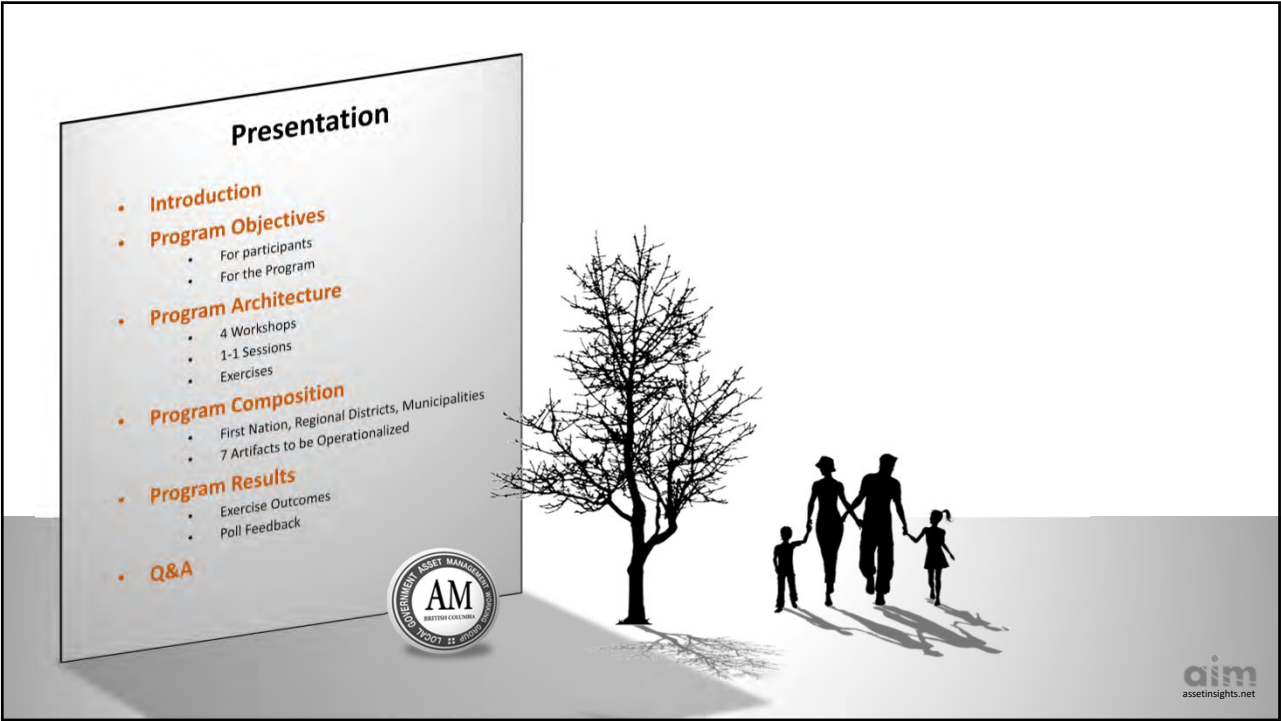
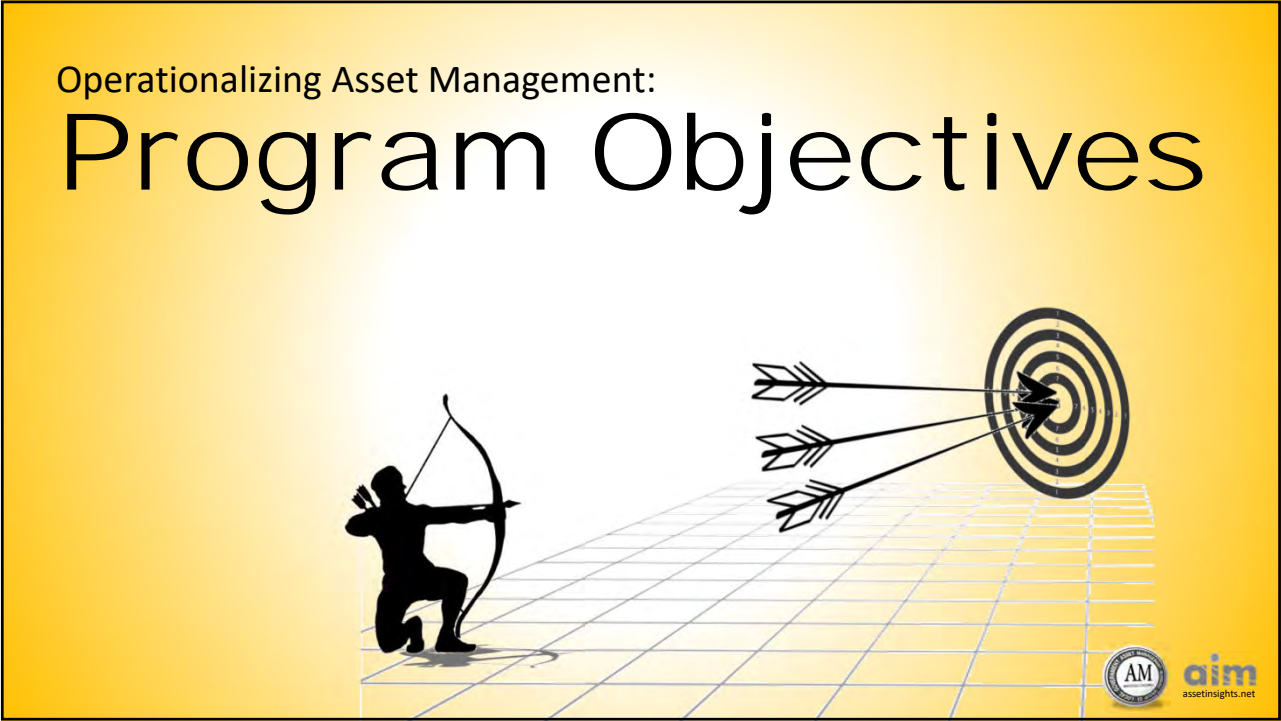


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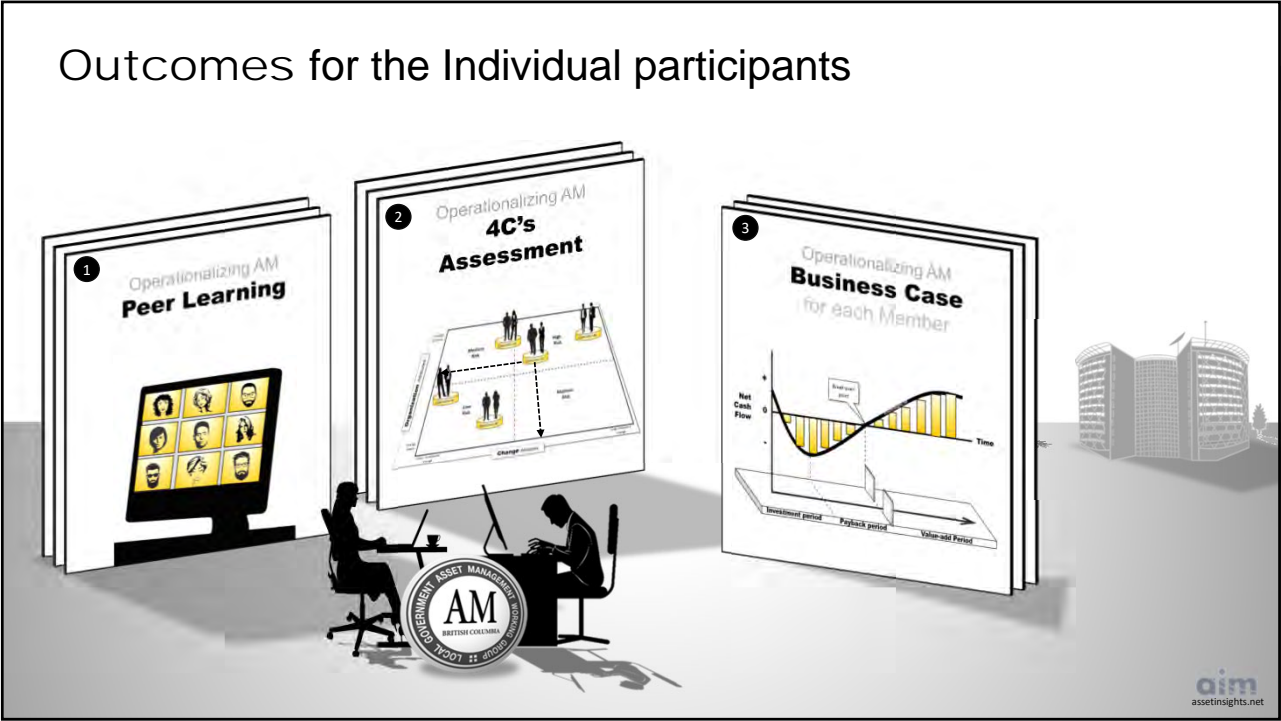
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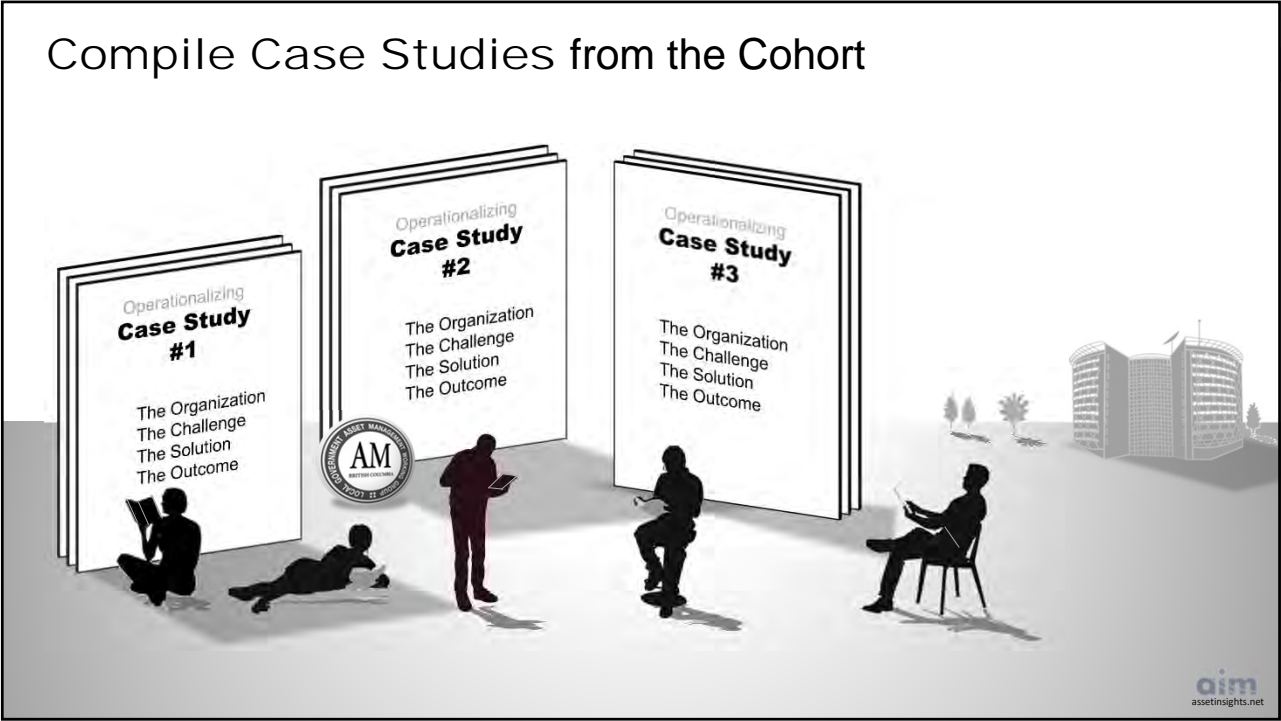
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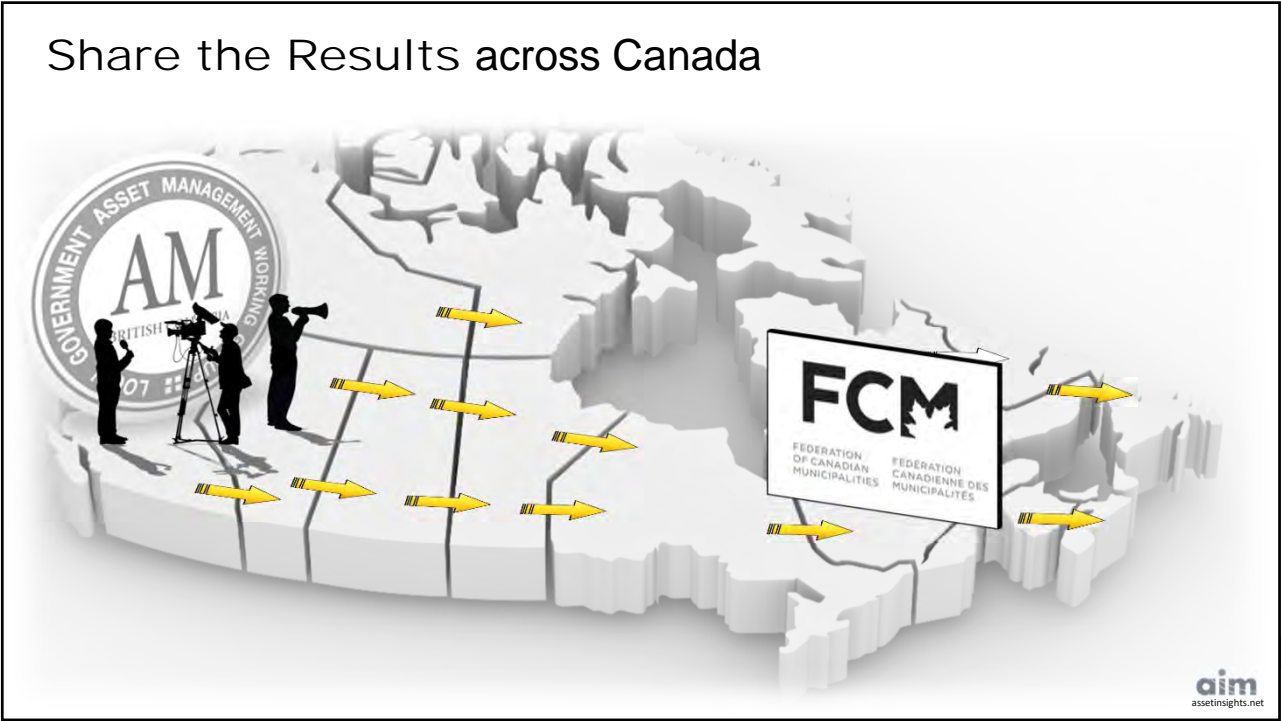
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Operationalizing Asset Management, 2021 MAMP

