



### **TODAY'S PRESENTERS**



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### **AGENDA**

- Challenges of Today's Environment
- Cost of Inefficiency
- High-Performing Strategic Planning
- Financial Technologies
- Synario for Strategic Planning





### WHY PLAN?



### So why plan?

# Prepare for an unknown future

### **Drive change**

# Make better decisions

#### Macro Trends in Public Finance

- Revenue Volatility and Uncertainty
  - Revenues fluctuate with inflation, population shifts, and economic cycles
  - Federal and state funding remains cyclical and politically unpredictable
- Aging Infrastructure
  - Deferred maintenance and new resilience projects are expanding CIPs
  - Rising construction costs and limited debt capacity demand smarter prioritization

#### Staffing changes

- Retirements and turnover erode institutional memory
- Standardized planning processes ensure stability as teams evolve

#### Economic and Policy Shifts

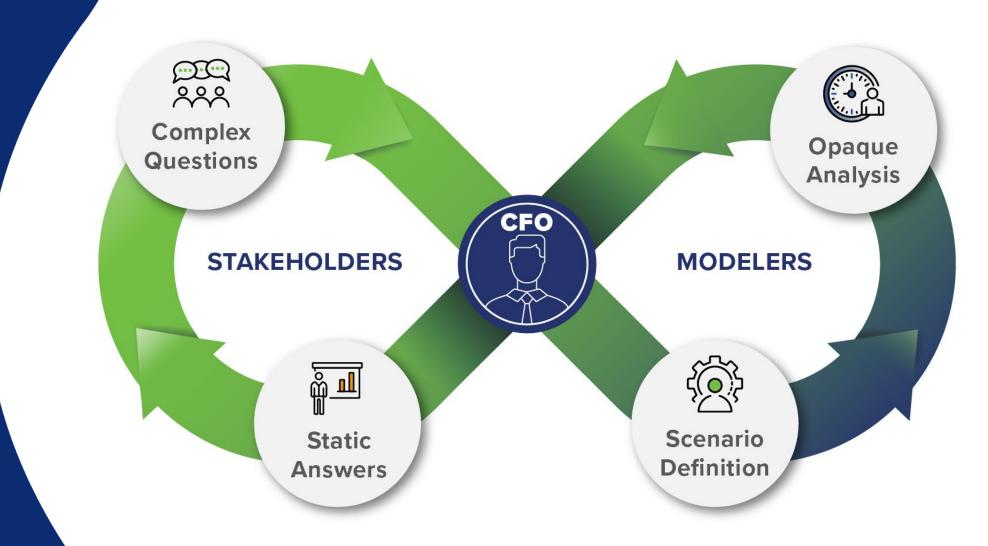
- Inflation and interest rate changes impact long-term affordability
- New regulatory and credit pressures emphasize multi-year fiscal sustainability





# Common inefficiencies in the decision cycle

- This environment leads to:
  - Decision latency key initiatives stall while data catches up
  - Opportunity loss funding and investment windows close
  - Strategic drift execution diverges from long-range intent







### FINANCIAL PLANNING BEST PRACTICES





### Adapting financial planning to today's challenges



#### Plan with the longterm picture in mind

Shift from single-year budgeting to long-term forecasting



## Stay prepared with scenario analysis

Evaluate the financial impact of funding shifts, capital decisions, political outcomes

Develop the ability to quickly shift and adapt when environments change



### **Unify Capital and Operational Planning**

Avoid siloed plans connect CIP, debt service, operating budgets, to see full impact of decisions



# Collaborate Across Departments and Stakeholders

Create a transparent, shareable planning environment for leadership, council, and finance

Create a planning process with standardization in mind



# Strategic Planning

Strategic planning is the toplevel, five-year effort guiding your organization toward an established vision

# Infrastructure planning

Infrastructural planning bridges strategic and operational planning over two to four years, focusing on key programmatic and support activities

# **Operational Planning**

Operational planning is the near-term planning, supported by an operating budget, that dictates what will happen during a single fiscal year.

**Assessment** 

### Resource Allocation





# FRAMEWORK TO FUNCTION: TECHNOLOGY STACK



### WHERE **WE FIT**















### **Data Analytics**

### **Financial Modeling**



#### **MODELING INTELLIGENCE (MI)**

**Operational Planning** 

(Budget Framing/Resource Allocation)

**Capital Planning** 

(Projects/Programs/Initiatives)

**Strategic Planning** 

(LT Decision-Making)

**Resource Allocation/Assessment** 

**Budgeting / Forecasting → simple formulas** 

**Data Mining** 

Business Intelligence (BI) → statistics, trends, AI

**General Ledger** 

**ERP** 

Accounting

History

**Current Period** 

**Planning Period** 

[Actuals]

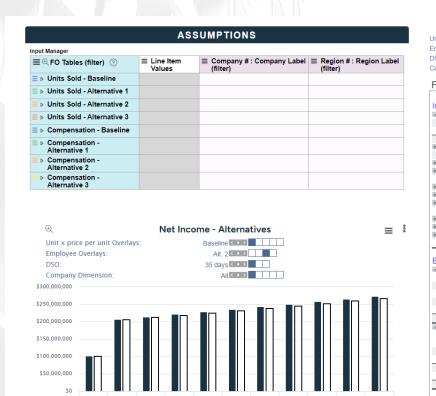
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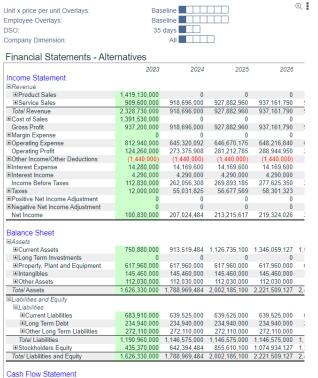
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### FINANCIAL MODELING MADE SMARTER

# Live Platform Demonstration





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