

# Equity Pilot Update

## Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

November 9, 2023



*We are leaders in the region to realize equity for all. Diversity, racial equity and inclusion are integrated into how we carry out all our work.*

[psrc.org/equity](https://psrc.org/equity)



# Transportation Equity Pilot

- \$6 million set-aside for a Transportation Equity Pilot Program
- Cap funding request at \$1,000,000
- Co-designed with EAC
- Evaluate current project selection process
- Suggested revisions for eligibility, criteria, guidance, etc.



# 2023 Equity Pilot Schedule

## Phase 1: Understanding



Jan: Project  
Selection  
Introduction

Feb: Learn from  
other MPOs

March: Project  
Evaluation  
Simulation

## Phase 2: Designing



April – May: Pilot  
Co-Creation

June – Aug:  
Design Pilot with  
EAC Subgroup

Sept: Review with  
Full EAC & Develop  
Call Materials

## Phase 3: Implementing



Sept: Release Pilot

Sept – Nov:  
Conduct Pilot

Nov: EAC Pilot  
Process  
Recommendations

## Phase 4: Planning Future



Nov – Dec: EAC  
Process and Project  
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Dec: Board Review  
of EAC  
Recommendations

Jan 2024: Policy  
Framework  
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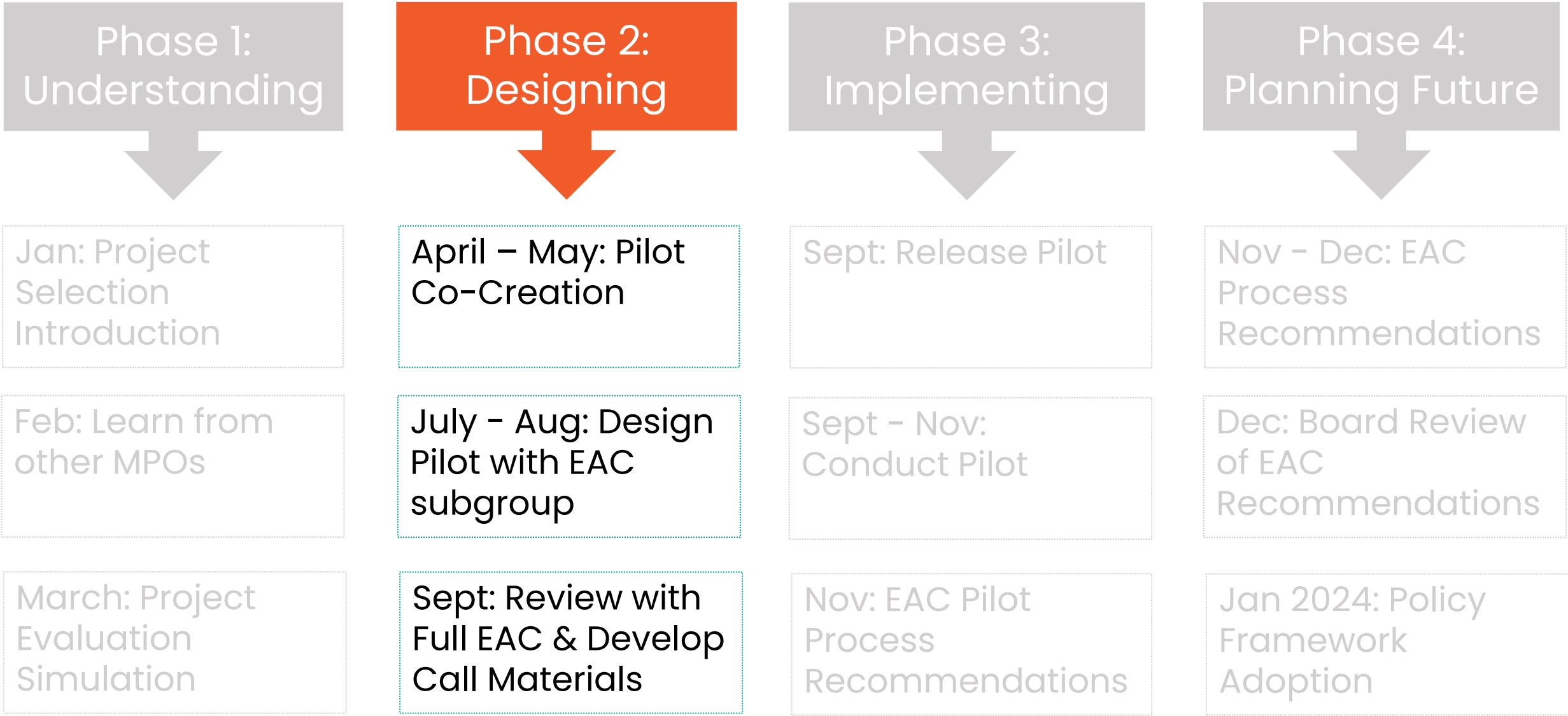