A cohort of seven local governments, comprising three municipalities, two regional districts and one First Nation have come together in British Columbia to focus on two key things:

- **Uncovering and analyzing the barriers** that have caused the AM efforts to fall short in their respective organizations.
- **Exploring the application of a framework** to dismantling these barriers. The framework is known as the 4 C's: collaboration, capacity, culture and council. Detailed information on each of the 4Cs framework can be found on the asset management BC website.

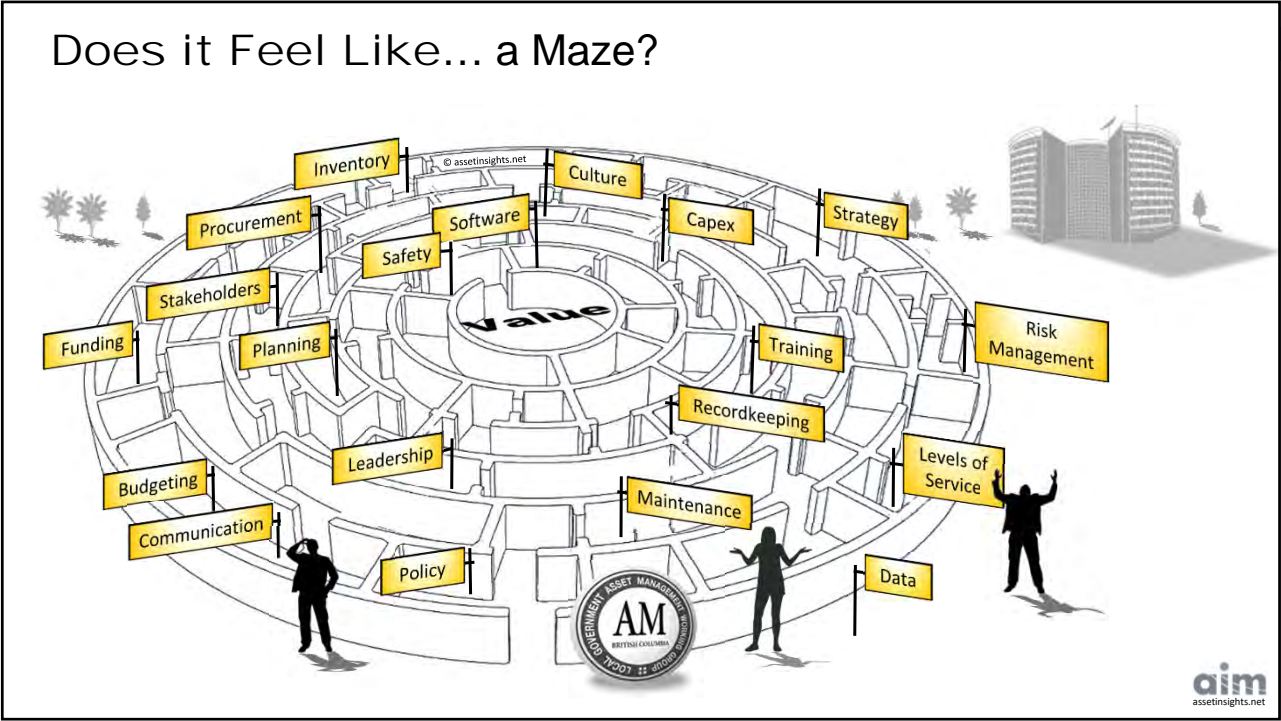
There are two primary outcomes of the operationalizing program:

- **For the cohort participants** - This will be captured in a business case that uses the 4C's to help the cohort member on their respective journeys. The business case to help set the parameters to "push and to pull" the AM initiative through their organization.
- **For the AM Community of Practice** - This will include a suite of case studies that share compelling stories from local governments and how they addressed their operationalizing challenges and the principles will be condensed into a primer that can be used to help local governments

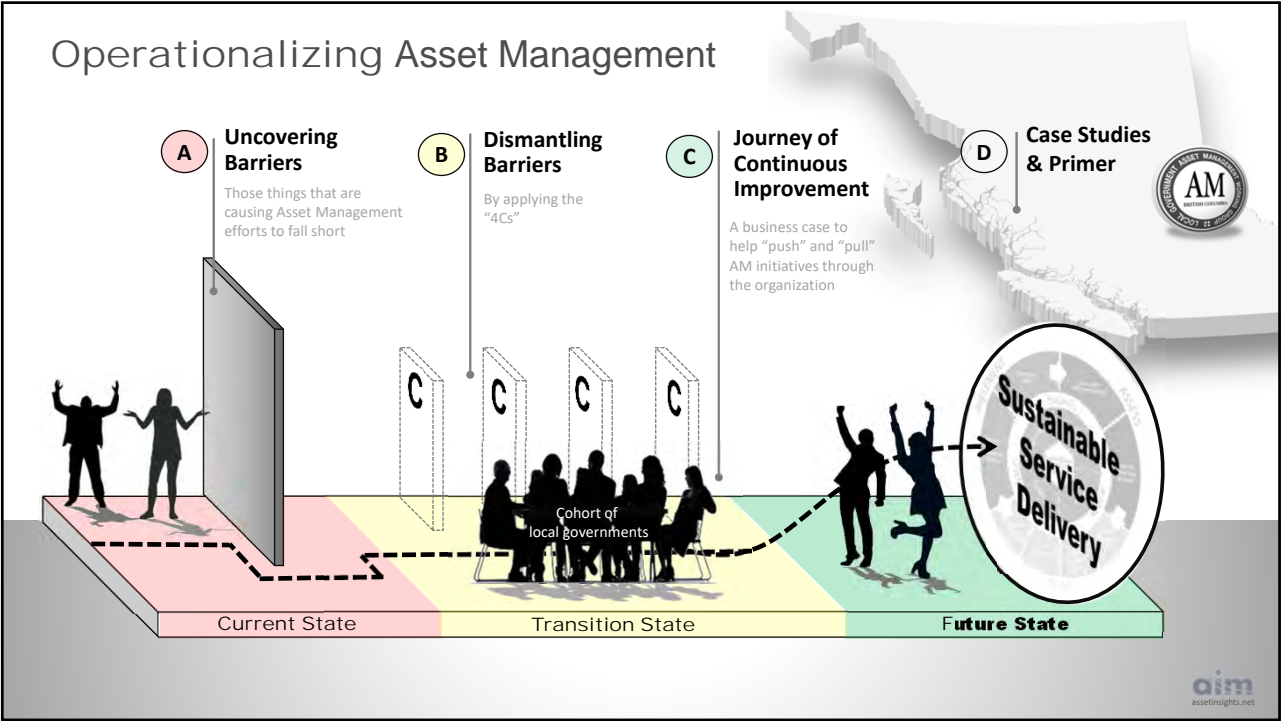
Why do we want to operationalize our AM program? There are many good reasons why, but these can best be grouped into two categories: Efficiency and Effectiveness.

