Introduction to the Last Planner System®

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INTRODUCTIONS

- 1. Name
- 2. Company
- 3. Role
- 4. Give one example of a unique challenge when scheduling and planning projects





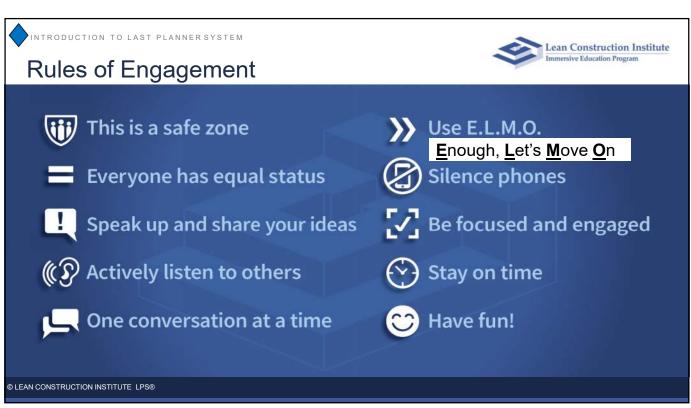
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Recognize the need for predictability on projects and how LPS creates more predictable outcomes.



Gain an overview understanding of each of the five connected planning conversations of LPS and how they interrelate.



Discover the basic mechanics of LPS including the foundational base of reliable commitments.

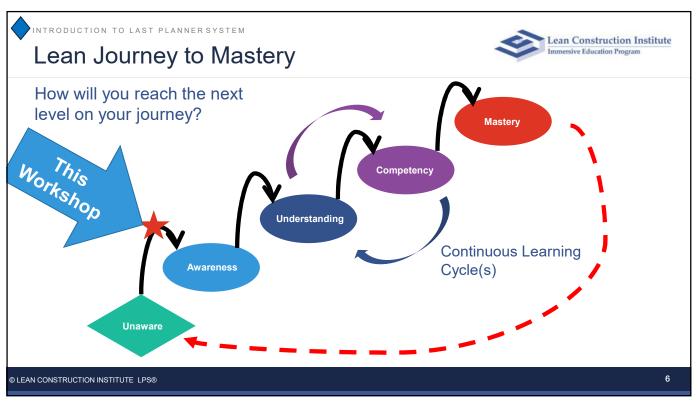


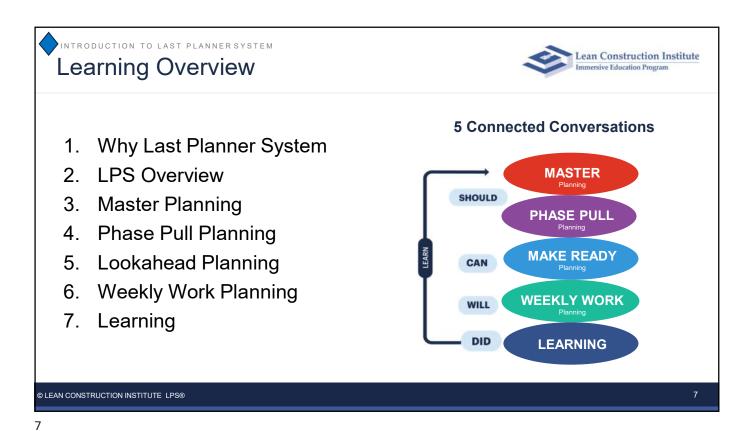
Understand the need for continuous learning and for measuring reliability to improve predictability.

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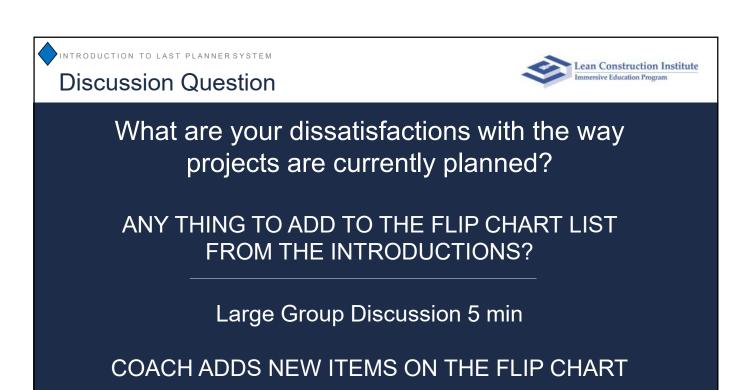


Work Plan – Guideline Agenda

1PM Start

Why 2PM Rreak

7 minute breaks – Breaks will have a visual timer measured from the time coach dismisses to break and the time coach restarts topic.



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Workflow: The Parade of Trades Exercise



Parade of Trades is a simulation to illustrate what is more important for advancing our work the most efficiently, smoothly, and safely with the highest productivity and highest quality.

What is more important on your project? Show of hands...

Point speed

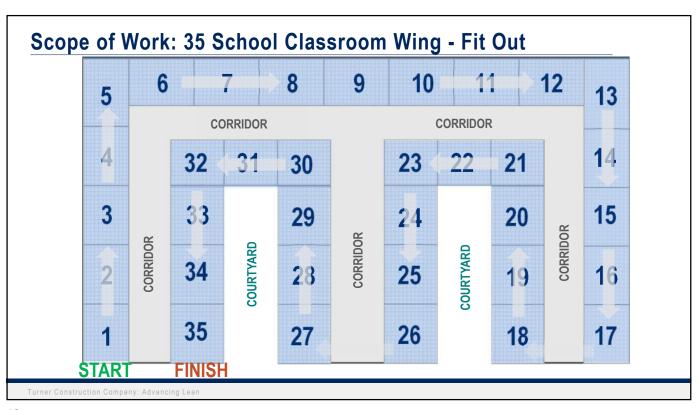
Pushing each party on the project to go as fast as they can on each task

System reliability

Planning the work so that every handoff happens as it was promised

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Parade of Trades



- The building has 35 rooms.
- o2. There are seven trades.
- © Each trade has work in every room.
- The work must be done in sequence, with each trade only able to work on those rooms that have been given to them by the previous trade.
- The trades mobilize to the site one week apart.

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Parade of Trades - Rules

- 1. Each chip represents one classroom. (There are 35 chips at the starting point.)
- 2. You roll the "die" to advance work to the next trade in line.
- 3. One roll equals one week's worth of work.
- 4. Each dot on the "die" represents one unit (classroom).
- 5. The cost to complete one unit is \$1K.



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Scope of Work: In a Perfect World

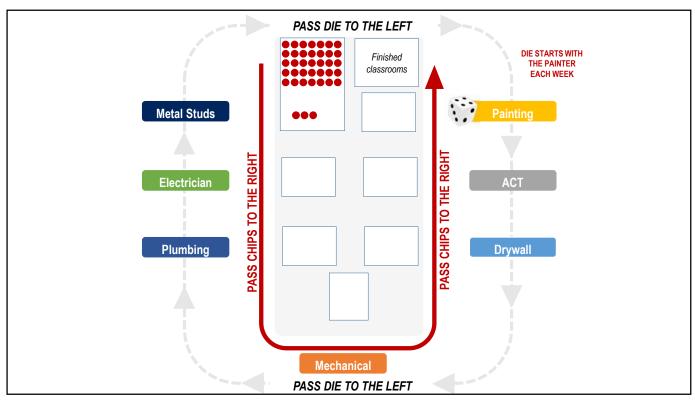
- What is the average roll on a die? (Your average capacity for a given week.)
 - 1+2+3+4+5+6 = 21 / 6 = 3.5 classrooms/week
- How many weeks will it take each trade to finish their work in 35 classrooms?
 - 35 classrooms / 3.5 average classrooms per week = **10 weeks**
- How many weeks will it take all seven trades to finish 35 classrooms?
 - Trade one takes 10 weeks. The second trade should finish one week later (week 11), etc. The seventh station finishes on Week 16.



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The Parade of Trades Workflow: Master Schedule Task Name Duration Start Finish | February 2021 26 | 31 | 5 | 10 | | March 2021 15 | 20 | 25 | 2 | 7 | 12 | 17 | 22 | 27 2/1 4/9 Metal Studs/Insulation 50 days Electrical 50 days 2/8 4/16 Plumbing 50 days 2/15 4/23 Mechancial 2/22 4/30 50 days Gyp Board/Tape 50 days 3/1 5/7 50 days ACT 3/8 5/14 Paint 50 days 3/15 5/21



Scope of Work: In a Perfect World

What Would You Bid?

