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Life Cycle Cost Analysis In Public-Private Partnerships







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Today's Agenda

- Introduction to Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA)
- Explore LCCA in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)

In this program you should expect to learn <u>about</u> LCCA, but you will also learn how to <u>do</u> LCCA





Assumptions

- There are several other webinars in this series covering many other aspects of public-private partnerships. A listing will be provided at the end of this presentation.
- Some viewers have a background in project finance and others have a background in public procurement, but not everyone has a background in both





Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) in Public Procurement





Traditional Cost/Benefit Analysis in Public Procurement

- Government Ministry allocates public funds to pay for infrastructure development, such as a road, power plant, or water supply system
- The Ministry develops a **specification** describing their requirements
- Bidders offer tenders/proposals to build the infrastructure and state their price
- The Ministry selects the lowest–price tender/proposal that is **compliant** with the specification
- The Ministry owns and operates the infrastructure
 - Pays all costs for the life of the project (e.g., labor, fuel, spare parts) and may receive revenue (tolls, tariffs, fees)
- The Public enjoys the benefits
 - Faster/safer travel; better health and education; cleaner, cheaper, more reliable electricity; etc.



Location of Costs and Benefits – Typical Project







The Role of Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA)

- Traditional procurement is based on "ticket price" how much do I have to pay today?
- "Ticket price" procurement is transparent, but can lead to bad decisions if the procurement has large lifecycle costs and/or benefits
- LCCA is a better alternative for long-lived projects with significant costs/benefits over time
 - Evaluates the total costs and benefits experienced during a project's lifetime, adjusted for the time value of money





The Role of Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA)

- LCCA supports a longer-term view of costs and benefits
 - Operations and maintenance costs
 - Periodic repair and replacement costs
 - Cost of downtime
 - Revenue earned or social benefits created over time
 - Disposal and other end-of-life costs and benefits
- LCCA requires more data and more analysis than "ticket price" procurement, but ensures that all costs and benefits are accounted for





Simple Example

- You have a choice of two computer printers with identical performance (printing speed, color quality, paper handling, etc.)
 - Printer A costs \$150
 - Printer B costs \$100
- Printer A uses 4 color ink cartridges that will each print 5000 pages, and cost \$5 to replace
- Printer B uses 5 color ink cartridges that will each print 5000 pages, and cost \$10 to replace





Simple Example - Continued

- You expect to print 10,000 pages per year
 - Printer A yearly cost = 4 cartridges x 2 replacement cycles x \$5/cartridge = \$40/year
 - Printer B yearly cost = 5 cartridges x 2 replacement cycles x \$10/cartridge = \$100/year
- Assume that both printers would last 3 years. Cost?
 - Printer A = \$150 + \$40 + \$40 + \$40 = **\$270**
 - Printer B = \$100 + \$100 + \$100 + \$100 = \$400
- Which is the better choice on an "ticket price" basis? On an LCCA basis? Which is the better choice?
- Which printer would your organization choose?





Location of Costs and Benefits – Printer Example



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Life Cycle Cost Analysis – Conceptual



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<u>Why</u> do we discount future cash flows?

- Money promised in the future is worth less than money today
- You "erode" the value of money in the future using a "discount rate"
- Did we discount future cash flows in our printer example?





Money in hand today is worth more than money promised at some point in the future



How are Future Cash Flows Discounted?

Present Value (PV) of \$1.00 at "n" years in the future = $(1+i)^n$

- *i* = discount rate, *n* = number of years into the future
- Example: Assume that the discount rate is 6%. One dollar in Year Five is worth how much today?
 - \$1.00/(1+.06)⁵
 - Calculation by hand (starting with the denominator):
 - $(1.06) \times (1.06) \times (1.06) \times (1.06) \times (1.06) = 1.338226$
 - \$1 / (1.338226) = \$0.75
 - Using a calculator (y^x function), press:
 - \$1 / (1+.06) y^x 5 = \$0.75
 - Excel, enter:
 - +\$1/(1.06)^5 = \$0.75





The Discount Rate

- Selecting the **discount rate** is based on several considerations
 - Inflation expectations
 - The cost of capital (e.g., the interest rate on government debt of similar length to the project; the cost of private borrowing)
 - The potential alternative return if the capital is invested elsewhere
 - Risks of comparable investments

No perfect answer

- A company may have a standard rate or formula
- For government, the discount rate may be determined by the Finance Ministry
- How do you do it?