We want to be efficient in the implementation of asset management plans and we want to be effective in how we realize value through our asset management strategy. Its about pulling together our policy, our strategy and our plans in alignment with our local govt objectives and our journey to sustainable service delivery.

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Operationalizing Asset Management: It's about People, Too

As David M. Jones, CEO, BC LGMA (BCLGMA), MBE, PE, CCM, Senior Advisor, Strategic Initiatives, City of Vancouver

It's increasingly acknowledged in Greater local government circles that sound Asset Management (AM) practices are the means to achieve Sustainable Service Delivery (and similar government goals).

The first step in practicing AM is to get to know your assets using "Condition Assessments," what do we have, where are they, what do they do, how old they are, what are they fit for purposes and how much longer can they do what our constituents want them to do at a price they are willing to pay?

Working out the answers to these questions eventually leads to the goal of Sustainable Service Delivery. However, regardless what stage of AM practice you're at, staff and money come before local services.

And about people and we discovered a "success" assessment of our staff was necessary. In 2014, the 2014 Canada's BC LGMA (Community Works Fund) allowed BC teams to pay for AM "capacity building," so teams were available.

Our AM journey began several years ago when we created the Australian National Asset Management Strategy (NAMS) as our corporate-wide method of practice.

Over a period of several years we raised the AM Strategy throughout the organization by providing an increasing number of staff members with NAMS training workshops – half paid for by UBCM Asset Management Planning grants, but purchasing competencies across the board was not the complete answer.

Consequently, we had already engaged INTERACTIONS Ltd. Solutions to review job descriptions and their alignment with the various objectives, purposes and positions in several departments. A series of informal conversations eventually led to a bold idea of changing the scale and scope of these mandates.

"To ensure the City of Edmonton's organizational structure and duty operations align with current asset management priorities, we supported a review of the City of Edmonton's organizational structure and duty operations align with current asset management priorities."

So, "Operationalizing Asset Management" began and we used Go Funds to pay for it.

Of course, setting such a lofty goal was easier when achieving it was daunting. We approached the problem systematically along two tracks. First, we continued with the "Condition Assessment" work already ongoing with our staff and expanded to encompass all departments.

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Second, we thought broadly to imagine some new form of organizational structure that would support the aim.

The "Condition Assessment" is the people who know what, where, how, etc. (prior to the inevitable using conventional AM practices). The identified who might need which AM competencies, but not how it was all supposed to work in an organization-wide scale.

Fortunately, we've been associated with Asset Management BC since its inception and participated in the development of "Asset Management for Sustainable Service Delivery – A BC Framework." For those unfamiliar with "The Framework," it contains a graphic depicting the annual AM cycle (in simple terms, it describes activities in terms of Plan (setting the future), Implement (doing things in the present), and Assess (reviewing and acting on knowledge gained from the past).

There was our answer in a single "aha moment": reorganize our people into working groups that primarily thought in terms of future, present and past issues.

supplemented by a cadre of AM specialists with advanced AM skills and growing organizational AM support and leadership.

The Engineering Department became a hybrid, divided into two groups, one with looking to the past AND the future. The past is now about reorganized (again) of "old" assets identified by the specialists physically located in the past.

The main task became creatively designing and placing new assets into historic physical infrastructure at minimal cost. This required different tools than greenfield and brownfield design now practiced in Development Services.

The Engineering folks looking to the future are responsible for network master planning and modernizing in the support of both Development Services and Public Works. Their main role is to acquire and keep advanced awareness of changing network capacities and suitability. They act to identify early on any signals that might be needed as the networks grow, regardless of asset age or condition. This also supports how we integrate our networks with adjacent communities, participating in shared services.

Overall, this approach identified who would have what roles, who needed which competencies and how everyone was to interact in the new organizational structure. This was, ultimately, intended to provide the capital assets necessary for Sustainable Service Delivery.

Finally, in the spring of 2014 "Operationalizing Asset Management" was really set then developed a comprehensive change management plan consisting of workshops, presentations and dialogue amongst all of the affected parties.

The whole thing was led by the CAO, and supported by Council. The Asset Management Policy that had guidelines for implementing an organization-wide asset management plan was developed, approved, and the changes were then implemented on mass.

There is no question this was difficult, and we were not heading what we learned. But, the most difficult part was convincing of it. That, and we have to say for free.

Public Works became about the present – responsible to care for the inventory assets throughout their lifetimes. This meant PM became responsible for operating and maintaining the assets and also the bulk of all AM activities. This meant the existing folks had to be