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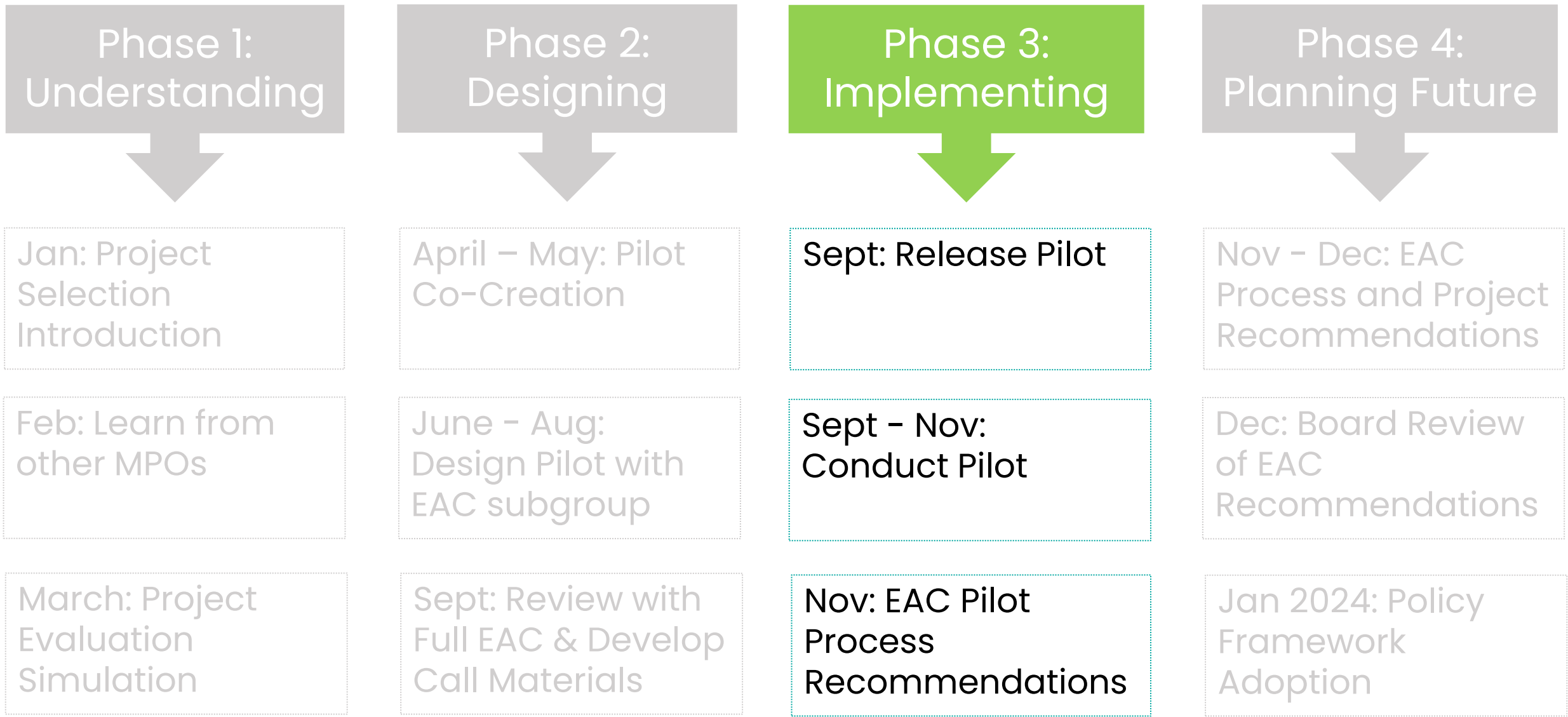
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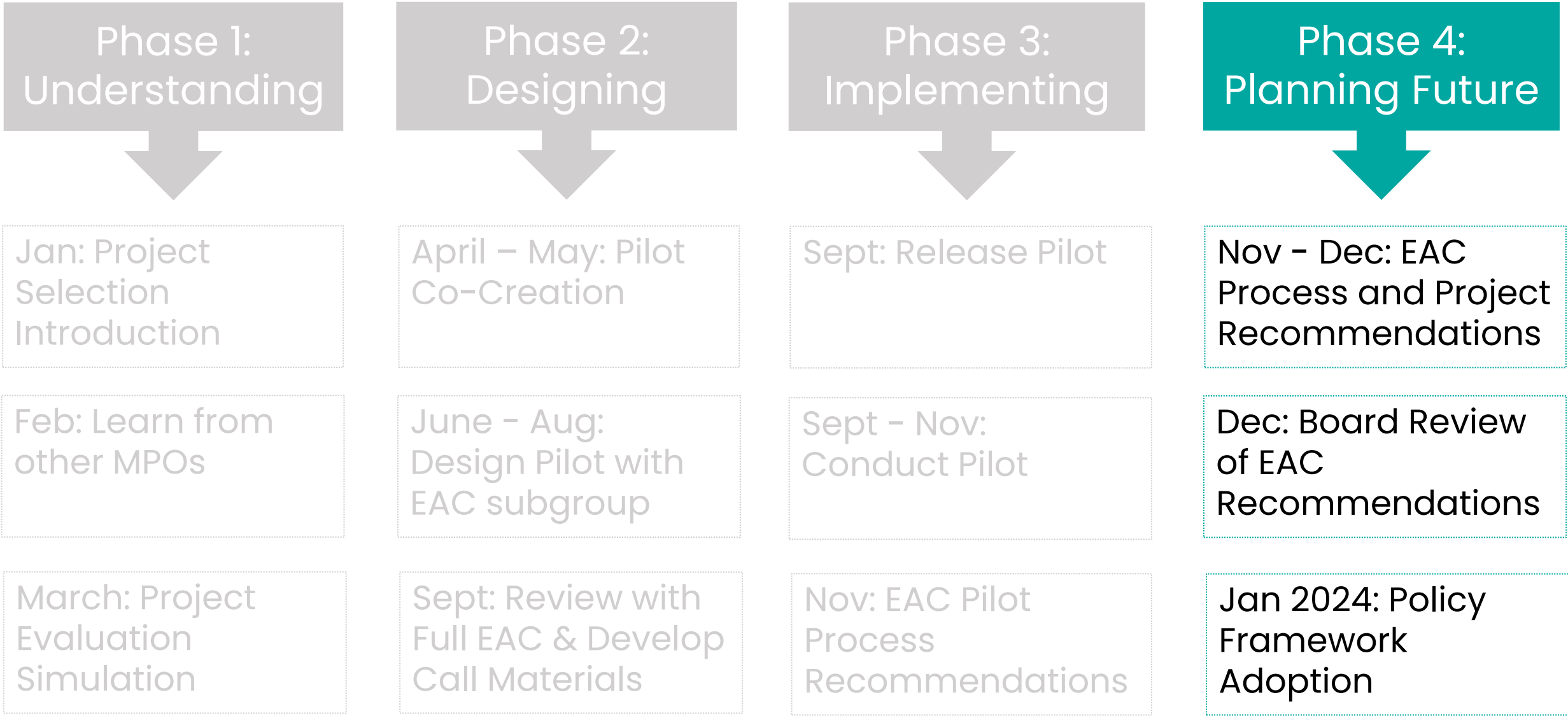


