

RCTP WebEx  
June 9, 2016

*West Central Texas Region 7*

*Progress &  
Lessons Learned*



# What is Coordination?

- Coordination as defined by Encarta Dictionary: (*n*) the combining of diverse parts or groups to make a unit, or the way these parts work together



# Why Coordinate?

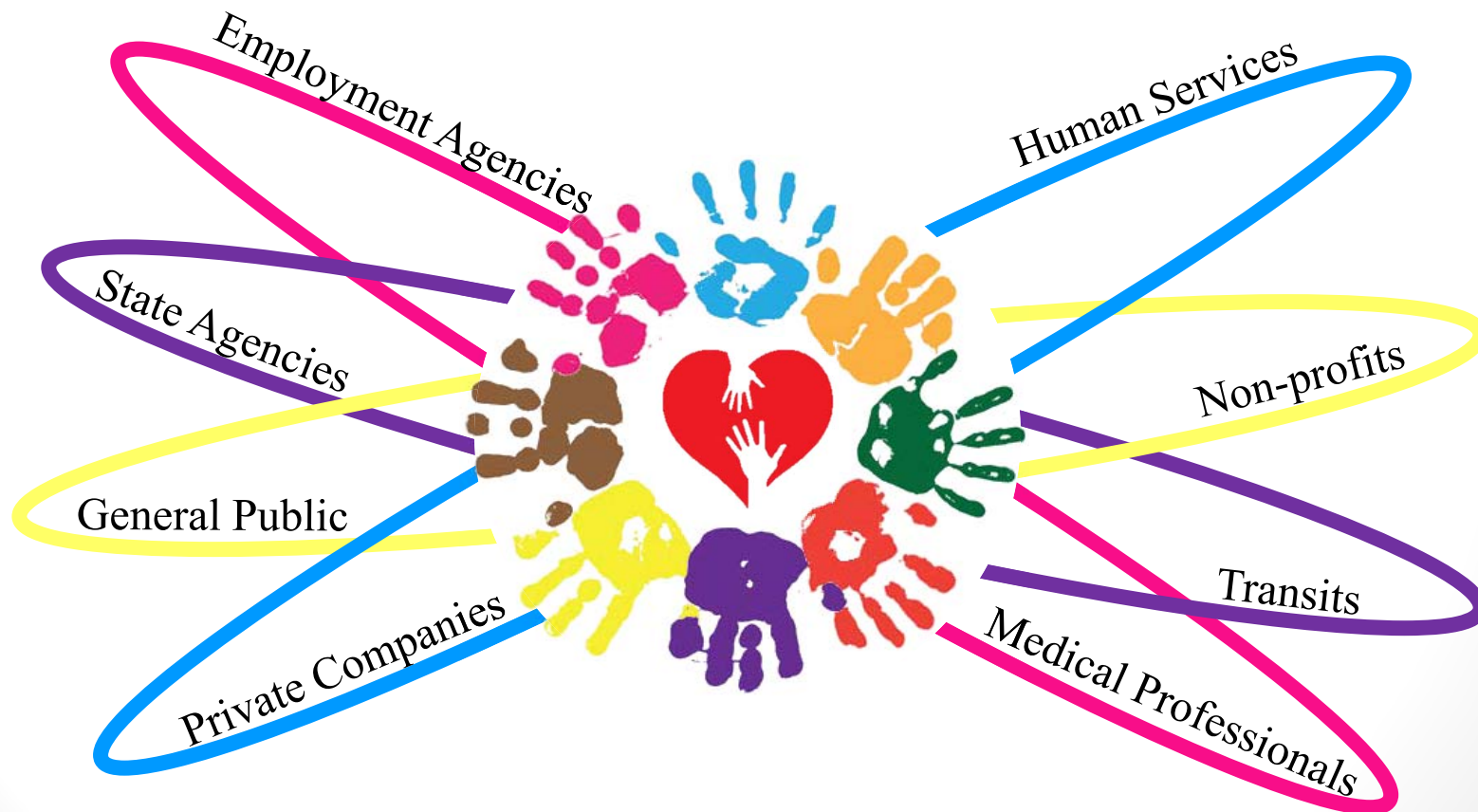
- Why are we doing all this work?
- Who reads this plan?
- Is there a point?
- Why spend money to PLAN, not FIX?
- *If you do not truly understand the goal of the Plan and the people of the Region – then you also will not understand the point of Coordination.*

Why are we doing all this work?  
*Don't ask WHY – ask FOR WHOM!*



# Who reads this plan?

*It is all up to you, but the possibilities are endless...*



Is there a point?