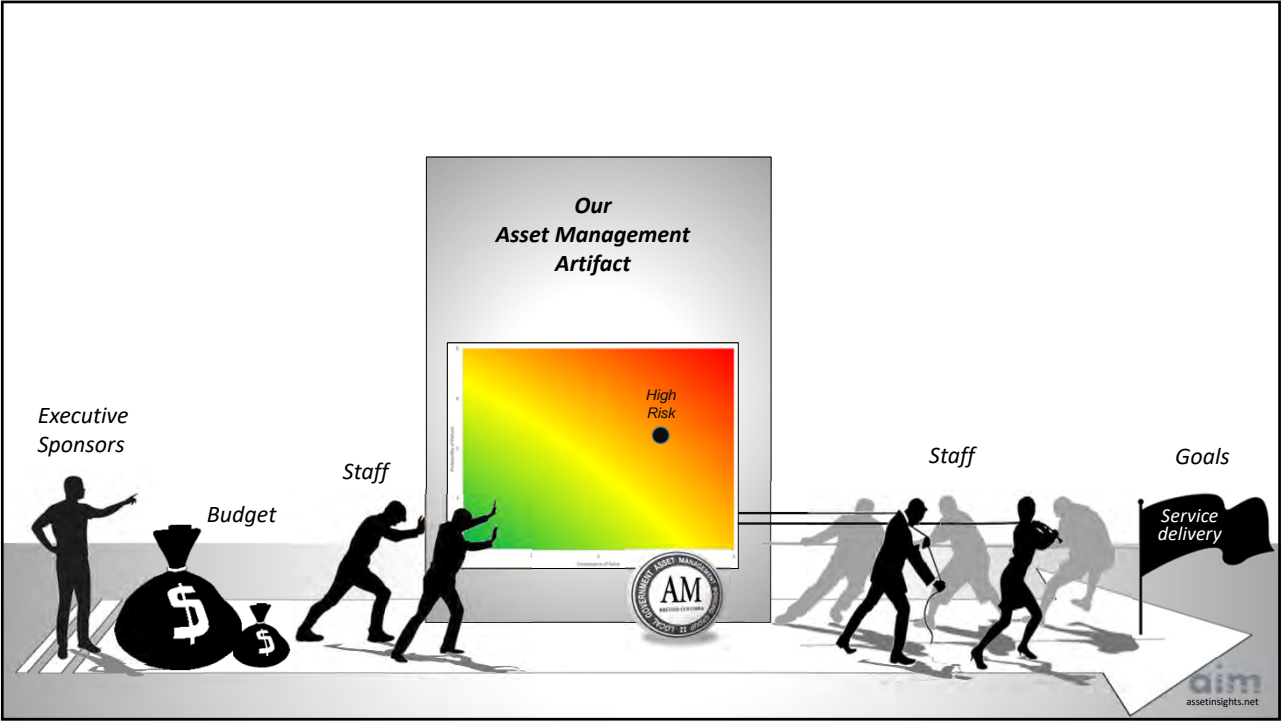
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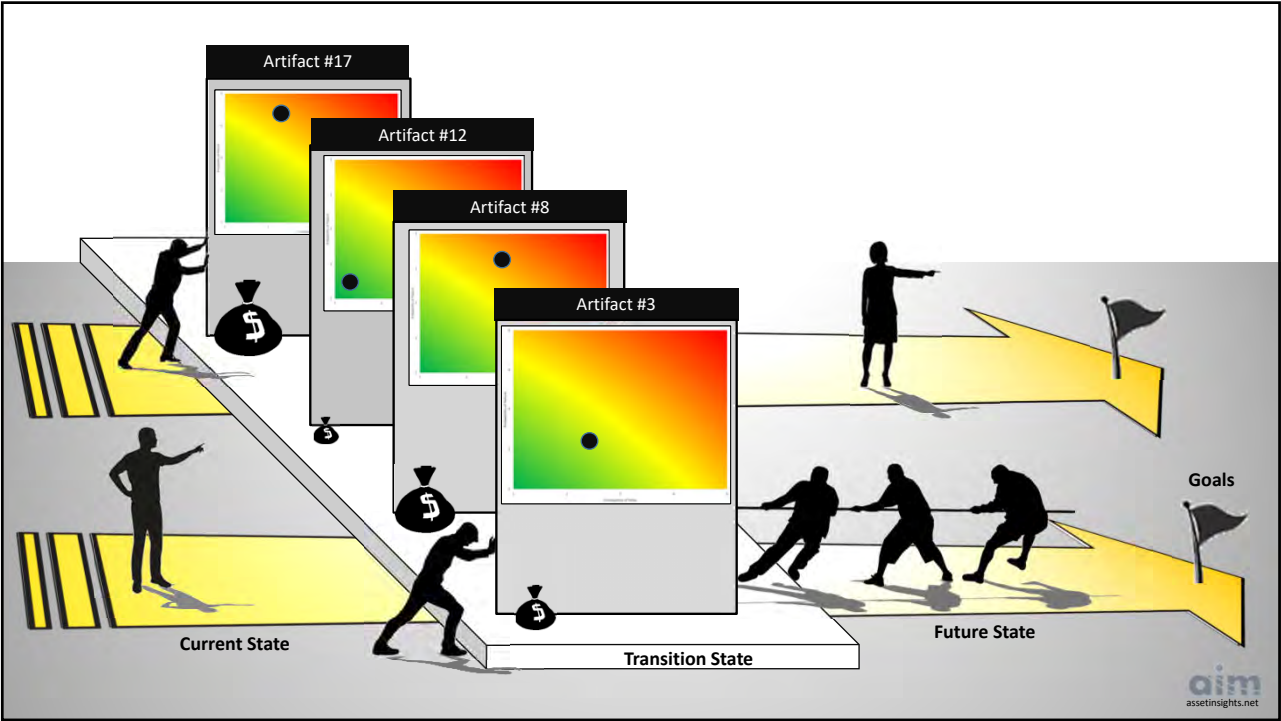
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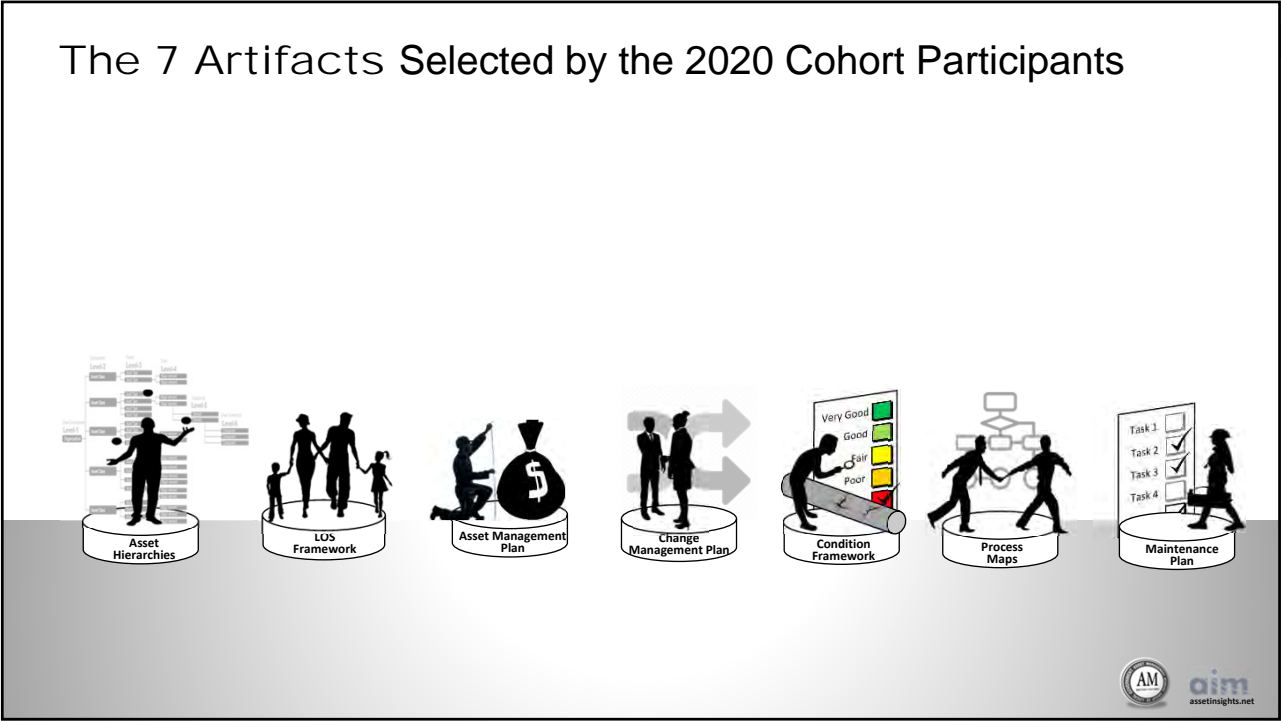
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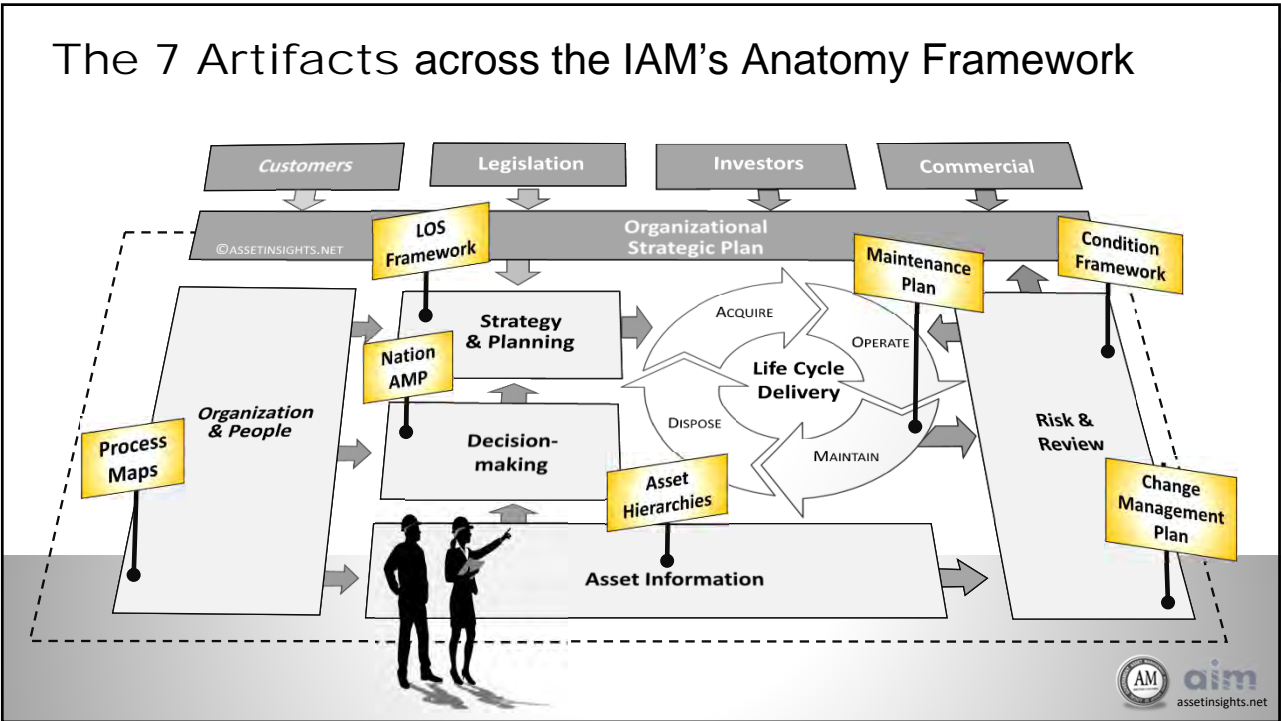
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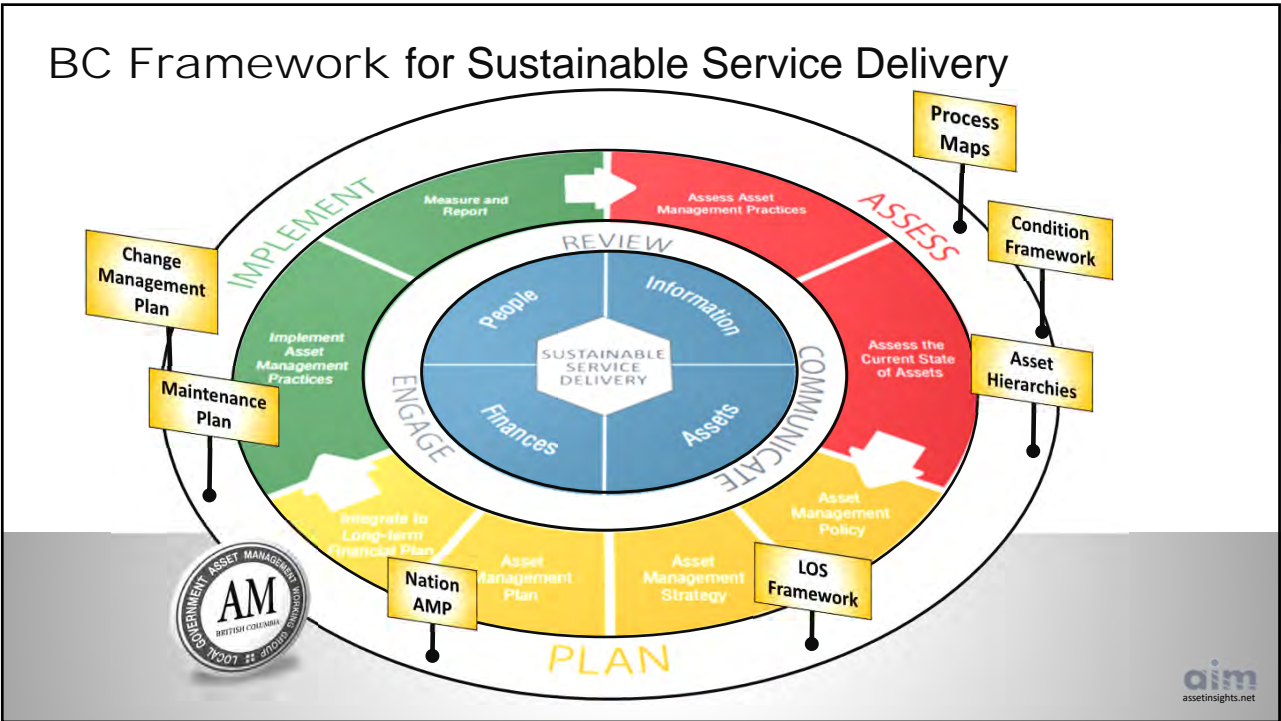
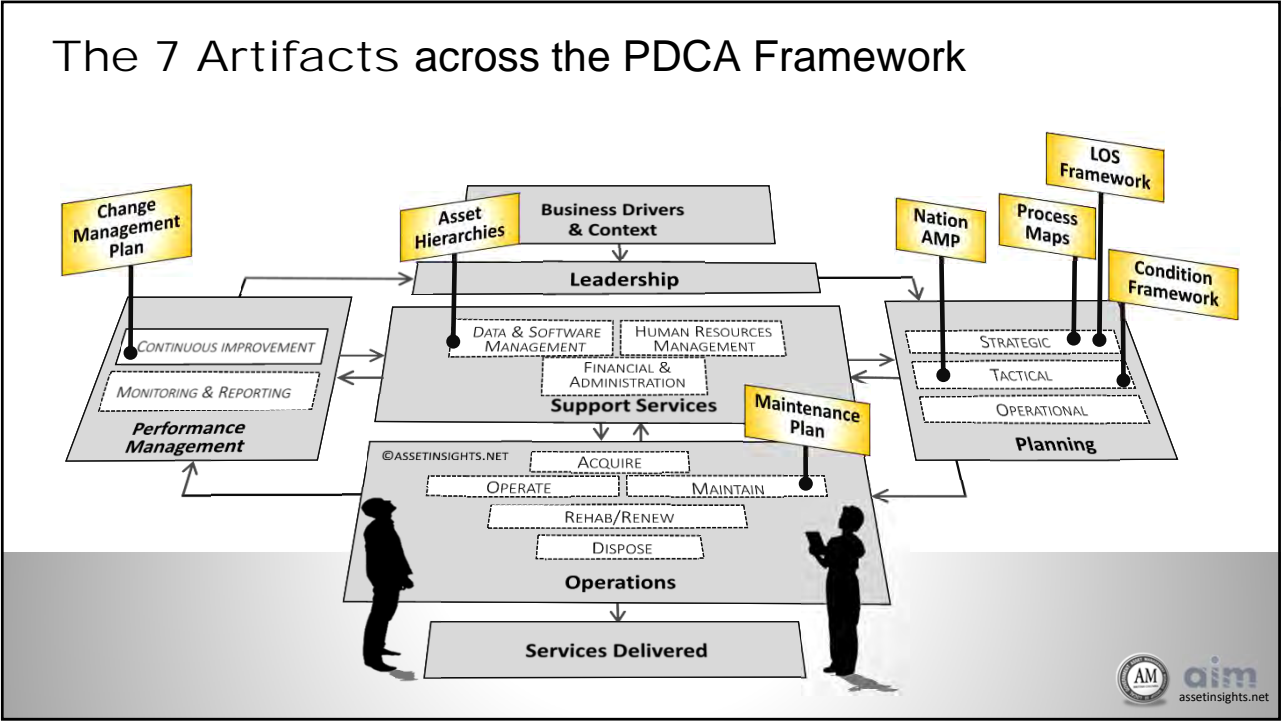
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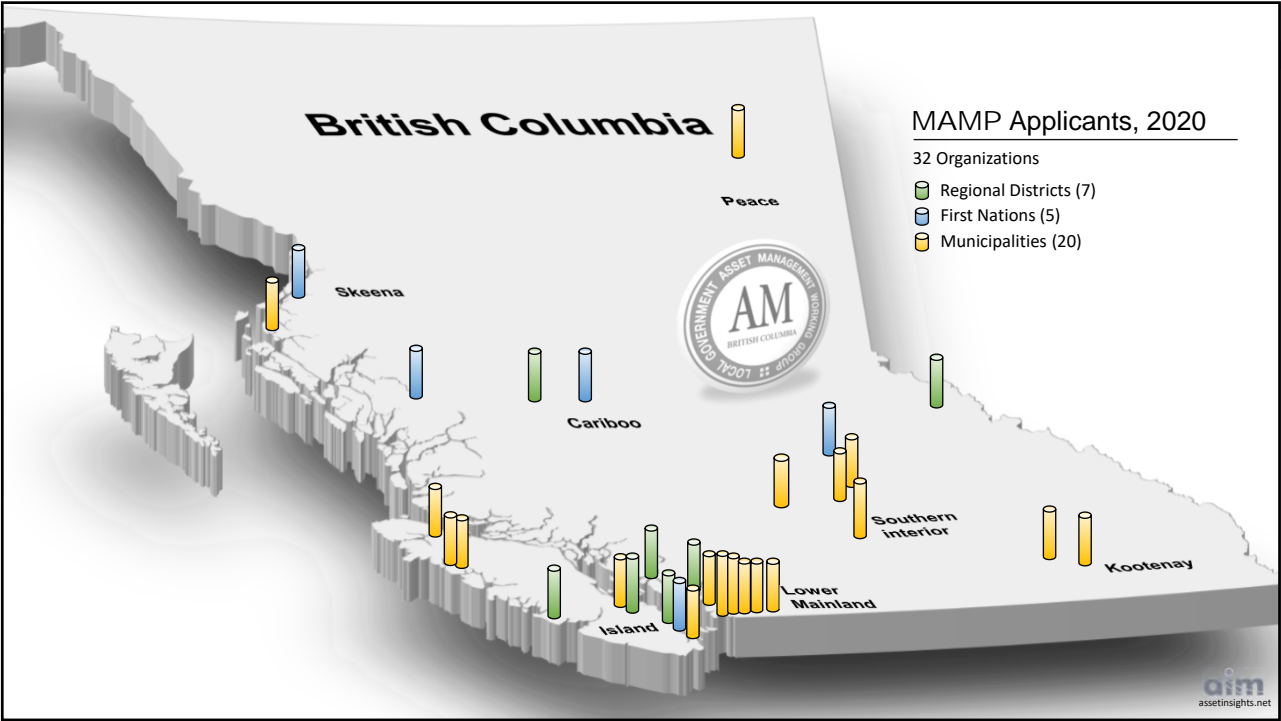