- Ideally, how much capacity, or the sum of every trades' die rolls, is needed to finish?
 - Each trade completes an average of 3.5 rooms per week.
 - Each trade completes their work in 10 weeks.
 - Seven trades will each be working 10 weeks.
 - 3.5 roll x 10 weeks x seven trade = **245**
- If it costs us \$1K per unit (classroom) x 245 = \$245K, what would you add for profit?
 - Let's just say 15%.
 - Fifteen percent would be \$37K + \$245K = **\$282,000**.



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Scorecard

- Look at your scorecard and notice that it starts on the week you first show up to do the work.
 - For example, the "Plumbing" trade starts work on week 3, so plumbing does not have a week 1 or 2 on the scorecard. Therefore, they do not roll on weeks 1 and 2.
- For the first 7 weeks, your station number is the same as the number of the week in which you make your first roll.
 - Station 1: Metal Studs/Insulation starts rolling and rolls first in Week 1.
 - Station 2: Electrical starts rolling and rolls first in Week 2.
 - Station 3: Plumbing starts rolling and rolls first in Week 3.



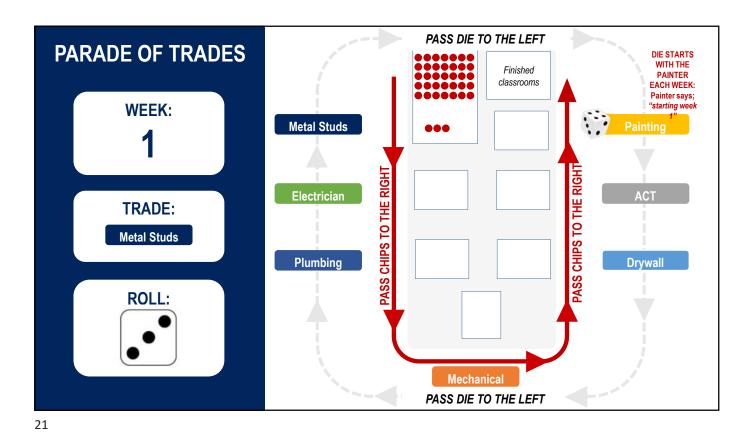
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Each Trade's First Week Onsite

Trade	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Metal Studs	First Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll
Electrical	No Roll	First Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll
Plumbing	No Roll	No Roll	First Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll
Mechanical	No Roll	No Roll	No Roll	First Roll	Roll	Roll	Roll
Drywall	No Roll	No Roll	No Roll	No Roll	First Roll	Roll	Roll
ACT	No Roll	First Roll	Roll				
Paint	No Roll	First Roll					

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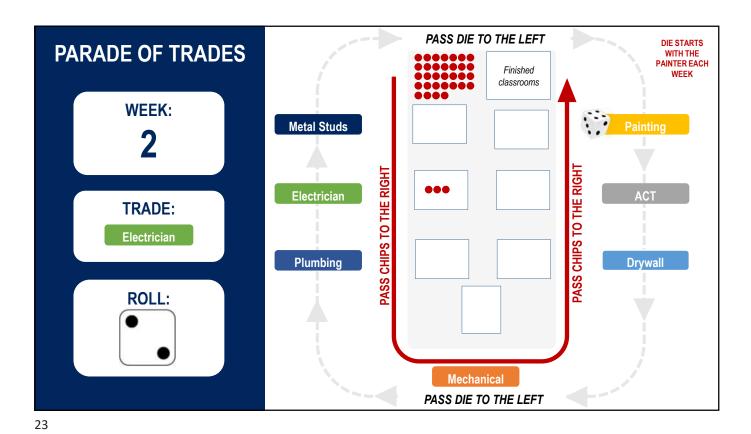


Filling Out the Trade Scorecard
Example for Week 1: Metal Studs/Insulation

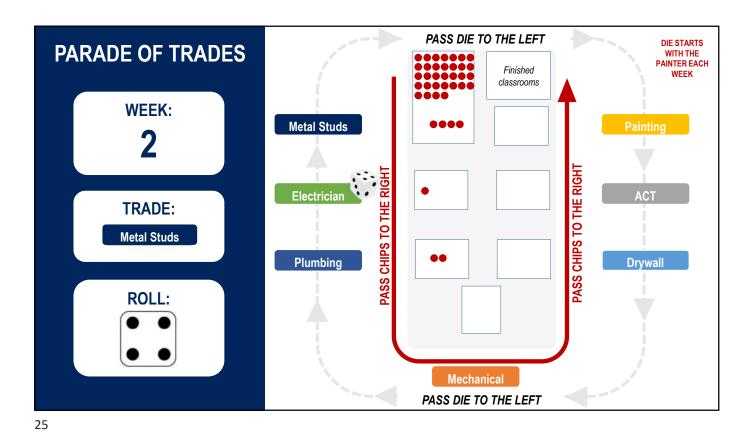
Metal Studs 35 "Available" Work

Week	A B Capacity	Passed	<u>C</u> Remaining inventory
	Number on die you rolled	Number of chips you can pass	Available chips minus chips passed
1	3	3	35 minus 3 = 32 32
2			

- $\underline{\textbf{A}}.$ Capacity: the number of classrooms your crew could complete in that week
- B. Passed: the number of classrooms you completed in the given week and made ready for the next trade
- C. Remaining inventory: the number of classrooms you were not able to complete in that week



Filling Out the Trade Scorecard Example for Week 2: Electrical В C <u>A</u> Electrical Capacity Remaining Week Passed inventory "Available" Number on Number of Available Work die you chips you chips minus * 3 came chips passed rolled can pass from Metal Studs done 1 No roll pass the die left week #1 3 minus 2 = 1 2 2 Capacity: the number of classrooms your crew could complete in that week Passed: the number of classrooms you completed in the given week and made ready for the next trade Remaining inventory: the number of classrooms you were not able to complete in that week

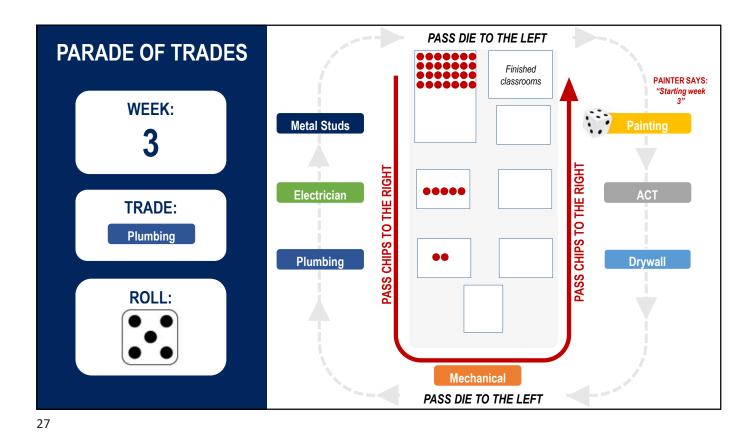


Filling Out the Trade Scorecard Example for Week 2: Metal Studs/Insulation

Metal
Studs
32
'Available"
Work

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
Week	Capacity	Passed	Remaining inventory
	Number on die you rolled	Number of chips you can pass	Available chips minus chips passed
1	3	3	32
2	4	4	32 minus 4 = 28 28

- $\underline{\textbf{A}}.$ Capacity: the number of classrooms your crew could complete in that week
- B. Passed: the number of classrooms you completed in the given week and made ready for the next trade C. Remaining inventory: the number of classrooms you were not able to complete in that week



Execute the Work: Filling Out the Trade Scorecard Example for Week 3: Plumbing What happens if you roll more than the number of chips you have available? Remaining **Plumbing** Incoming Capacity Passed Week Inventory # "Available" Work Number of Available chips Number on die chips you can minus chips *2 came you rolled passed pass from Electrical 1 No roll die left week #2 pass the 2 No roll die left pass the 2 minus 2 = 0 5 2 3

Round One: Go Slow at First! TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- 1. Roll with your left hand towards person on your LEFT. Respectful, safe, fast.
- 2. Your coach will help you fill in the scorecard correctly.
- 3. Each box and each column must be filled in with a number.
- 4. Follow your coach's directions.



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ROLE PLAYING – Biggest Pile of Chips

- 1. At this point, who has the most chips waiting to pass at your table?
- 2. How many chips does this person have and which trade are they?
- 3. Ask for a volunteer to play the role of the superintendent
 - You can see this trade has a big pile of classrooms that need to be worked on and they are not making progress.
 - As a superintendent, what would you tell this trade that they must do to catch up?

Round One: Go Slow at First!

• Roll until all the chips are in the painter's done pile.

CONTINUE ROLLING!!