*If the right people are at your table  
then you already know!*



Why spend money to PLAN, not FIX?  
*Are you personally going with a  
retirement FIX or a retirement PLAN?!*



# Region 7 FY16 Accomplishments

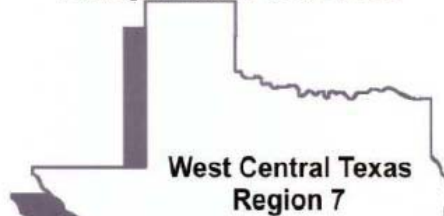
- [Transportation Survey 2016](#)
- [Public Survey 2016](#)
- [Transportation Resource Inventory Report 2016-2017](#)



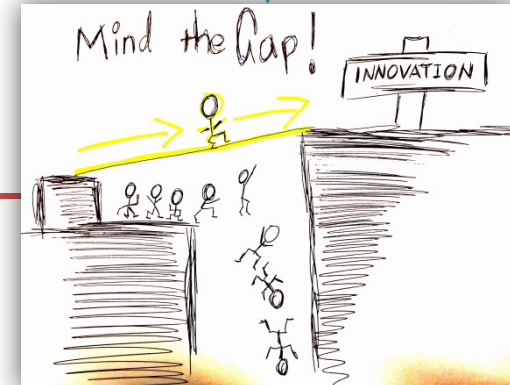
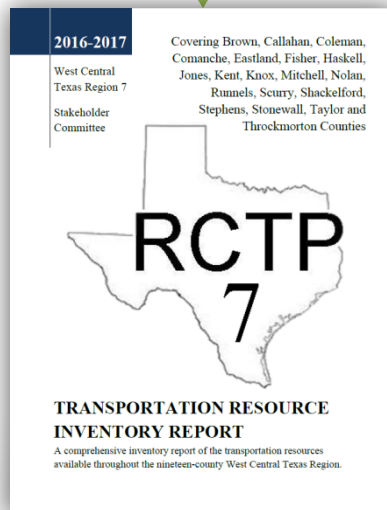
# FY16 Accomplishments = FY17 Plan



## Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan ~~2011~~ 2017



Covering Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton Counties



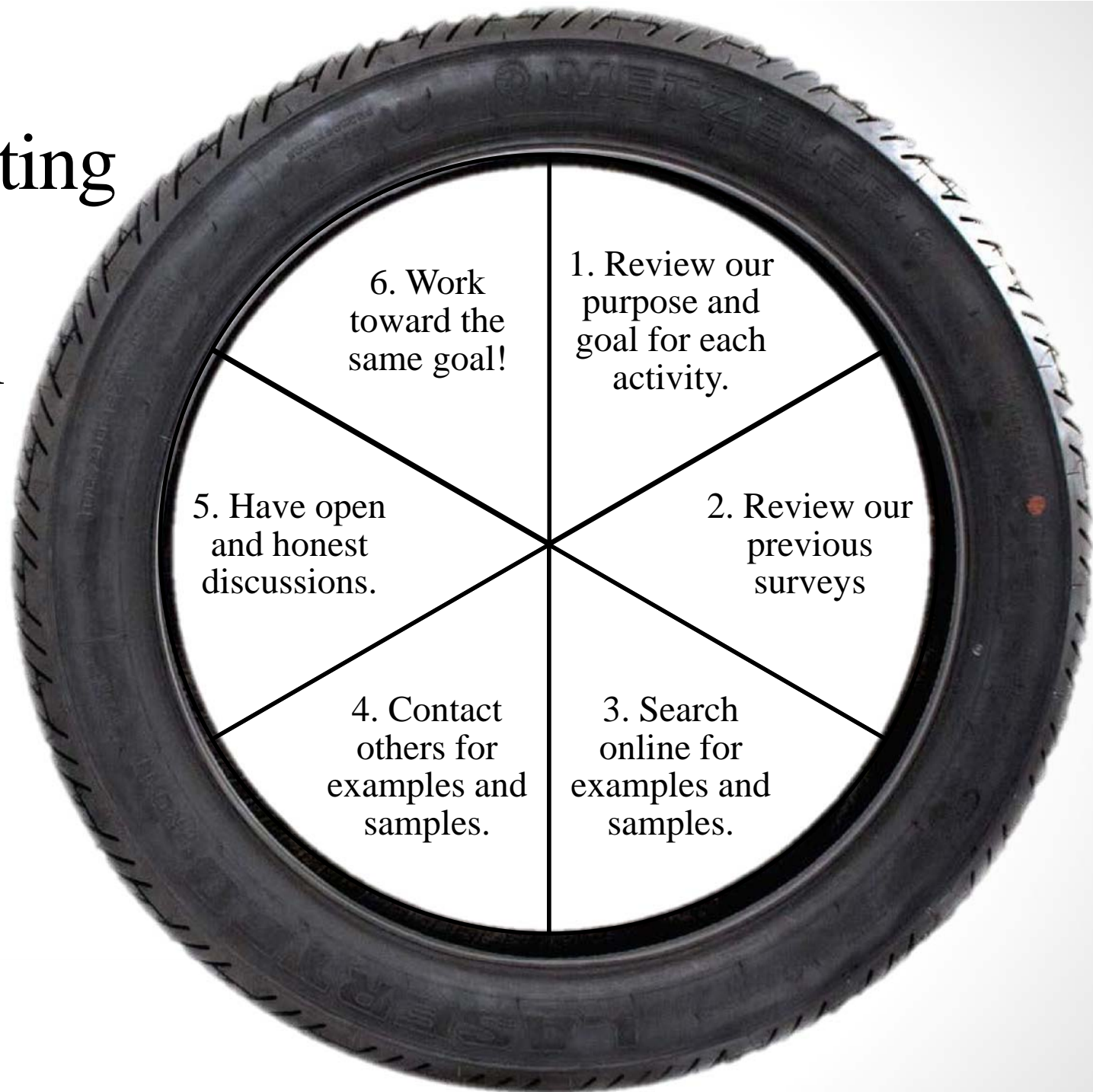
# What DID work for us?

Not reinventing the wheel...



We just perfected it for *OUR* Region

# Perfecting *OUR* Wheel





For Successful Coordination

# #10: Get to know your TEAM

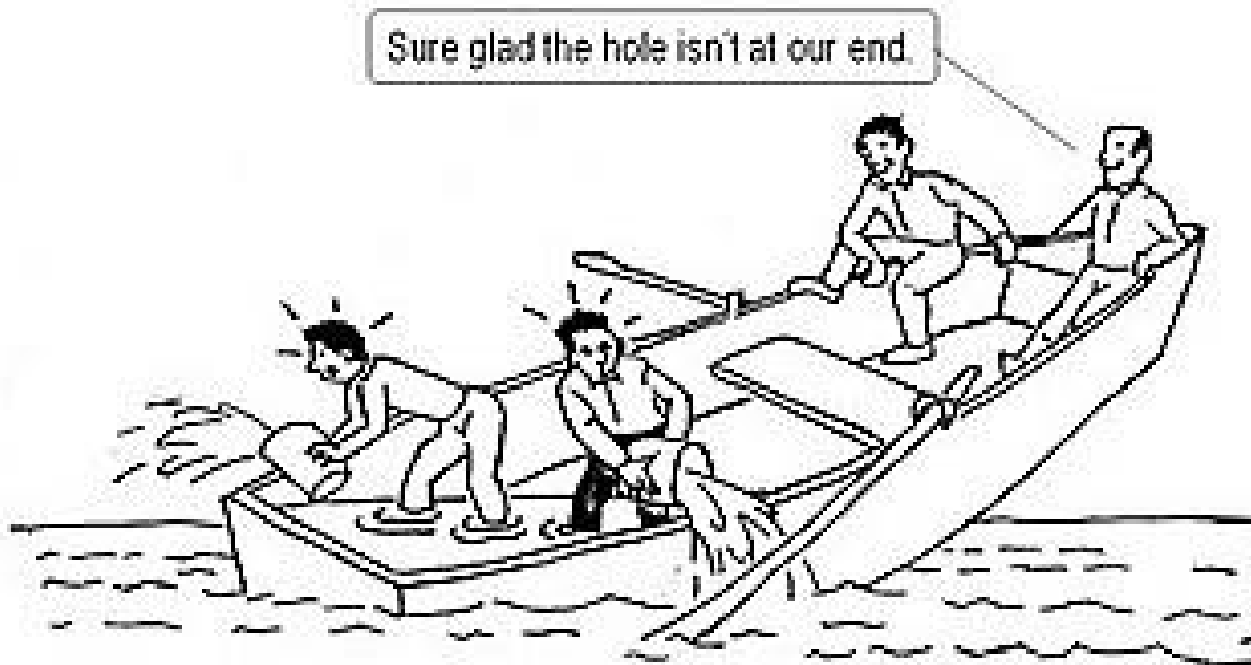
- Get to know your group
- As the Lead, try to bring out the best of each person/entity