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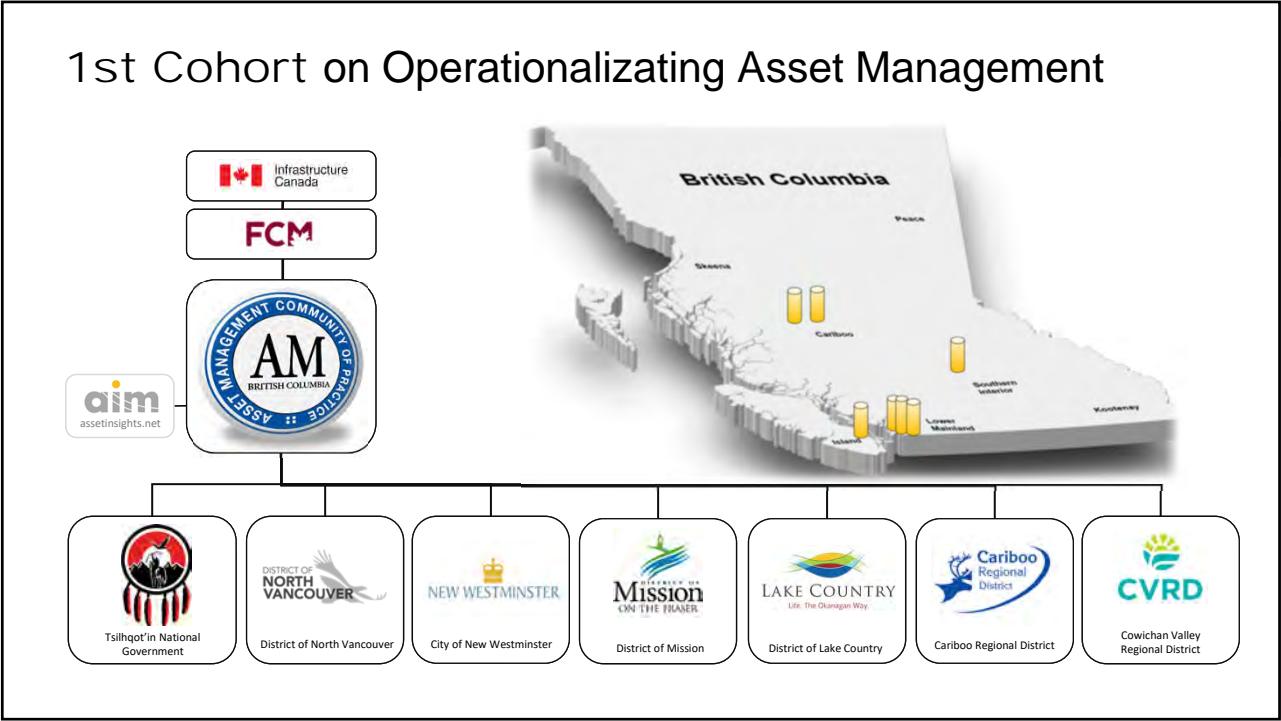