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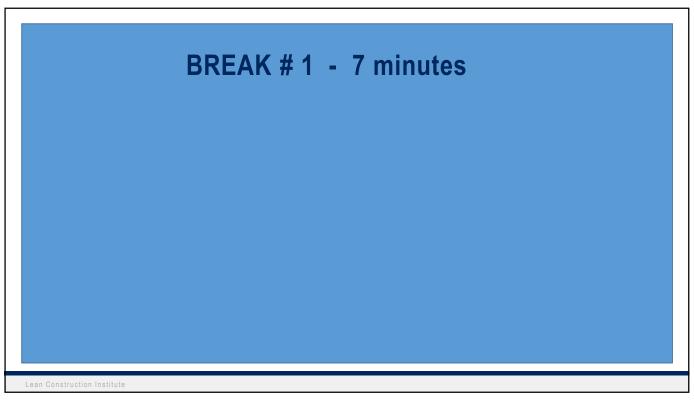
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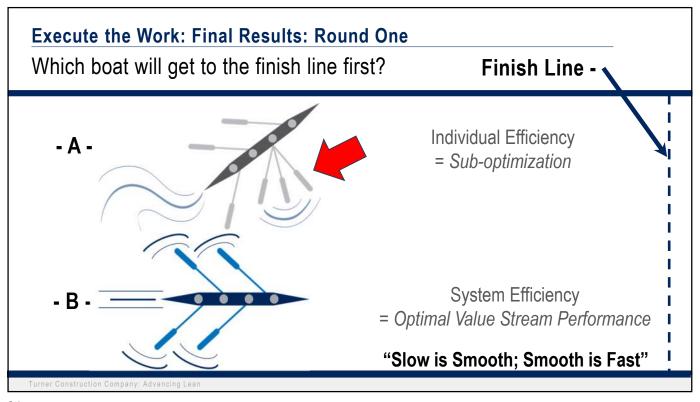


Final Results: Round One

- 1. Did we finish on time?
 - A. Complete all classrooms by week 16 per our baseline schedule.
- 2. Did we make money?
 - A. Our team's ideal capacity was 245. total of 7 trades average roll
 - B. We bid \$282 K (\$1,000 per dot on die + 15% profit).
 - C. What was your profit or was there a loss?
- 3. Did anyone win?
- 4. What, or who was the problem?

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Round Two: Experiment to Improve The Results

Keeping the average of the die the same, how might we modify the die, so we roll to <u>reduce variation</u>?

CURRENT DIE

1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 =
$$21/6 = 3.5$$
 avg. roll
ROUND 2 DIE
3 + 3 + 3 + 4 + 4 + 4 = $21/6 = 3.5$ avg. roll

- To continue with ROUND 2, we will only roll 3's and 4's
 - Every time you roll a 1, 2, or 3 it will be logged as a 3.
 - Every time you roll a 4, 5, or 6 it will be logged as a 4.

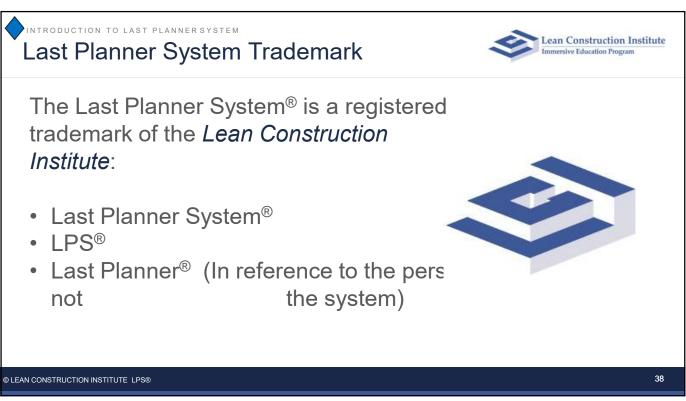
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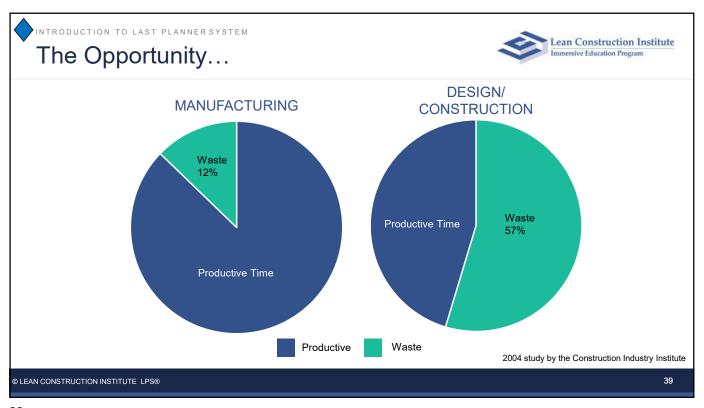
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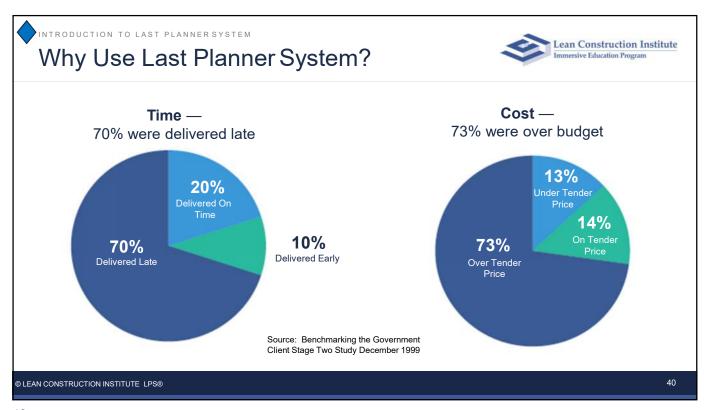
REFLECTION

- 1. Which die do you think best represents how our jobs are typically run: round 1 or 2?
- 2. Which die would you rather use: round 1 or 2?
- 3. Which die is more likely to have a safety issue: round 1 or 2? Why?
- 4. Which die is more likely to have quality issues: round 1 or 2?
- 5. Can we have all four business fundamentals?
- 6. When we had a pile of classrooms available, the superintendent made some suggestions/requests. Based on this list of suggestions, which die DID we give to the trade with the biggest pile of backlog: Round 1 die? Or round 2 die?
- 7. Is GC superintendent the only one that must focus on managing work in a way that the job is rolling 3's & 4's?











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Discussion Question

If this group promised to finish 10 tasks on specific days next week, how many tasks would finish on the day promised?

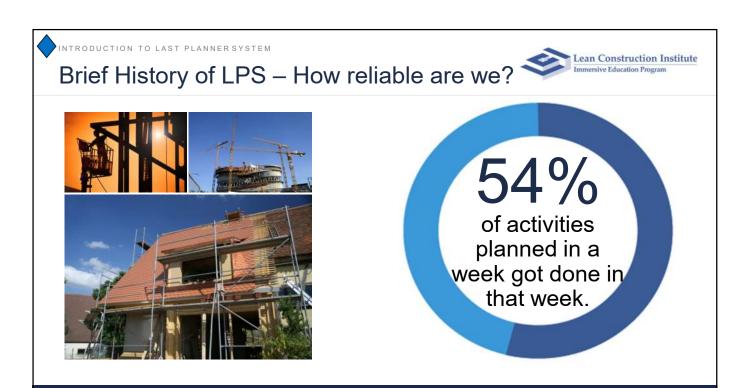
RAISE YOUR HAND TO VOTE ON ONE OF THESE VALUES

- ALL 10 tasks
- 8 tasks
- 6 tasks
- 5 tasks
- 4 tasks
- 3 or less

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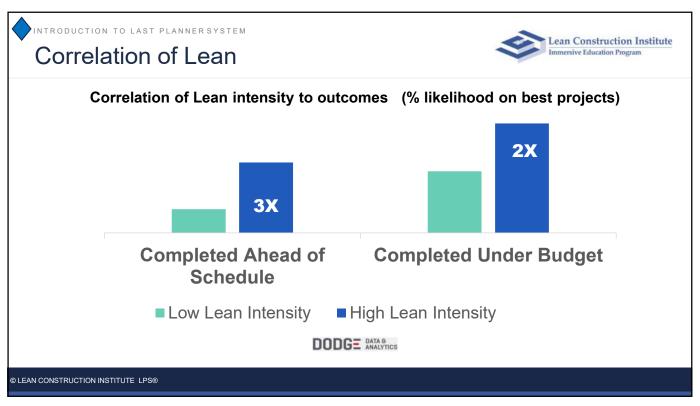
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- 1. Workflow losses are real, lead to adversarial relations, and are difficult to quantify, so...
- 2. Everyone protects themselves by adding contingency and/or holding back labor to keep utilization high.
- 3. This further reduces workflow predictability and increases project risk
- 4. By their/our actions, we increase that risk and shift it along.

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Last Planner System Defined



- Production planning system
- Predictable work flow
- Rapid learning in
- Programming, design, construction and commissioning of projects.