Common LCCA Analytical Methods

Net present value (NPV)

- Difference between present value of cash inflows and outflows.
- Metric = present-day dollars

Internal Rate of Return (IRR)

- The discount rate that makes the NPV of all cash flows from a particular project equal to zero.
- Metric = discount rate (%)





Simple Example – Pencil and Paper Exercise

- Invest 150,000 in Year 0
- Annual operating cost = -30,000
- Annual revenue = 70,000
- <u>Net</u> annual revenue = 40,000
- No salvage value or disposal cost at the end of the project
- Analyze for 5 years
- Discount rate = 5%





Keep the Cash Flow Model in Mind







Problem Setup

Present Value (PV) of \$x at "n" years in the future = \$x/(1+i)ⁿ

Year (n)	Undiscounted Cash Flow (x)	Discount Factor (1+.05) ⁿ	Present Value of Cash Flow = x/(1+.05) ⁿ
0	-150,000		
1	40,000		
2	40,000		
3	40,000		
4	40,000		
5	40,000		
Net Present Value			???





Pause Here To Do the Math

- Hit the Pause button to stop the webinar
- Calculate the discount factors
- Calculate the Present Value of each Cash Flow
- Calculate the Net Present Value
- Then hit Play to resume the webinar

Present Value (PV) of \$x at "n" years in the future = $\frac{x}{(1+i)^n}$

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5	40,000		
Net Present Value			???



Problem Solved

Present Value (PV) of \$x at "n" years in the future = $\frac{x}{(1+i)^n}$

Year (n)	Undiscounted Cash Flow (x)	Discount Factor (1+.05) ⁿ	Present Value of Cash Flow = x/(1+.05) ⁿ
0	-150,000	1	-150,000
1	40,000	1.05	38,095
2	40,000	1.1025	36,281
3	40,000	1.1576	34,554
4	40,000	1.2155	32,908
5	40,000	1.2763	31,341
Net Present Value			23,179



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Life Cycle Cost Analysis (LCCA) in Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs)





Application of LCCA to Public-Private Partnerships

- LCCA is an essential tool for evaluating the **price aspects** of PPPs
 - Typically long-lived projects and contracts
 - Typically substantial costs and benefits in each year of operation
 - End-of-contract costs or benefits need to be considered
- LCCA within a PPP must address additional complexity
 - Whose perspective does the LCCA reflect?
 - How are costs and benefits allocated among the contractual parties and other stakeholders?
- Case Study Toll Road PPP in the U.S. city of Charlotte, North Carolina





Location of Costs and Benefits - PPP



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Project Area



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Project Concept

• Interstate 77 becoming congested

• PPP concept

- Convert existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes into High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes with variable toll rates that increase with congestion
- Add additional HOT lanes in each direction where there are no existing HOV lanes
- 50-year PPP





Project Area

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Project covers 42 km of Interstate 77



Whose Perspective?