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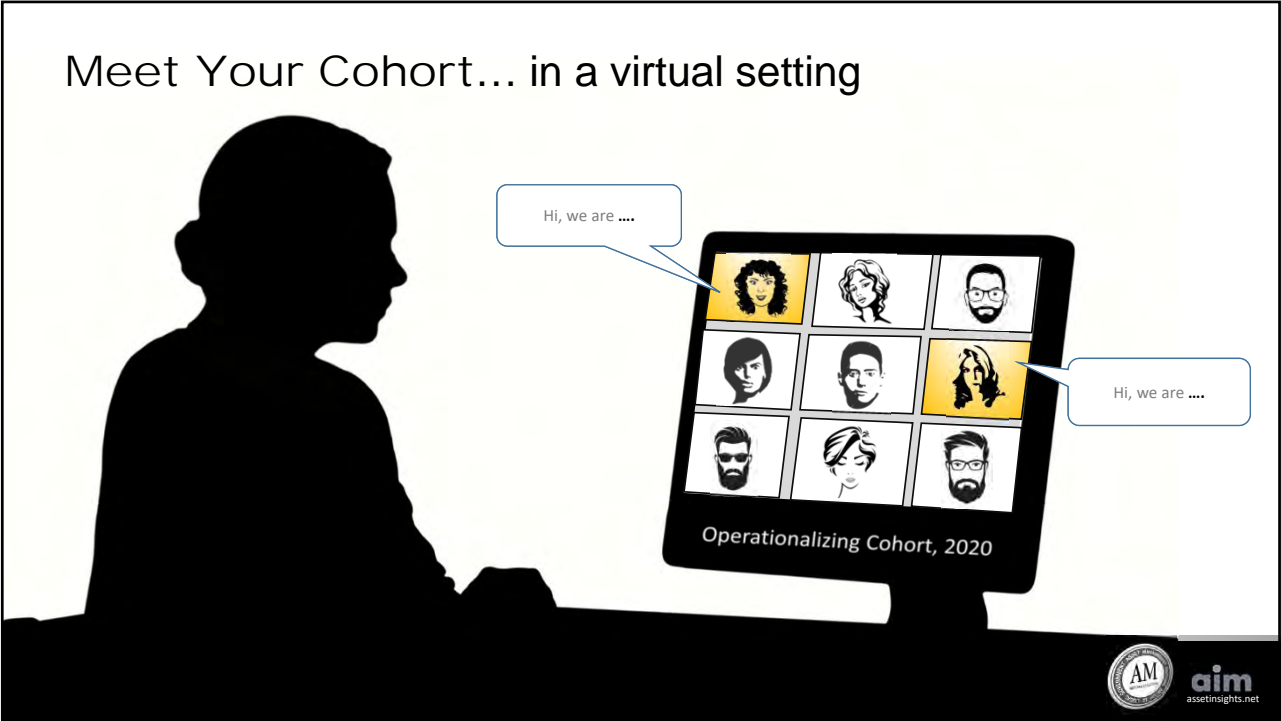
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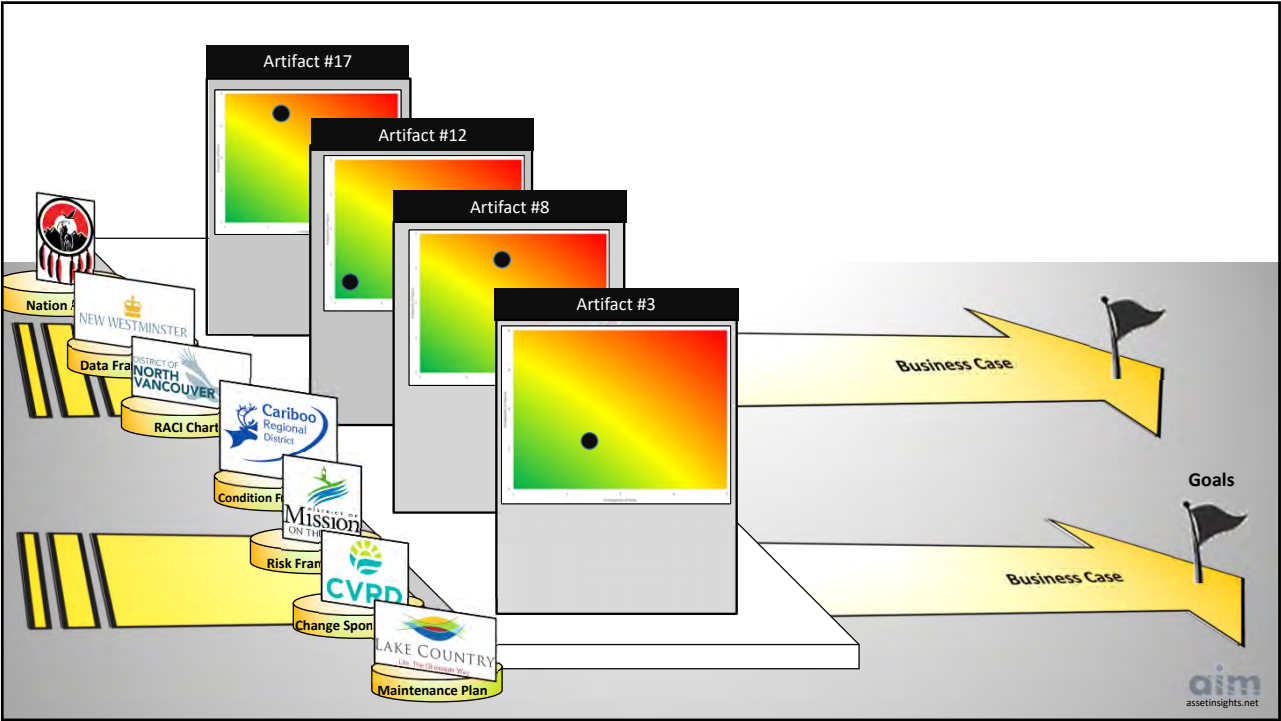
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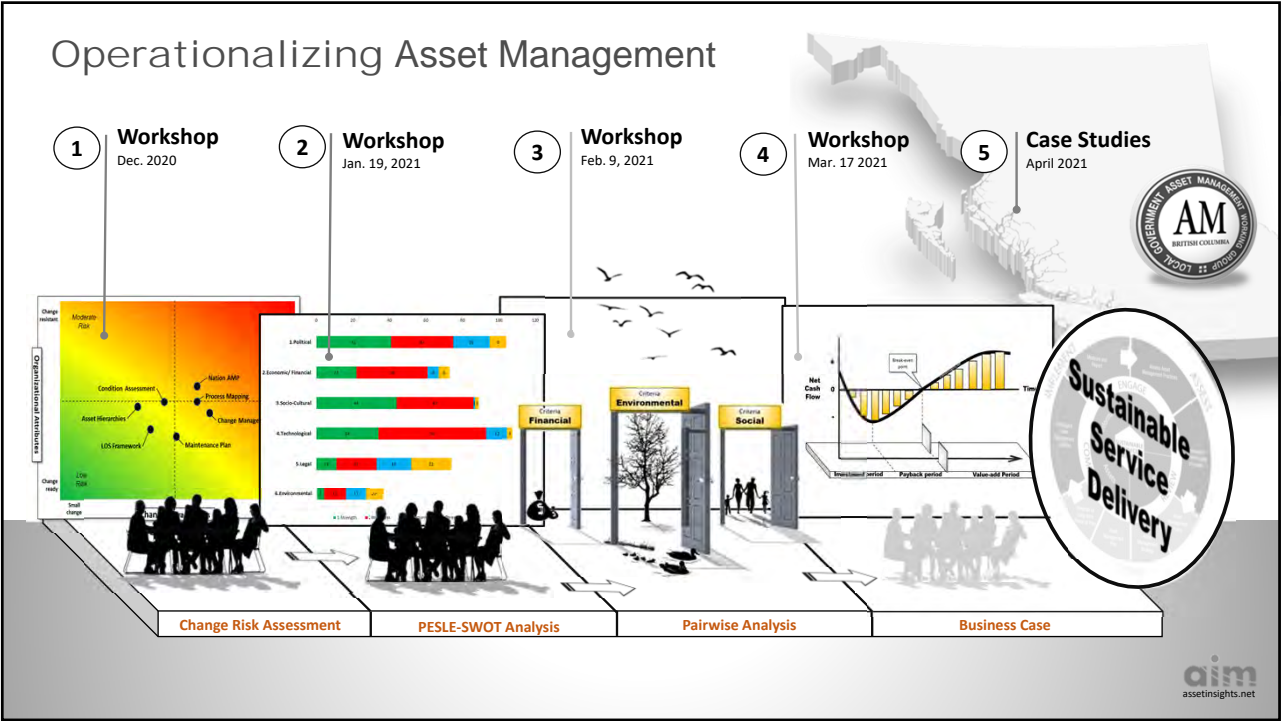
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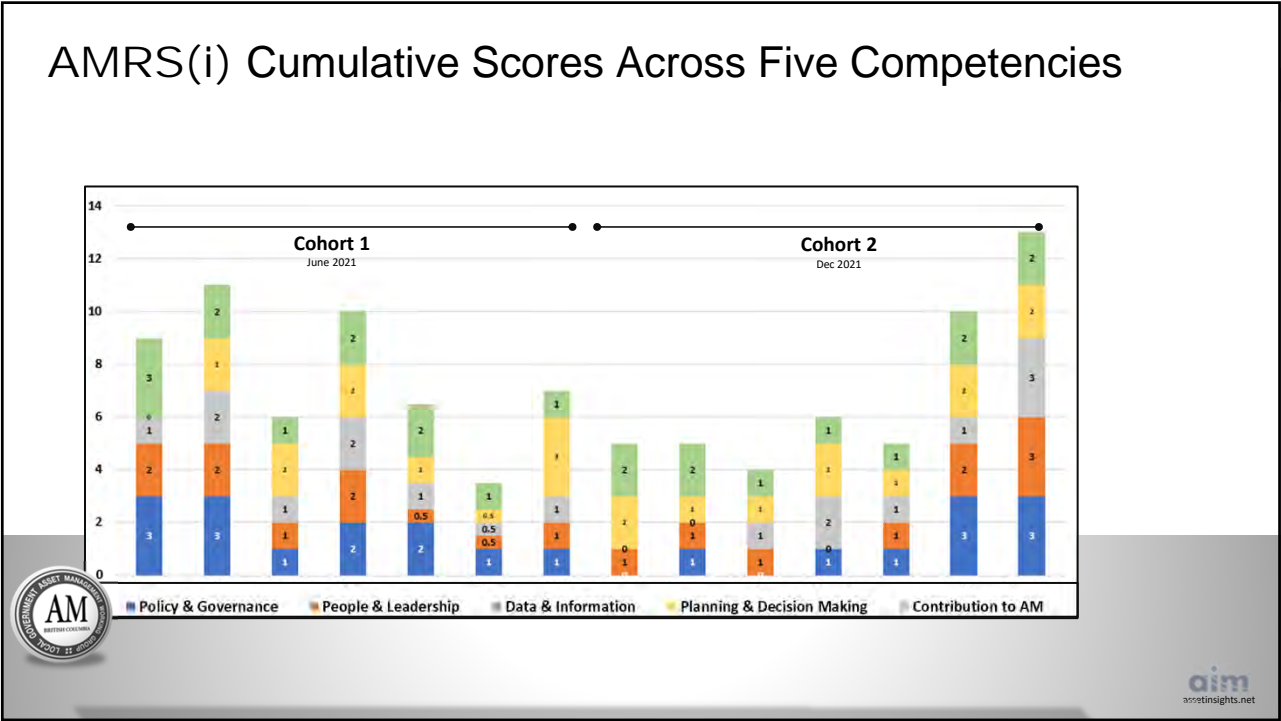


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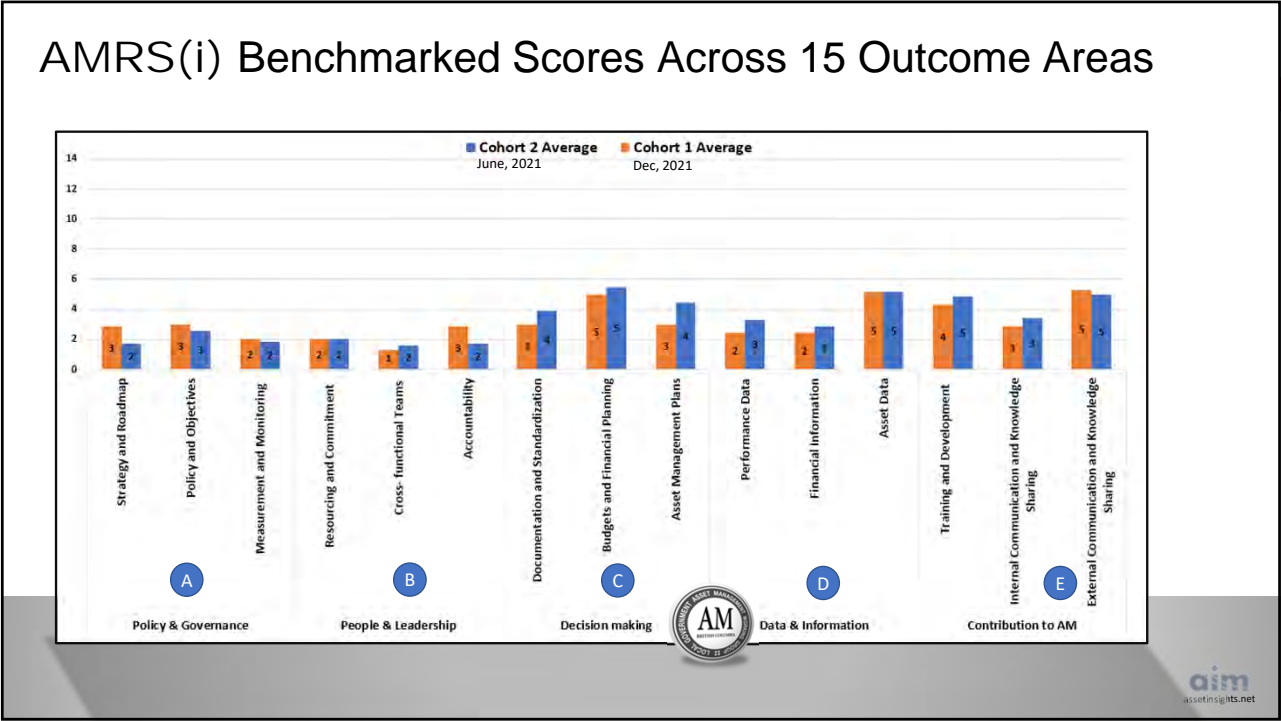