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Why Status Quo Isn't Working



- 1. Traditional planning systems are unable to produce a predictable workflow.
- 2. Workflow reliability directly affects system speed and cost.
- 3. All plans are forecasts, all forecasts are wrong.
 - The further in advance, the more wrong.
 - The more detail, the more wrong.



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Benefits



- 1. Improves communication & reliability.
- 2. Fosters an enjoyable environment, trust, and collaboration.
- 3. Promotes early stakeholder engagement.
- 4. Improves visibility of the project plan (transparency).
- 5. Creates team alignment.
- 6. Rapid learning through metrics, revealing areas for improvement.
- 7. Improves planning in both design & construction phases.



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Consider the Project As A Promise



- All groups can be viewed as operating as a network of promises or commitments, whether done well or done poorly.
- The goal is improving the quality of commitments and to actively take responsibility for managing them.
- LPS is a planning system based on developing a network of promises, then delivering on the commitments.



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Elements Of A Promise



- The Customer: The person making the request.
- The Performer: The person fulfilling the request.
- Negotiated Conditions of Satisfaction (CoS):
 - Are part of the language act of making a promise.
 - Are developed by the people involved in the request and promise.
 - Are mutually agreed to, measurable statements, that help to define the success of the project.
 - Inform the decision-making process.
 - · Include a time frame.

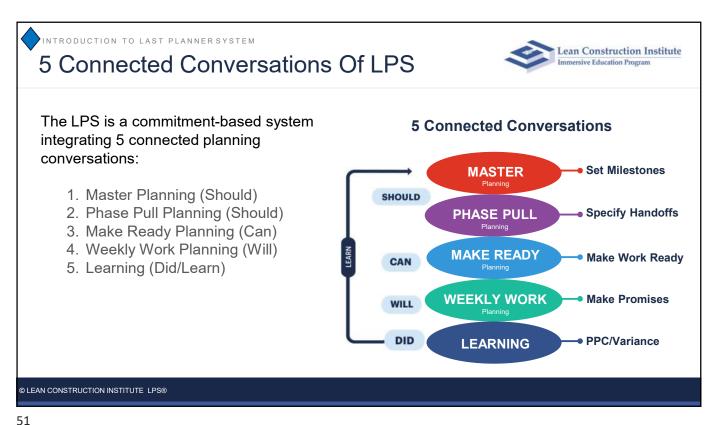


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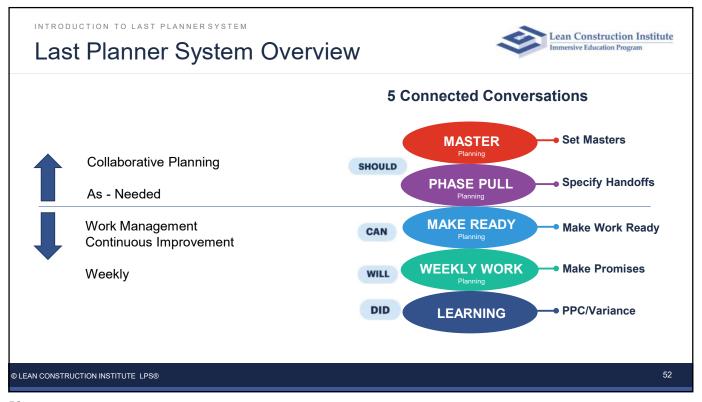
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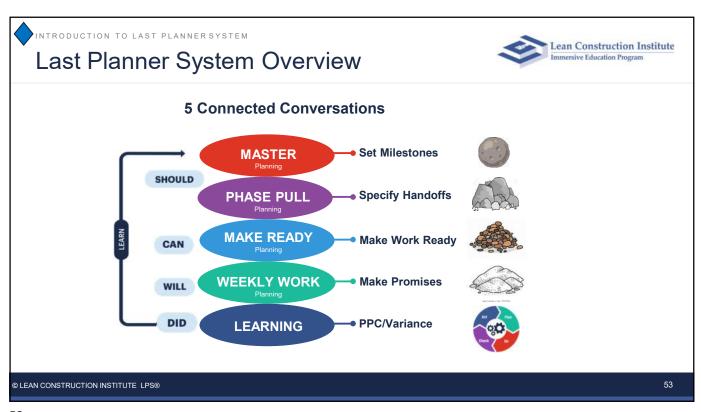
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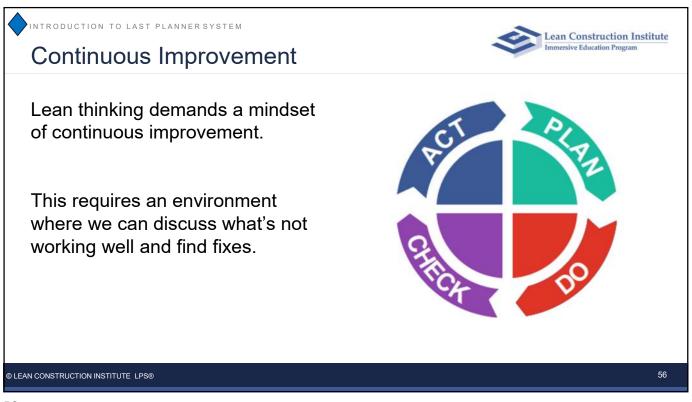
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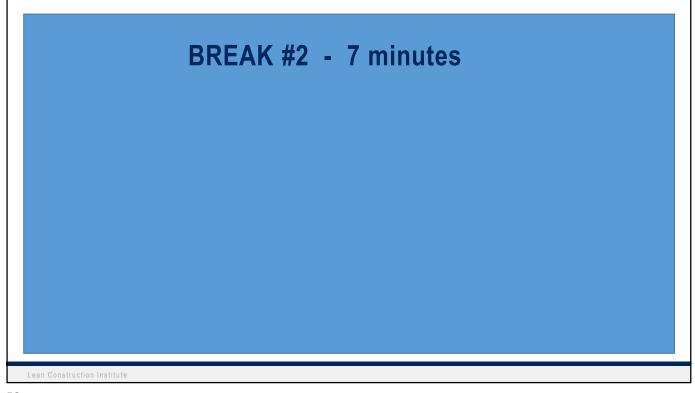












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Who Is The Last Planner



The *Last Planner*® is the person closest to work with authority to make decisions regarding the schedule and to make reliable commitments to complete the work of their discipline.

This may include the lead architect or project manager, the lead engineer, owner's project representative, and the constructors as appropriate.

Last Planners



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Master Planning



The first conversation of LPS is *Master Planning*.

The goal of Master Planning is for the team to align on and **set the milestones** for the project.

This starts the we "should" be able to do conversation.

MASTER Planning PHASE PULL Planning MAKE READY Planning WILL WEEKLY WORK

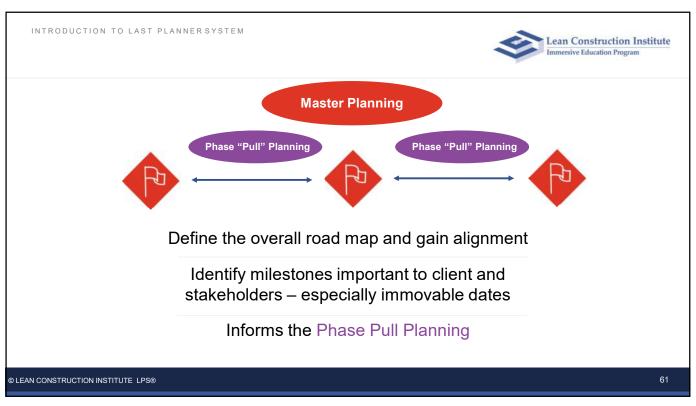
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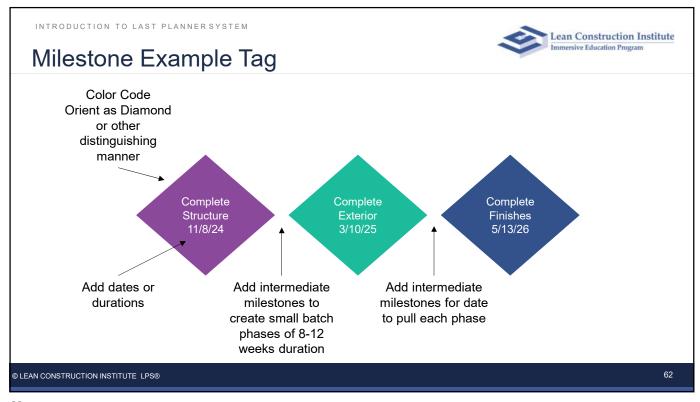
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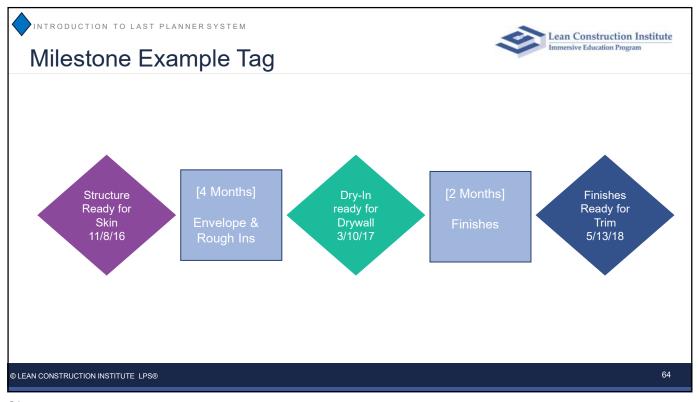
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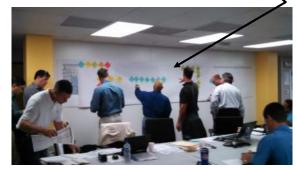


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Creating The Milestone Plan



Developing the milestones to structure the flow. The next step will be to add estimated durations.



