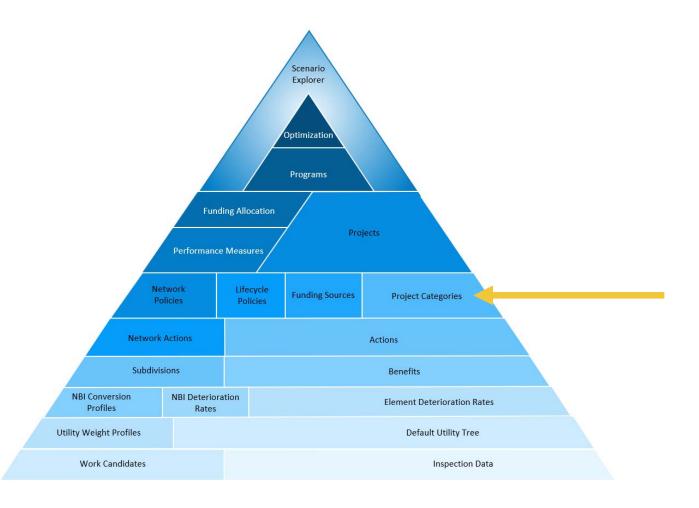
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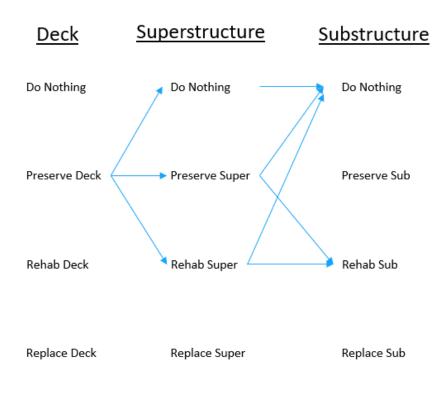
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Keep it pretty simple at first. You can make it more complex later.



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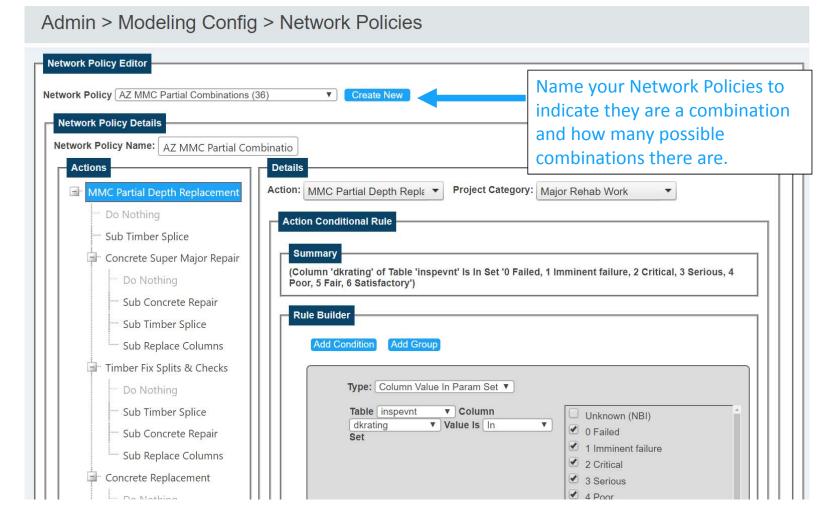
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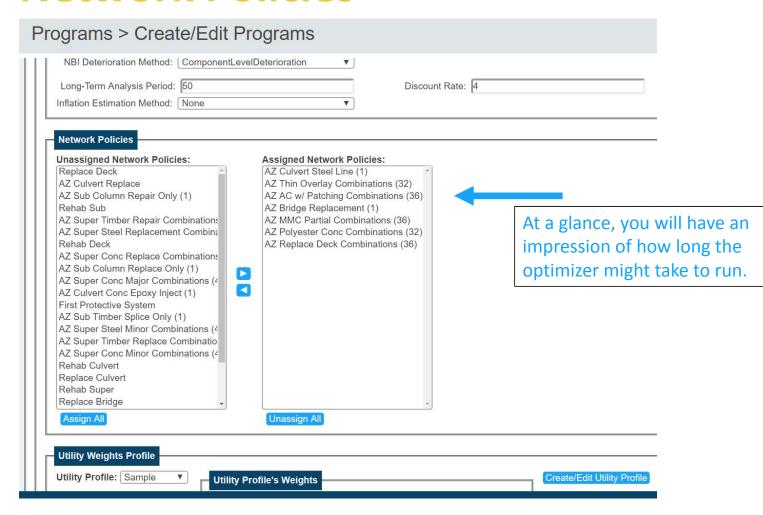
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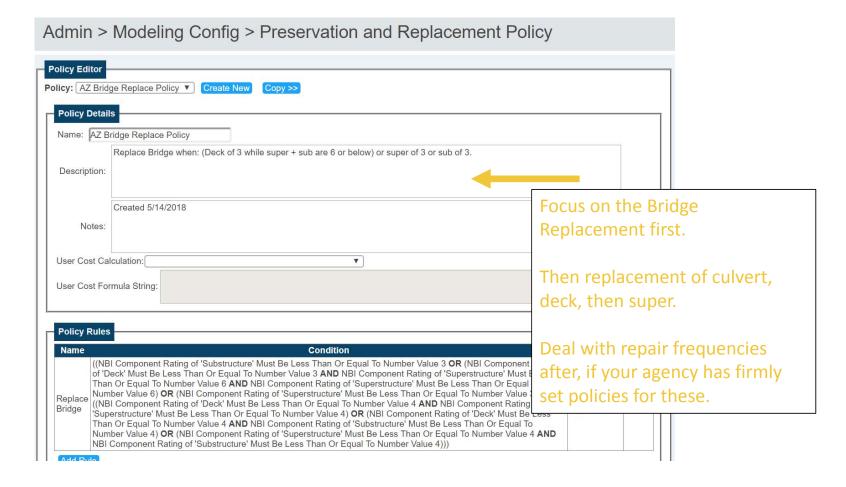
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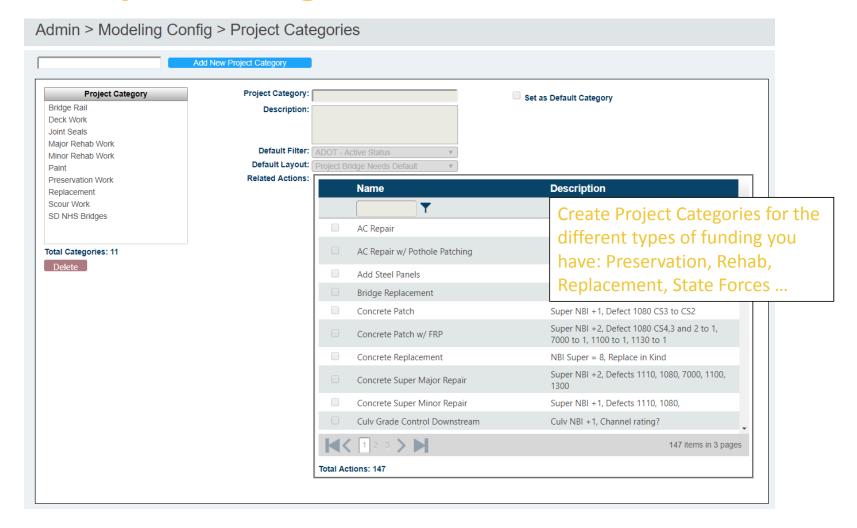
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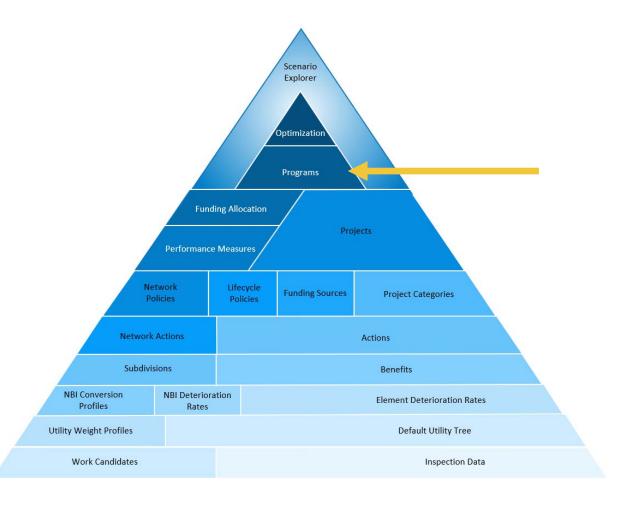
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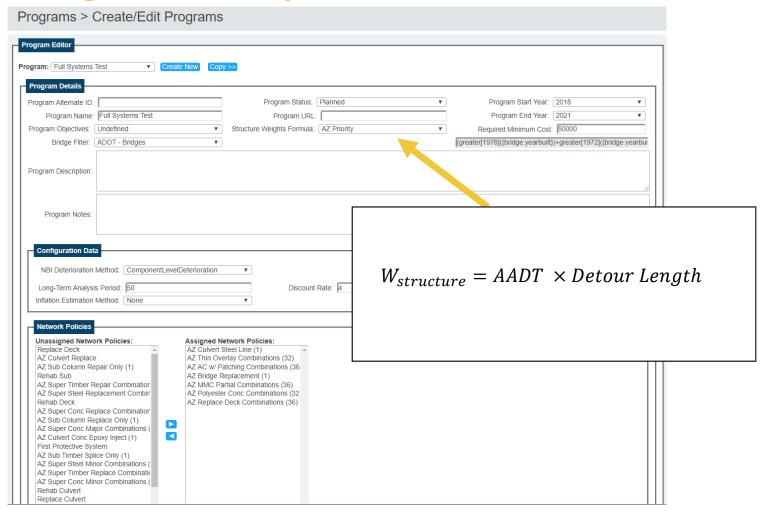