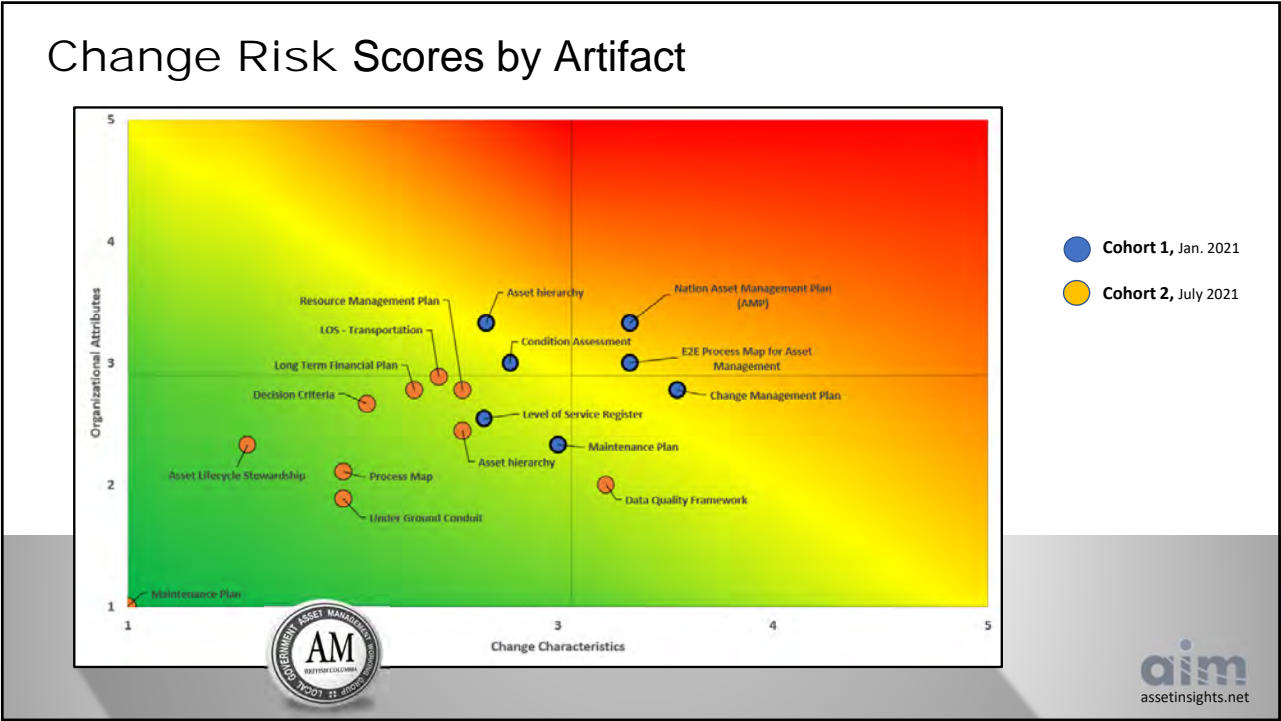
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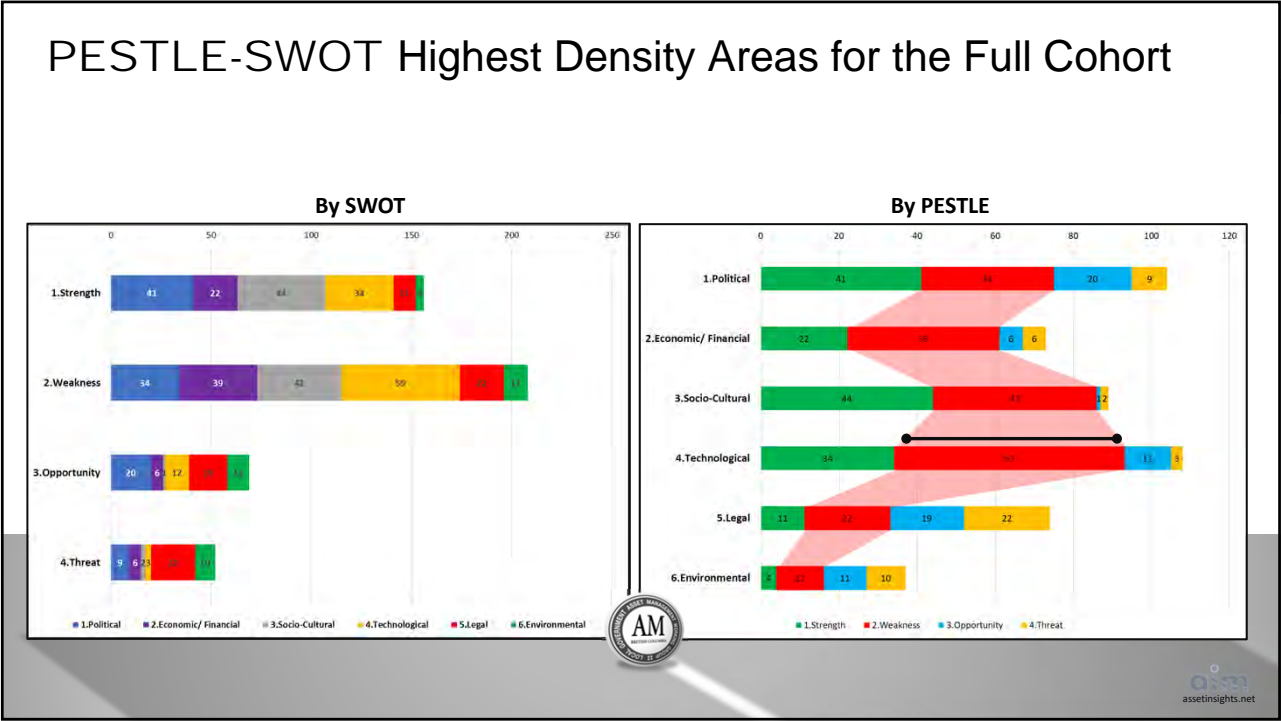
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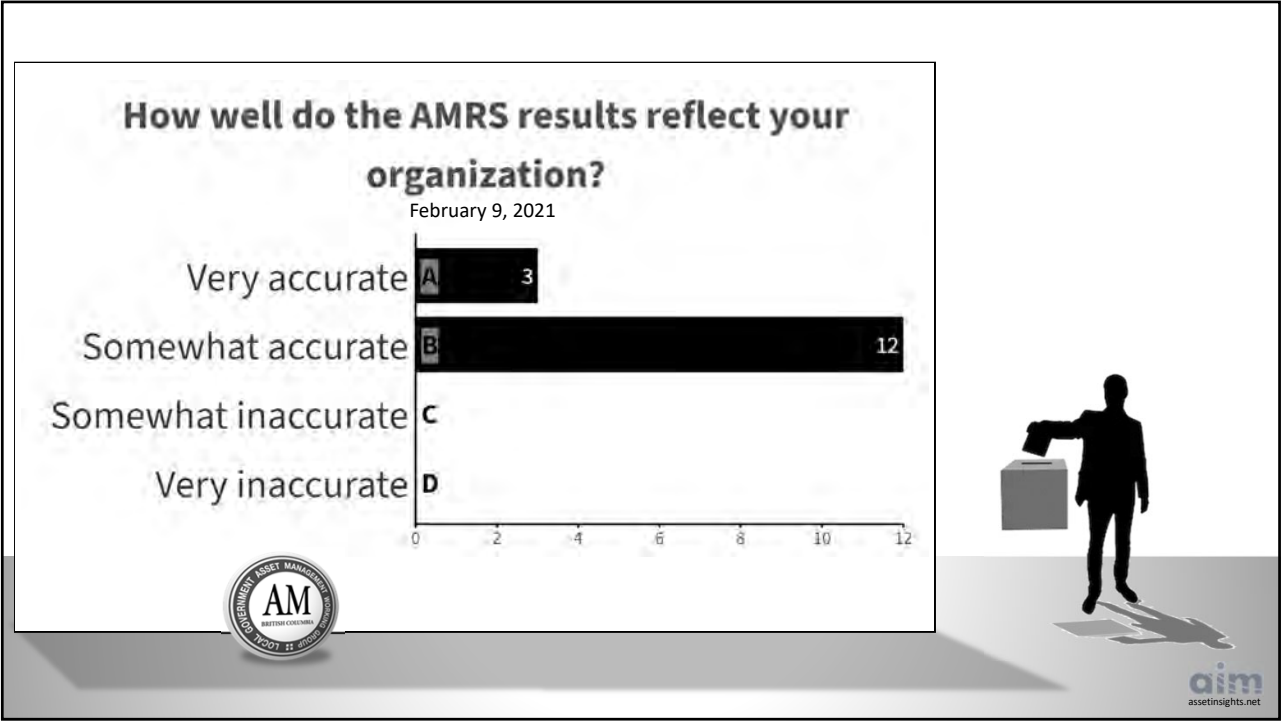
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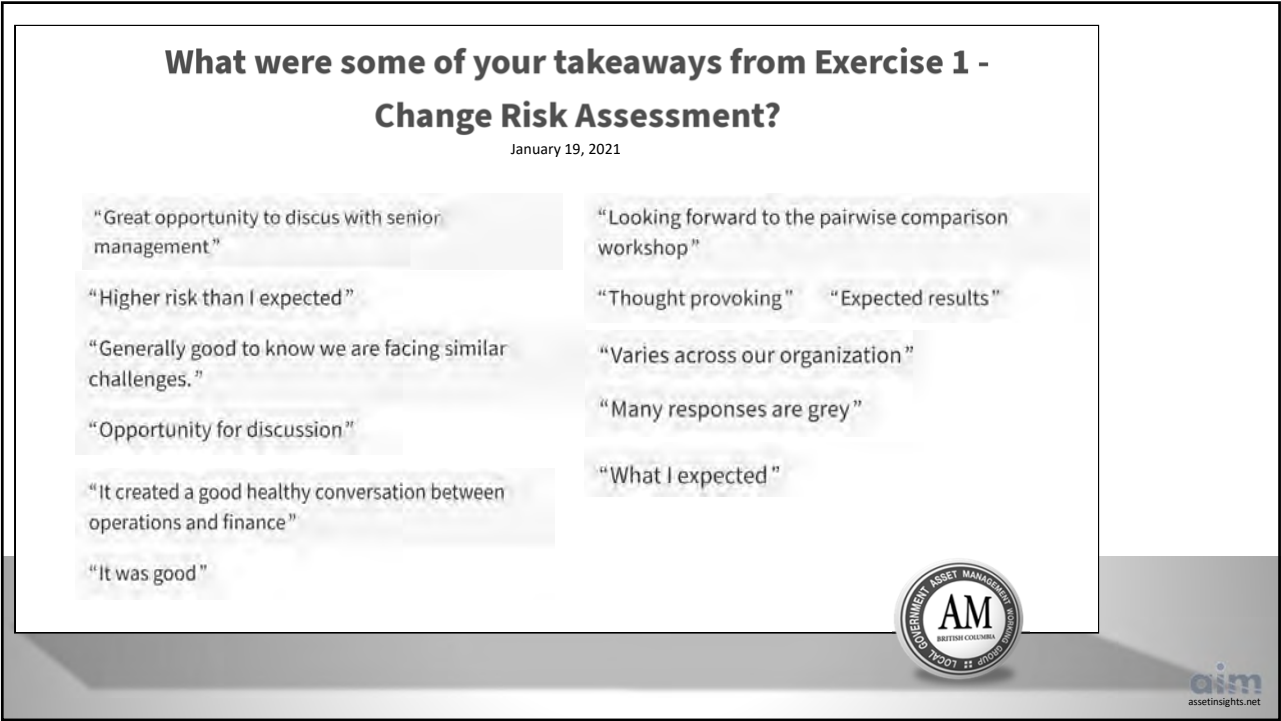
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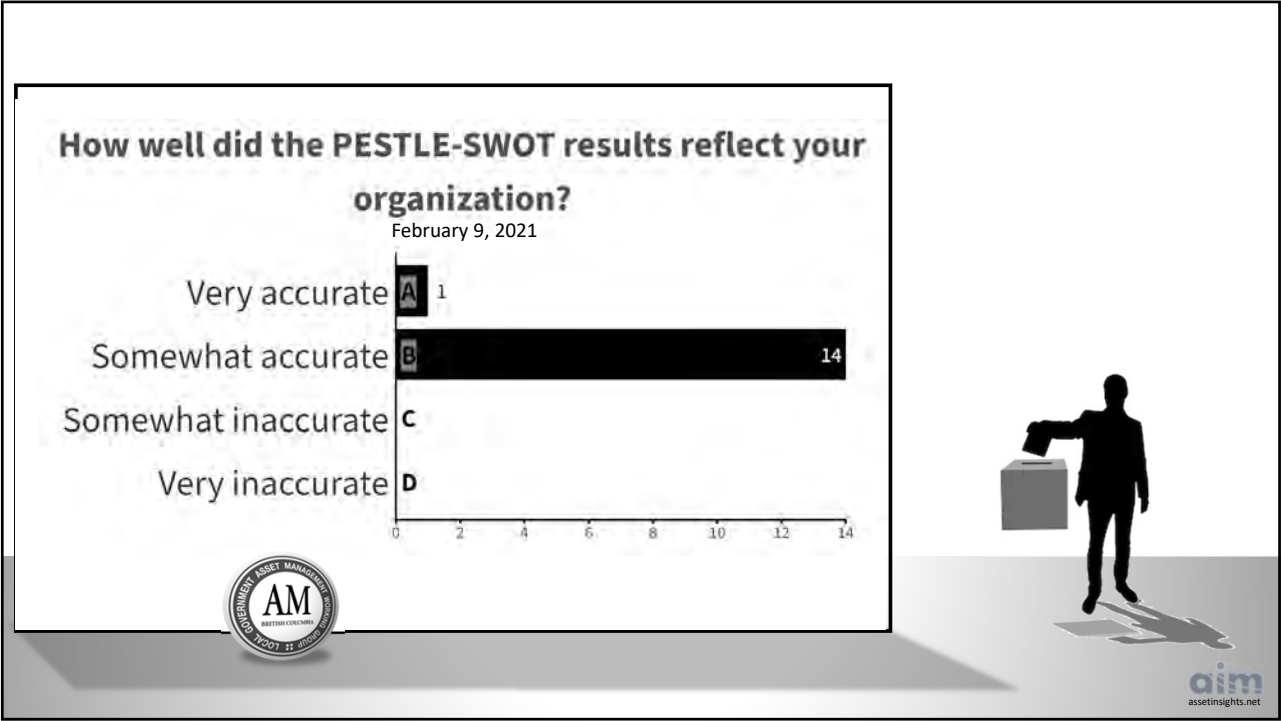
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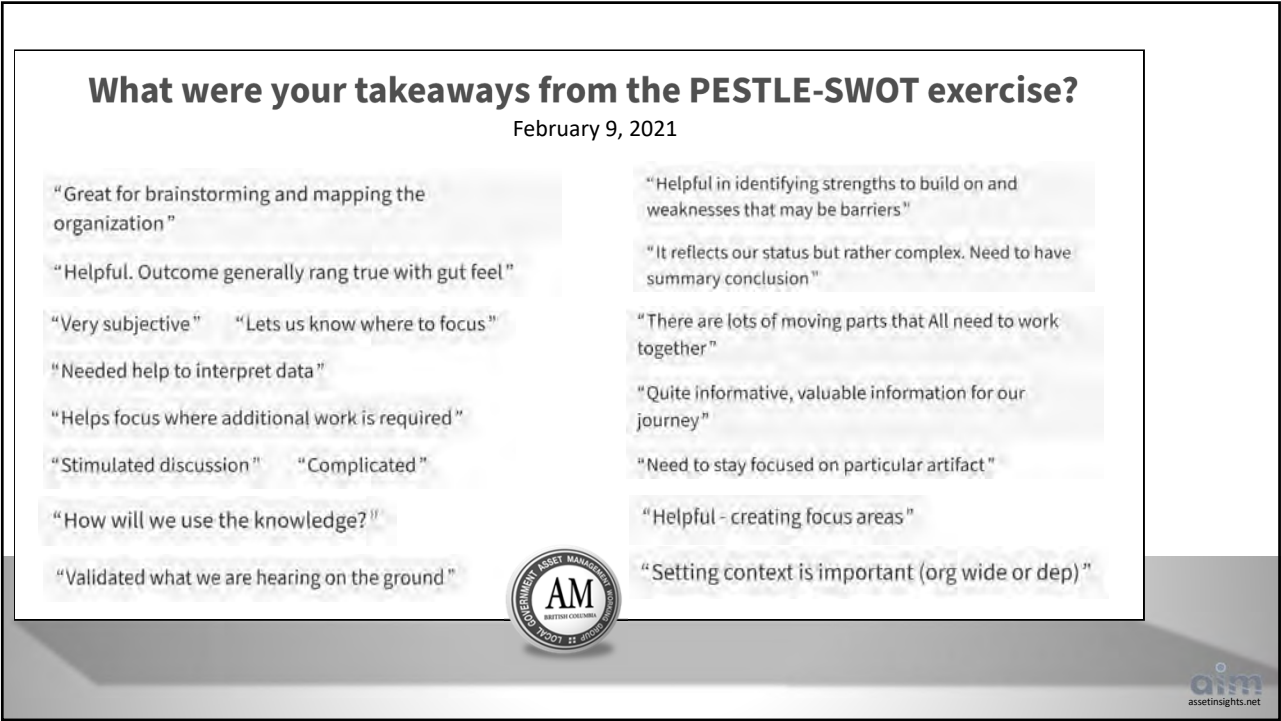
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What have been your takeaways (so far) in working on the business case tool?