Collaboratively creating the plan

Color coding for different aspects of the plan, i.e. design, approval processes, key decisions, construction, turnover, activation.



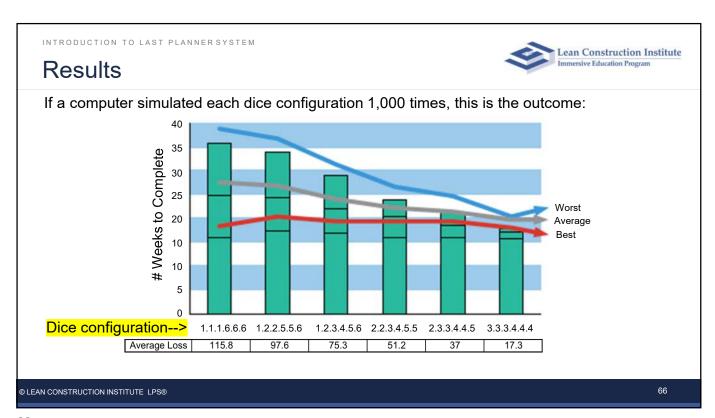
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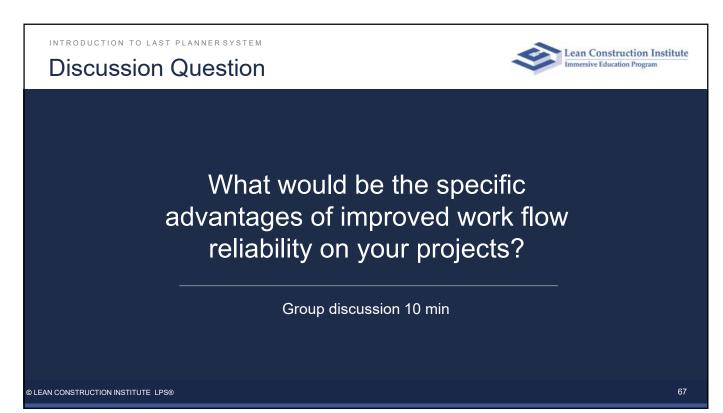
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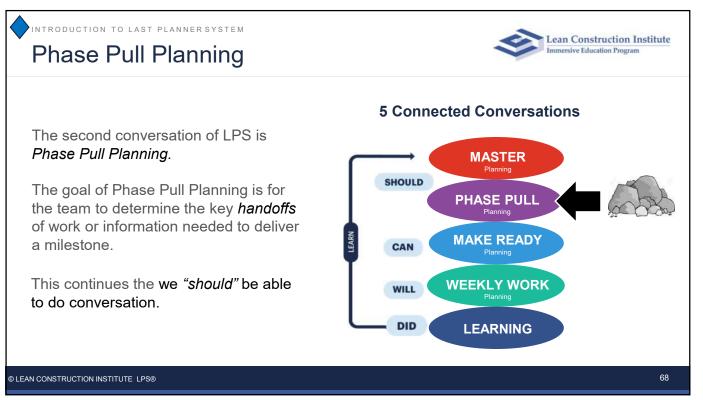
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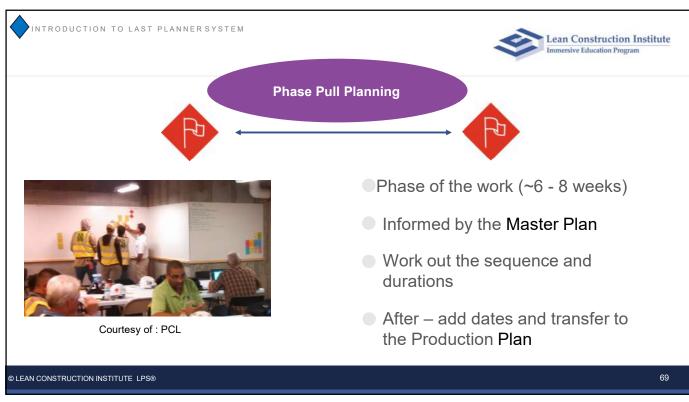
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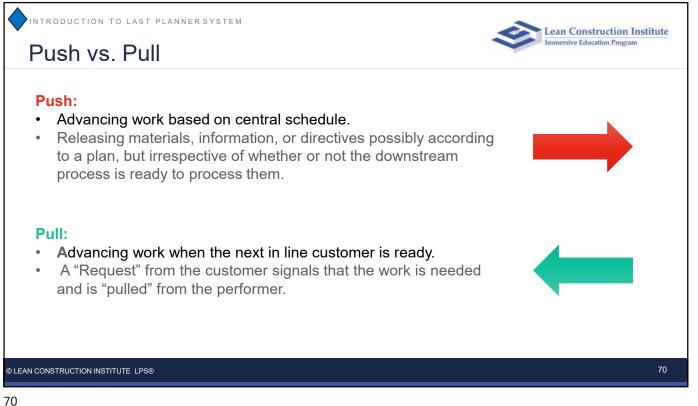
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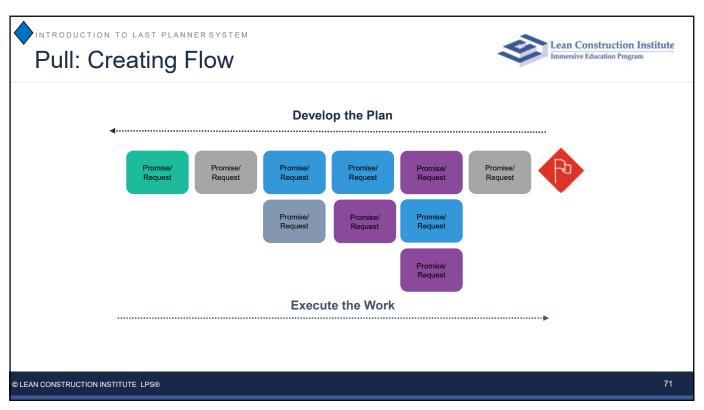