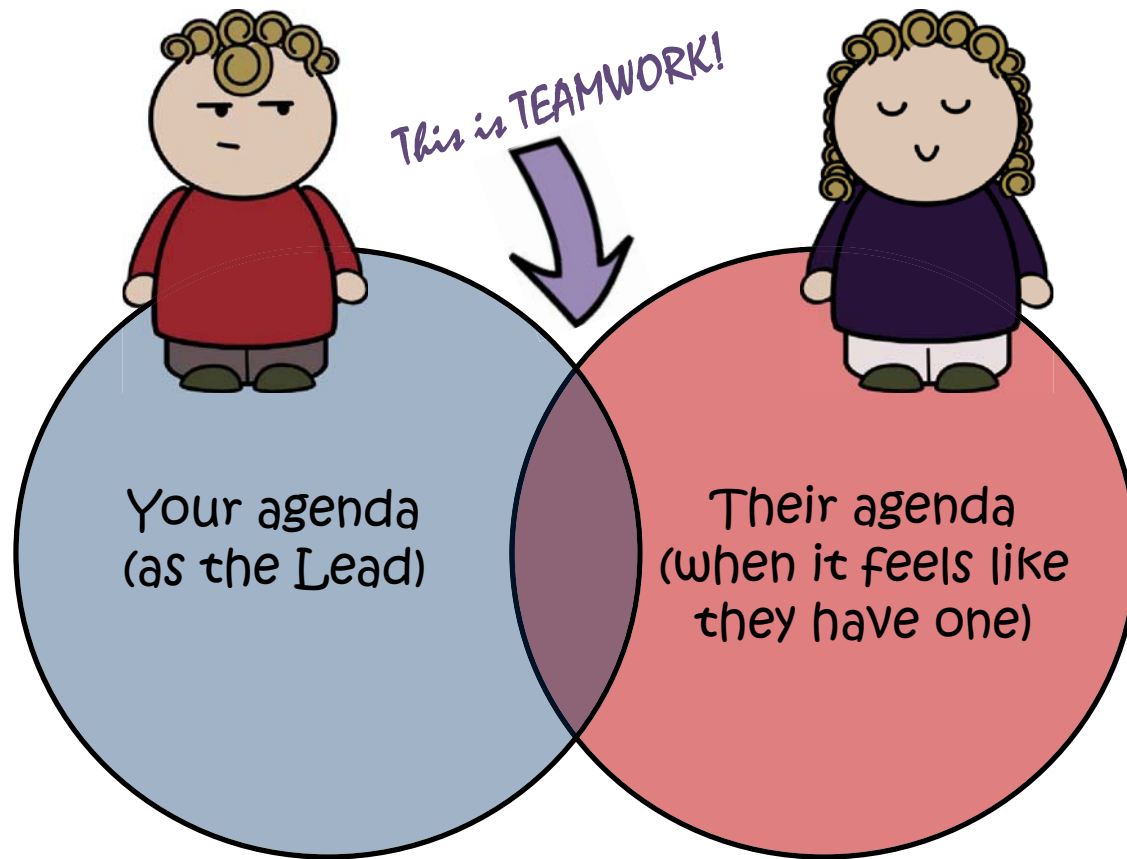
## #9: Always try to work as a TEAM.