Cohort #1, April 2021

"Complex "

"Created good discussion "

"Good tool that could be applicable in many other analyses "

"Brings multiple inputs to manageable discussion "

"Challenging to evaluate only 5 tasks "

"May not fit our artifact well but good for other situations "

Cohort #2, July 2021

"Positive learning "

"Quite involved. "

"Engaging "

"Structured "

"Complicated, but good "

"Hard to communicate "

"Considerable amount of data required "

"May not fit our artifact well but good for other situations "

"Positive learning "

"Quite involved. "



"Text Heavy "

"Repeatable "

"technical "

"Intimidating at first glance "

"A lot to take in "



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We are interested in writing a case study to share with FCM

Cohort #1, April 2021

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Cohort #2, Sep. 2021

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

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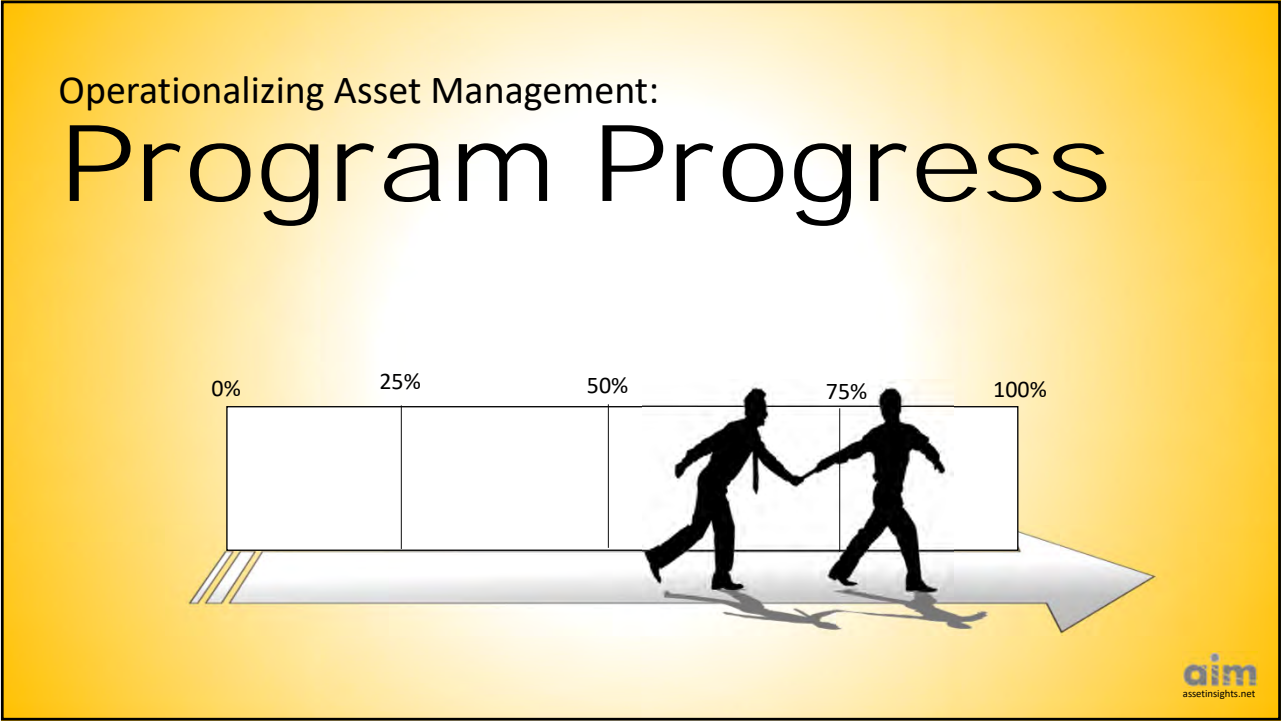
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