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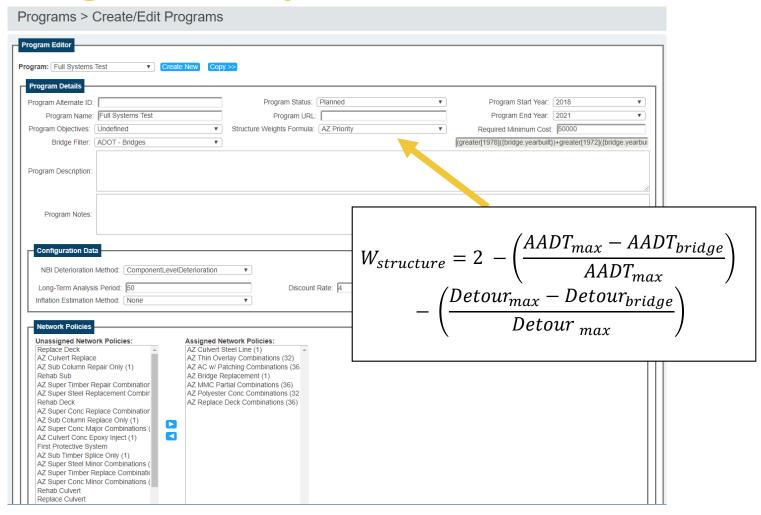
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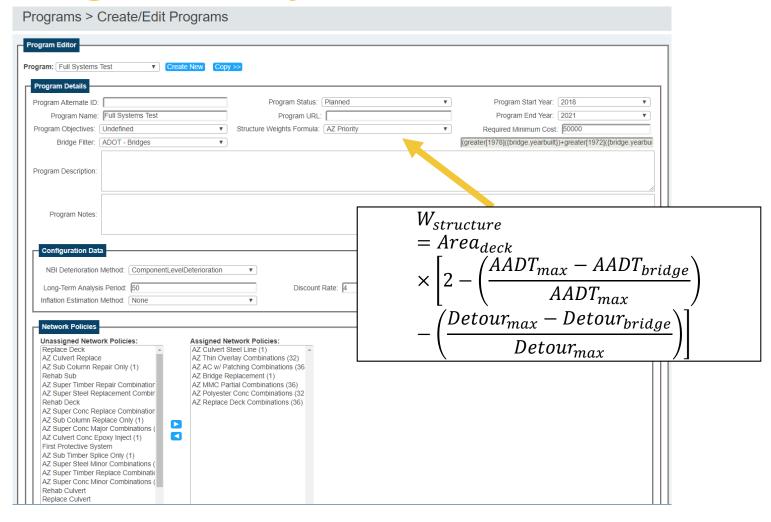
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Programs > Create/Edit Programs Program Editor Program: Full Systems Test Program Details Program Status: Planned Program Start Year: 2018 Program Alternate ID: Program End Year: 2021 Program Name: Full Systems Test Program URL: Program Objectives: Undefined Structure Weights Formula: AZ Priority Required Minimum Cost: 50000 Bridge Filter: ADOT - Bridges (greater[1978]({bridge.yearbuilt})+greater[1972]({bridge.yearbuilt} Program Description: For a very quick analysis, like a test run, Program Notes: turn the lifecycle timeframe to 0 years. Configuration Data Residual HiX NBI