- How many in this boat will not just survive, but thrive, if they don't all work together?



## #8: Try to work **WITH** each entities' goals/"agendas".

- Sometimes teamwork takes an effort, but first you need to know where to find it...



## #7: Balance is crucial.





## #6: A little ‘thank you’ goes a long way!


- Say THANK YOU – spare time is nonexistent, so any help, no matter how small, should be greatly appreciated
- Schedule your Region’s Work Plan without the expectation others will be able to do much more than distribute surveys and review documents – anything extra they do to assist will be an added (and *much appreciated*) bonus!





# #5: All schedules will rarely coincide.

- Try Doodle to find the best meeting date/time for your group.



1 ..... 2 ..... 3

 **Suggest dates and/or times**

 **Invite participants**

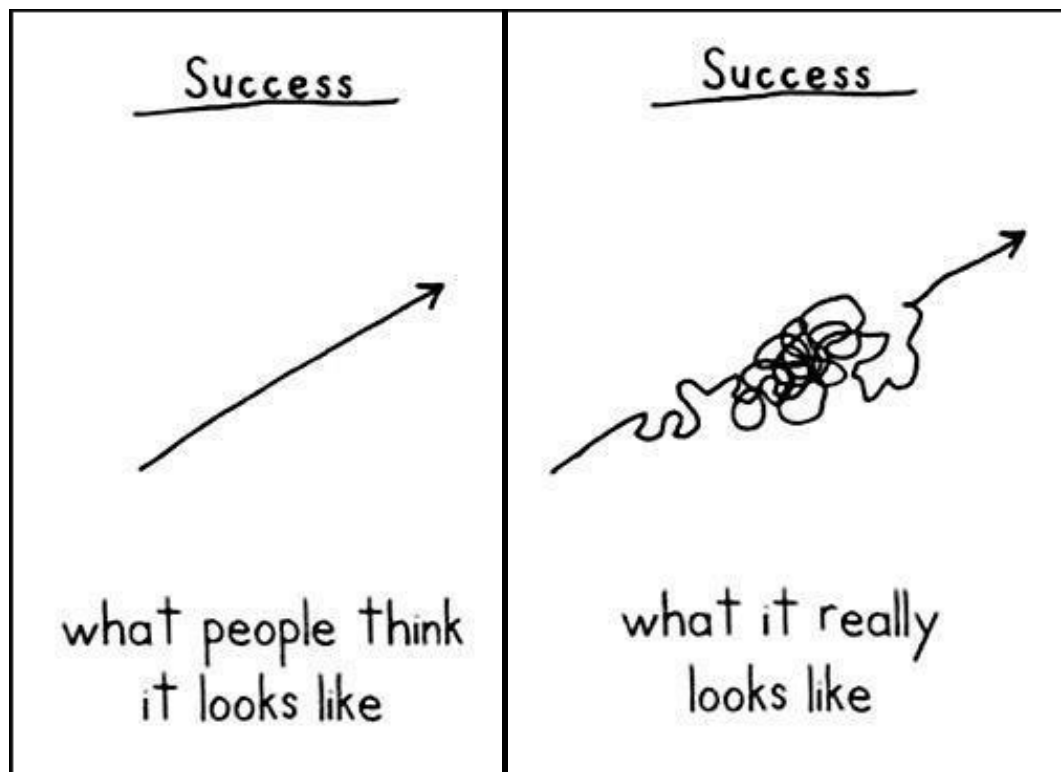
 **Confirm the best date and time**

1 participant

	June 2016				
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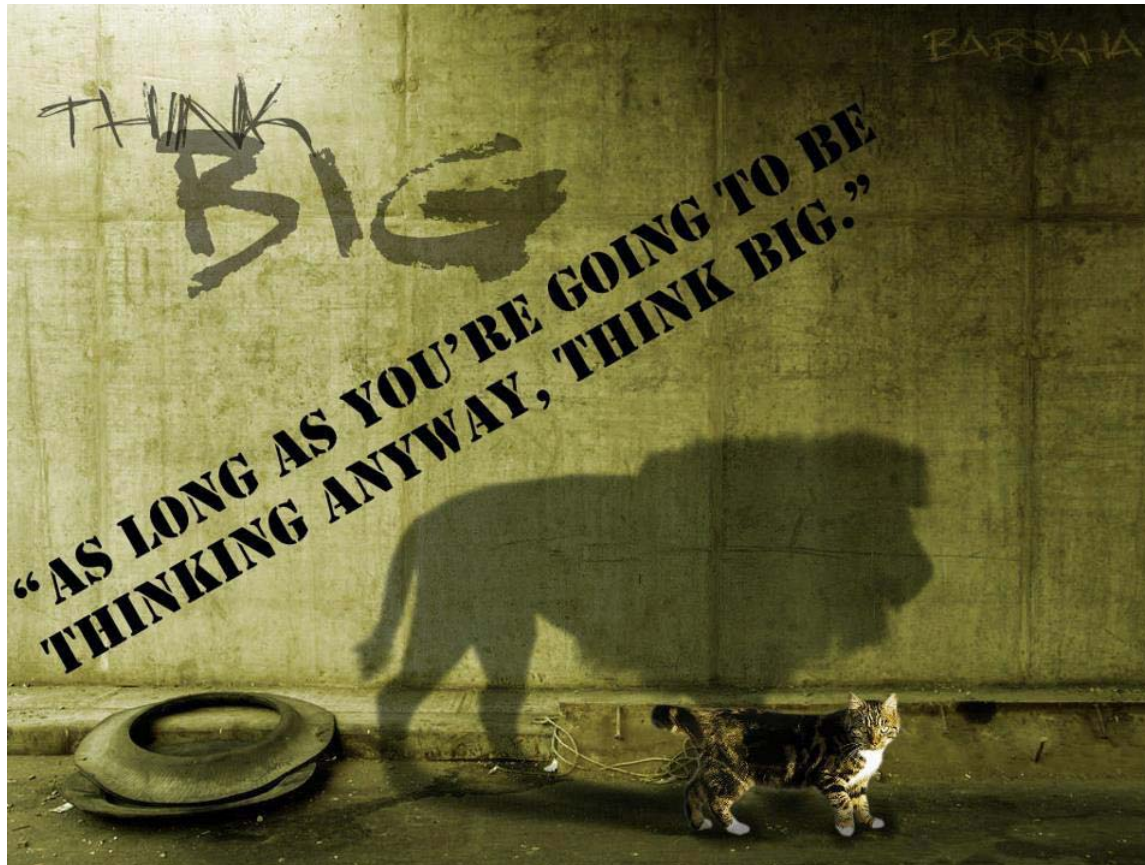
## #4: Accept that tasks may not always go as planned.

- You must be willing to accept change.



## #3: Think BIG!

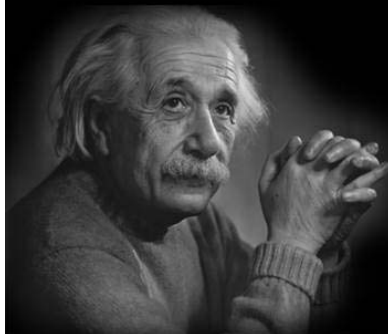
- Why do all this work to simply re-write the same old words with a new chart or two...



## #2: If you're too scared to think outside the box, try looking out the window first...

- Change can be scary, but sometimes, for the good of the people, it is necessary!

**We can't solve  
problems by using the  
same kind of thinking  
we used when we  
created them.**



**Albert Einstein**  
*German Theoretical-Physicist*  
(1879-1955)

*QuoteHD.com*

# #1: Before all else fails...

- Ask TxDOT and your peers for assistance!
- *Hint: if you don't recognize this...*



*then you might be working harder than necessary!*

- The Regional Service Planning website may be one of the best tools on the market to see examples/samples and to contact your peers from other Regions across Texas.

<http://www.regionalserviceplanning.org/>