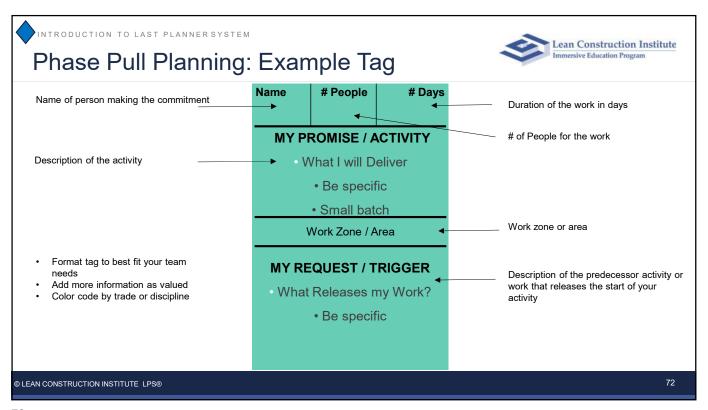


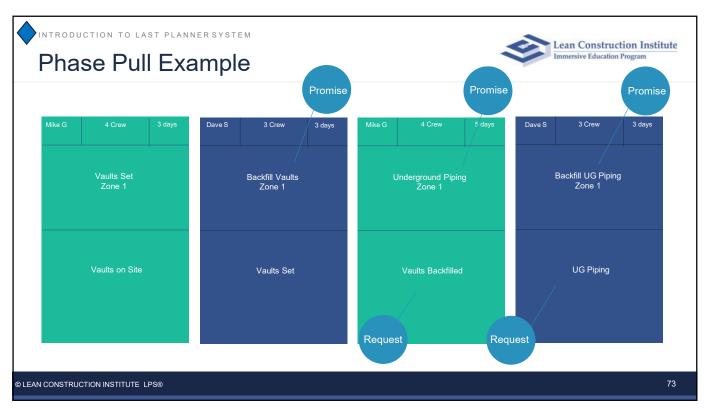


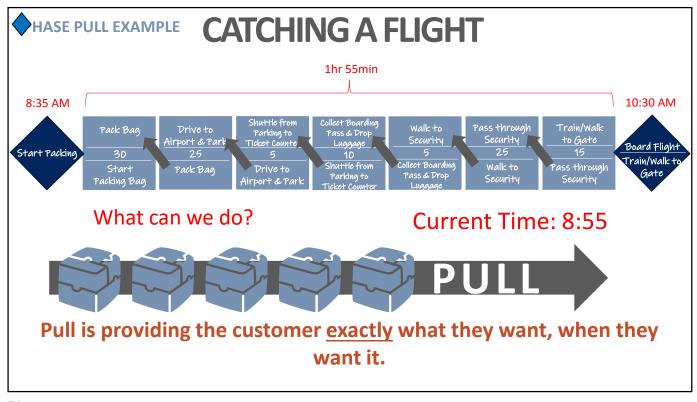


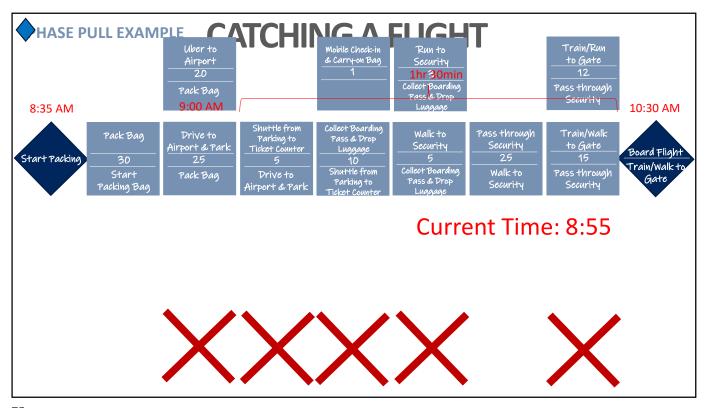




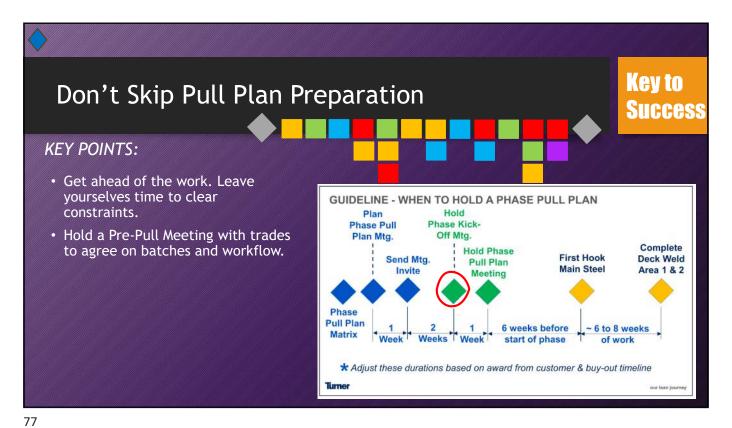


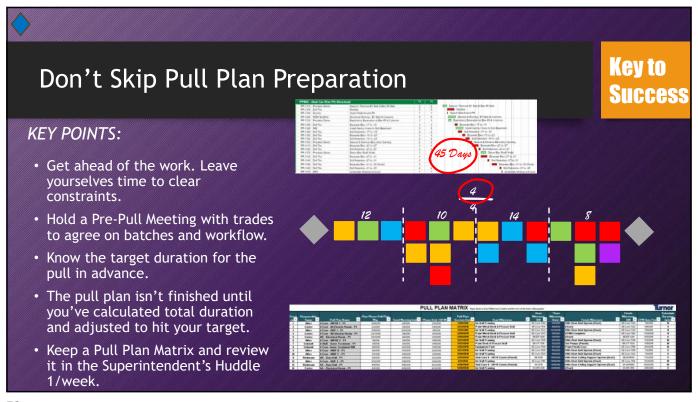


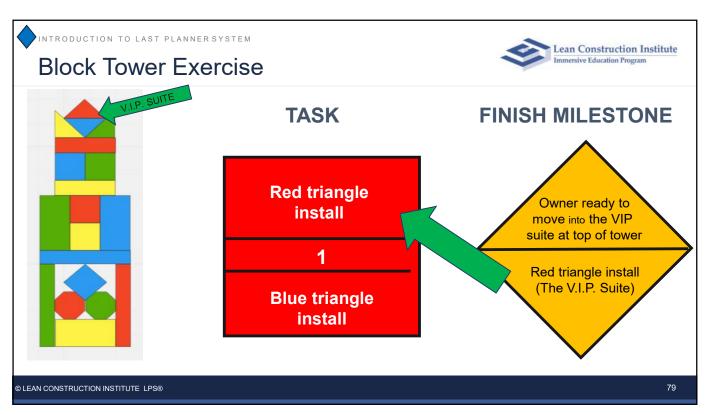


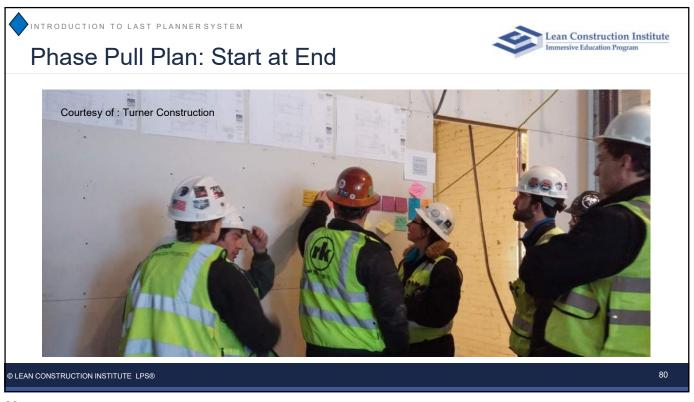


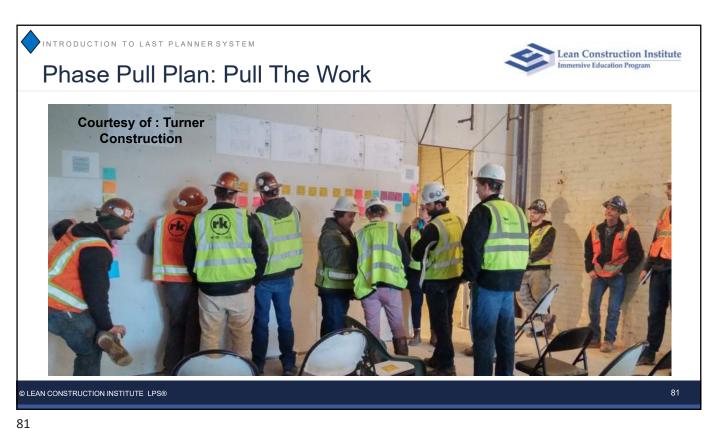




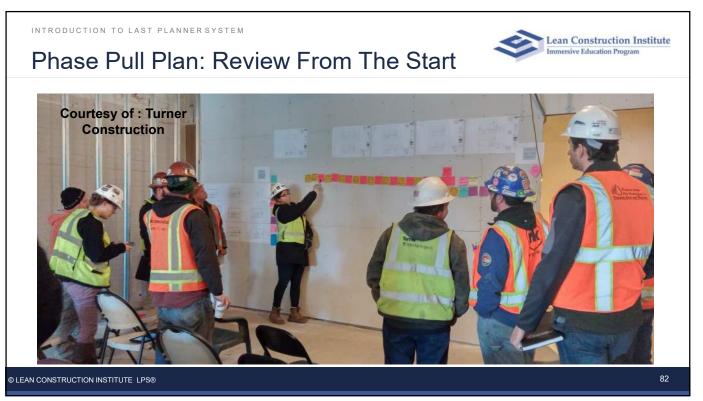


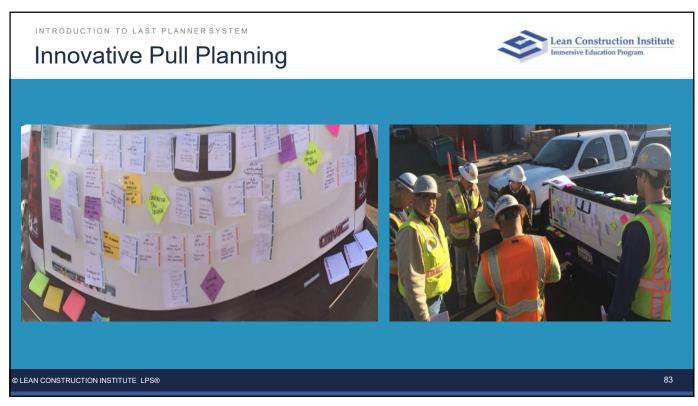






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BREAK # 3 - 7 minutes Lean Construction Institute

Make Ready Planning

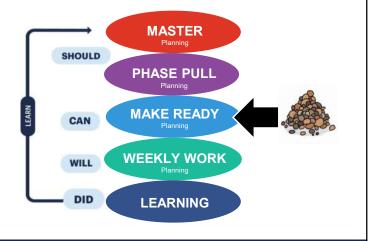


The third conversation of LPS is *Make Ready Planning*.