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# Equity Pilot Framework

From EAC feedback, January – May 2023  
Testing out two approaches for the pilot

## 1. Updating existing structure (Pathway 1)

- Update criteria
- Update guidance
- Increase equity criterion point values

## 2. Equity woven throughout all criteria (Pathway 2)

- Same criteria updates
- Same guidance updates
- Equity incorporated throughout





# Equity Pilot Framework – Pathway 1

## 1. Updating existing structure

- Identify most marginalized communities impacted / improved by the project
  - Start with PSRC's 6 **equity focus population areas (EFAs)** and incorporate the **intersection of two or more EFAs** in the project area (e.g., in an area of higher percentages of both people of color and people with low incomes)
- Address community **outreach and engagement**:
  - Set expectations with **best practices and examples**
- Address the quality of displacement policies:
  - Connect to **Housing Opportunities by Place (HOP)** resources



# Equity Pilot Framework – Pathway 2

## 1. Equity woven throughout all criteria

- Identify equity populations **upfront, before all criteria**
- Include **addressing impacts / benefits to EFA populations within all applicable criteria**
  - Additional questions related to **access to jobs** and **improved safety**, specifically for **Equity Focus Areas (EFAs)**
- Equity criterion becomes Community Outreach and Displacement







# ***Thank You!***

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