Deterioration Method: Compor _evelDeterioration Long-Term Analysis Period: 50 Discount Rate: 4 Inflation Estimation Method: None **Network Policies** Unassigned Network Policies: Assigned Network Policies: AZ Culvert Steel Line (1) Replace Deck AZ Thin Overlay Combinations (32) AZ Culvert Replace AZ Sub Column Repair Only (1) AZ AC w/ Patching Combinations (36 AZ Bridge Replacement (1) AZ Super Timber Repair Combination AZ MMC Partial Combinations (36) AZ Super Steel Replacement Combin AZ Polyester Conc Combinations (32 Rehab Deck AZ Replace Deck Combinations (36) AZ Super Conc Replace Combination AZ Sub Column Replace Only (1) AZ Super Conc Major Combinations (AZ Culvert Conc Epoxy Inject (1) First Protective System AZ Sub Timber Splice Only (1) AZ Super Steel Minor Combinations (AZ Super Timber Replace Combination AZ Super Conc Minor Combinations (Rehab Culvert Replace Culvert



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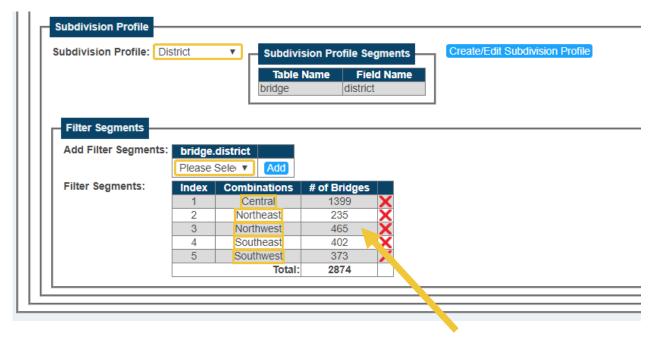
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Segments really only make sense when groups of bridges *cannot* share funds.



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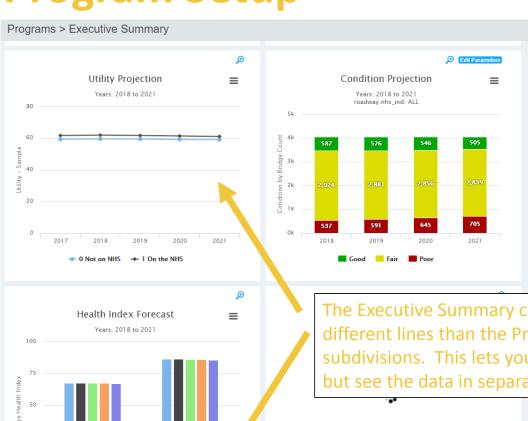
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The Executive Summary can be split along different lines than the Program subdivisions. This lets you share funding but see the data in separate formats.



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Where to start

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Utility

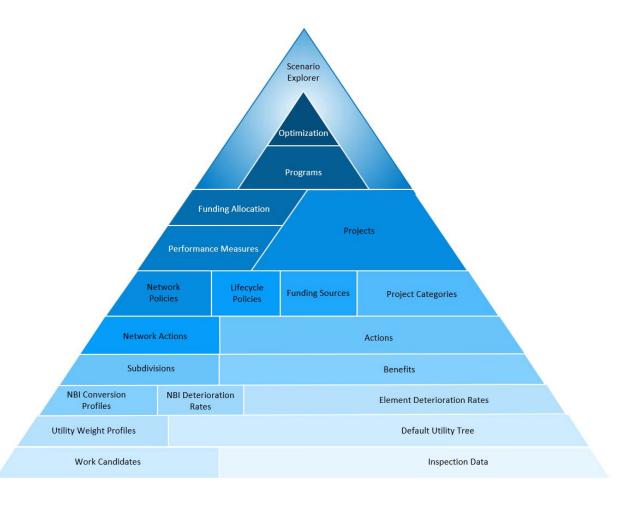
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