This level focuses on making work ready or assuring that the work that should be done, can be done by identifying and removing constraints in advance of need.

The conversation is we "can" do this.

5 Connected Conversations



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Make Ready Planning

Open a 6-week window onto the Production Plan

Look ahead to tasks starting in 6 weeks to "make work ready"

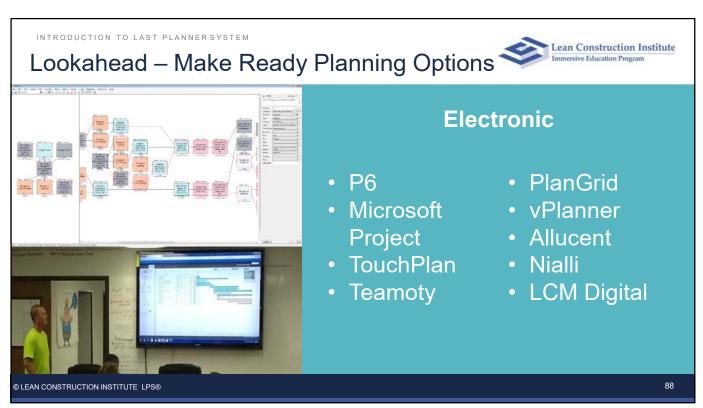
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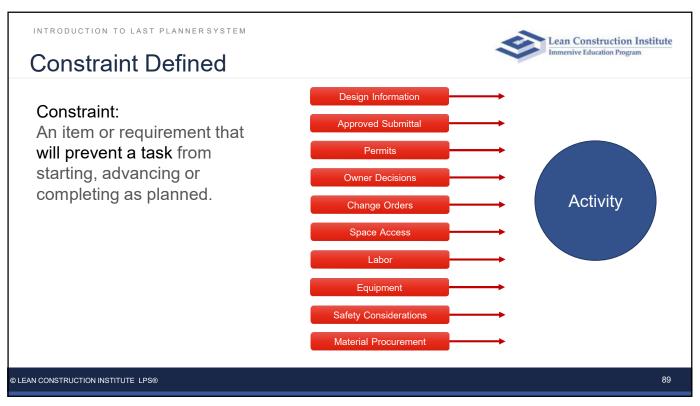
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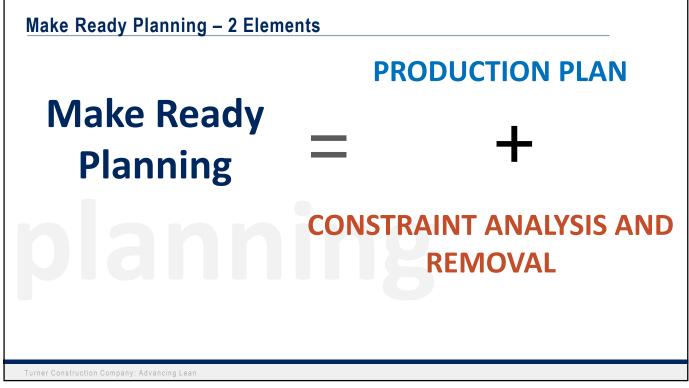
Inform the Weekly Work Plan

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Make Ready Planning - The Real Power of the LPS

Future Work and the Constraint Log

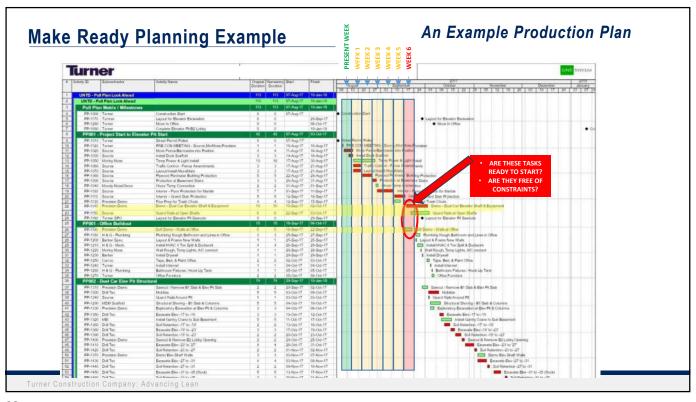
Make future work ready to start and finish without stopping

and

Identify constraints to starting work and if a task is NOT READY, add the task to the CONSTRAINT LOG

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What does Make Ready Mean? Use The Make Ready Checklist

- ☐ 1. Has the trade crew leader, trade PM, and trade detailer built all the details for this task in their BIM model, shop drawings, or in a mock-up?
- ☐ 2. Does the Turner engineer have personal knowledge that all the details for this task can be assembled without changes or RFIs?
- ☐ 3. Are there zero open RFIs for this task?
- ☐ 4. Have change orders or other authorizations regarding this task been approved?



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What does Make Ready Mean? Use The Make Ready Checklist (Continued)

- ☐ 5. Has the work for this task received all the necessary building permits?
- ☐ 6. Has the trade ordered the materials and material delivery will be made by this date?
- ☐ 7. Has special worker testing, training, certifications, inspection requirements, quality pre-install meeting, tools, and equipment been arranged for this task?



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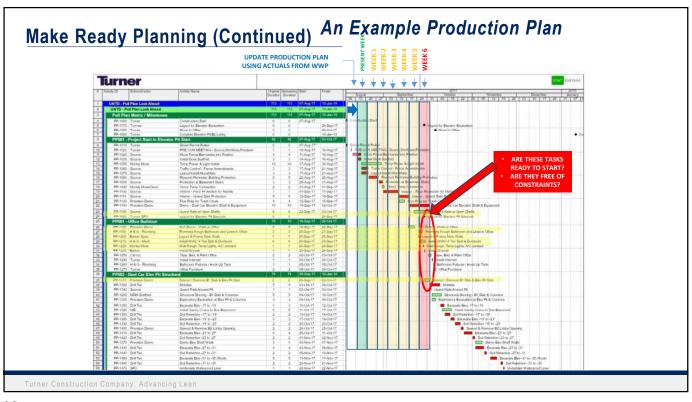
What does Make Ready Mean? Use The Make Ready Checklist (Continued)

- ☐ 8. Can this task start and be completed without interruption?
- ☐ 9. Has all safety planning and associated documentation including insurance, premobilization submittals, Job Hazard Analysis (JHAs), and Pre-Task Planning (PTP) been approved for this task?



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Make Ready Planning Checklist

☐ Repeat the use of the Make Ready Planning checklist previously shown.

What are some of the challenges of identifying constraints six weeks out?

Make-Ready Planning Checklist

What Does "READY" Mean?

- Has the trade crew leader, trade PM, and trade detailer built all the details for this task in their BIM model / shop drawings or in a mock-up?
- Does the Turner Engineer have personal knowledge that all the details for this task can be assembled without changes or RFIs?
- 3. \Box Are there are zero open RFIs for this task?
- 4.

 Have change orders or other authorizations regarding this task been approved?
- 5.

 Has the work for this task received all the necessary building permits?
- 6. ☐ Has the trade ordered the materials and material delivery will be made by this date?
- 7.

 Has special worker testing, training, certifications, inspection requirements, quality pre-install meeting, tools, and equipment been arranged for this task?
- 8.

 Gan this task start and be completed without interruption?
- Has all safety planning and associated documentation including insurance, Premobilization submittals, Job Hazard Analysis (JHAs) and Pre-Task Planning (PTP) been approved for this task?