- North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT)
 - LCCA goal minimize long-term cash expense to the State budget
- Developer
 - LCCA goal
 - Submit a winning tender/proposal
 - Maximize return on capital employed consistent with project risks
- Motorists using the toll lanes
 - LCCA goal keep tolls low
- Motorists not using the toll lanes
 - LCCA goal fund the new lanes with tax money; eliminate tolls





NCDOT Wrote the Request for Tenders/Proposals

- No ceiling on toll rates increases developer revenue, reduces NCDOT future costs
- Promise to build no new General-Purpose Lanes increase likelihood of congestion, increases toll revenue for developer
- Offer up to \$170 million in public funding
- Offer to assume part of the revenue risk if toll lane usage falls below forecast
- LCCA evaluation formula (lowest score wins):

Life Cycle Cost to NCDOT = [PFA or CP] + Risk Adjusted DRAM Cap – TQC





Payments during the Design/Construction Period

• **PFA** – money paid by North Carolina to the concessionaire

- Offeror may choose to propose or not
- Capped at \$170 million nominal
- Quarterly draw over a 5-year period
- Brought to present value at 5%
- CP money paid by the concessionaire to North Carolina
 - Offeror may choose to propose or not
 - Upfront lump sum offer (already present value)





Developer Ratio Adjustment Mechanism (DRAM)

- Additional financial support provided by North Carolina to developer
- Intended to (partially) fill the gap between actual project revenues and the amount needed to service project debt if actual revenues fall short of projections
- Available after Substantial Completion but before maturity of publicly-funded loan
- Capped at \$75 million total, \$12 million in any one-year, nominal dollars, <u>not</u> <u>discounted</u>
- Risk Adjusted DRAM Cap = DRAM Aggregate Cap Amount multiplied by 0.10
- Developer must request a DRAM cap in their tender. Can be zero.



LCC to NCDOT = [PFA or CP] + Risk Adjusted DRAM Cap – TQC



Technical Score Converted to Money

- 200 possible technical points
- TQC = Technical Score Quality Credit, which is determined by multiplying the Technical Score x \$375,000
- Maximum value = \$75 million (200 x \$375,000)

LCC to NCDOT = [PFA or CP] + Risk Adjusted DRAM Cap – TQC





LCCA Discussion

- NCDOT's LCCA formula addressed the life cycle costs that might affect them
- Some elements brought to present value
 - CP
 - PFA
 - TQC
- Risk Adjusted DRAM Cap was not brought to present value





The Winning Proposal: NCDOT's LCCA

- \$0 CP
- \$95 million Public Funds Amount
- Possibility (only 10%?) of additional \$75 million DRAM, undiscounted
- TQC not revealed





Life Cycle Cost Analysis – NCDOT View



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What is the Motorist's LCCA?

The Charlotte Observer

I-77 toll lanes have cut rush-hour travel times, operator says. Not everybody's happy.

"But every dime a person spends on private tolls is one less dime in our local economy," he wrote. "One more dime prolonging the tyranny of private tolling. One more dime enabling a private company to profit off of public misery. I don't see how anyone could support that. As a community I hope we remember that. (Personally, I wouldn't mind having the purchase of a QuickPass become a litmus test disqualifying a candidate for public office.)"

The Washington Post

High toll along I-66 in Northern Virginia and heavy traffic for Wednesday commute

The toll along I-66 lanes, inside the Beltway, reached \$45.50 just before 9 a.m. The toll prices are dynamic and change every six minutes, depending on speed and traffic volume.

November 7, 2018





July 12, 2019

Public Reaction

- Anger in local communities
 - 50 years of uncapped tolls on HOT lanes
 - No new General-Purpose lanes
 - Suspicion that the public budget could have paid for new lanes with no tolls

- Long term **risks** to public budget
 - \$95 million PFA
 - Possibility of \$75 million DRAM
 - \$100 million tax-exempt bonds issued by North Carolina government (not part of the LCCA)
 - \$215 million loan from U.S. government (not part of the LCCA)
 - What if the developer goes bankrupt?
- Governor of North Carolina defeated at next election



Conclusion

- LCCA is a better way to evaluate costs and benefits of long-lived projects compared with traditional "ticket price" evaluation
- LCCA can and should be used in PPPs, but needs to be carefully designed
 - Have the costs and benefits affecting all stakeholders been evaluated from their perspective?
 - Is the project reasonably equitable?





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