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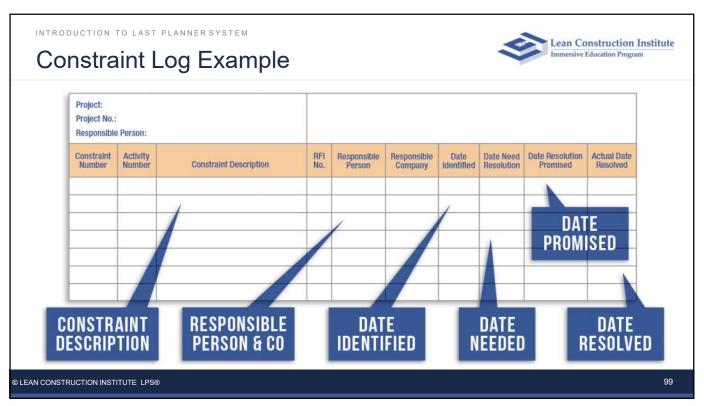
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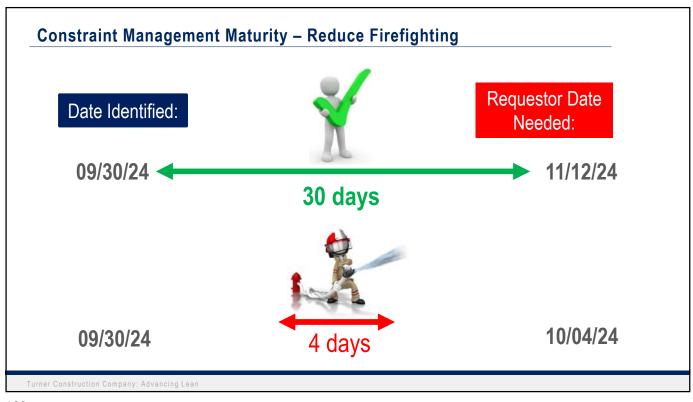


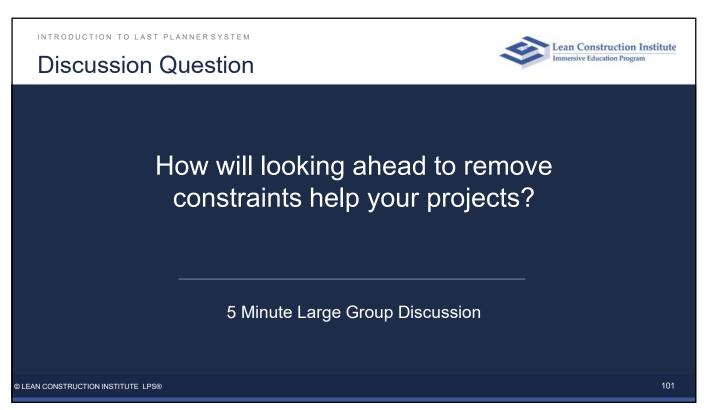


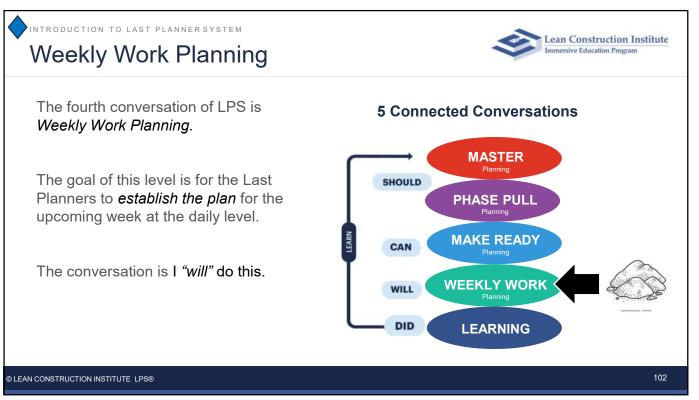


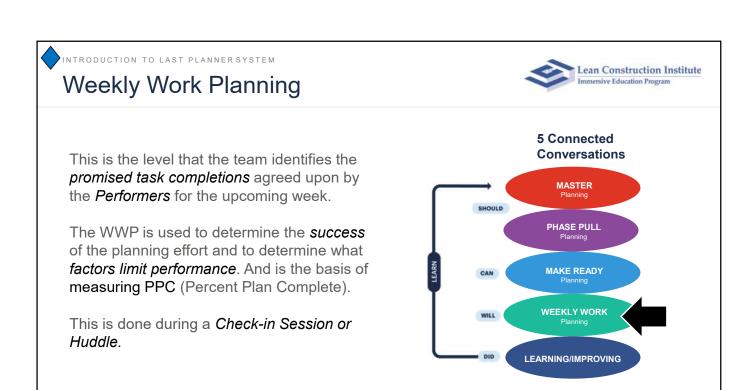
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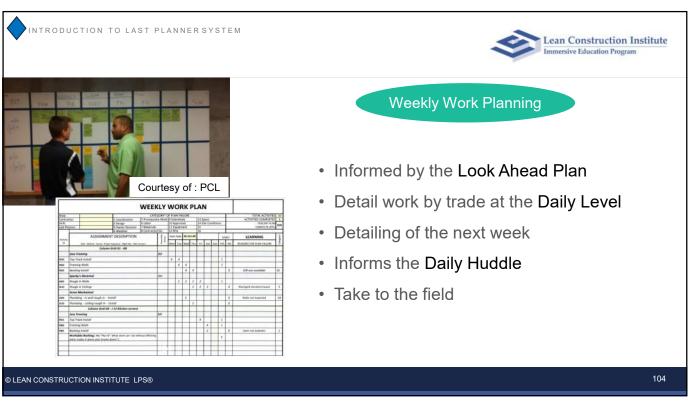








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Weekly Work Planning



Weekly Work Plan Informs the Daily Huddle



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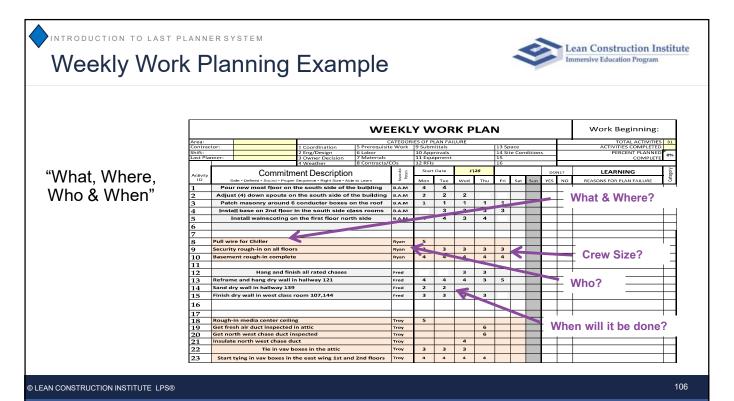


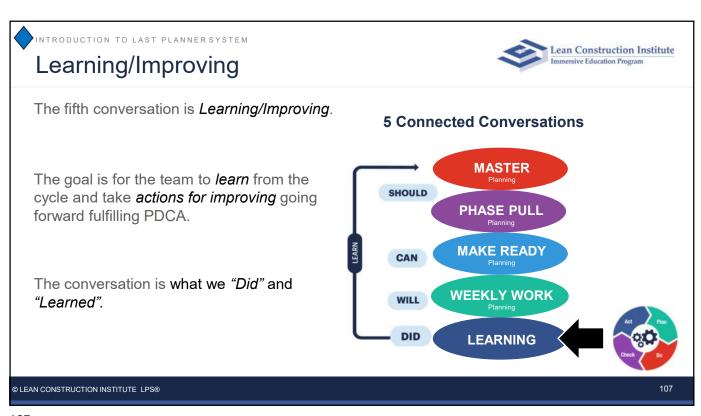
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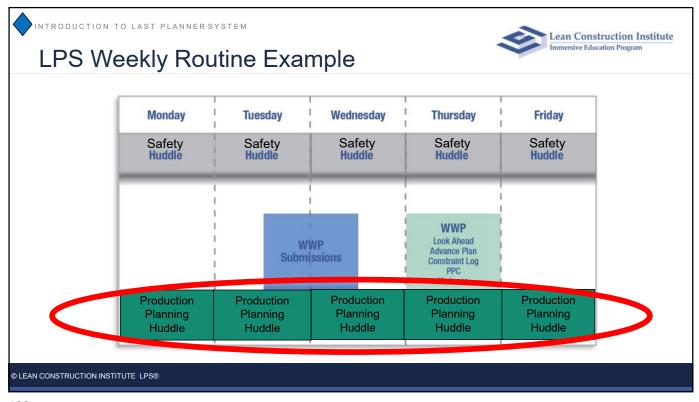
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Daily Production Planning Huddle



- 1. Any new safety related issues since the morning pre-task plan?
- 2. Did you complete today's promised tasks?
- 3. Are tasks promised for tomorrow on track?
- 4. Any other task need help?
- 5. Any recovery? Lessons?

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Calculating PPC

WEEKLY =
$$\frac{\text{# Completed Activities}}{\text{# Planned Activities}} = \frac{16}{20} = 80\%$$

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Learning From Daily Huddles



The *Percent Plan Complete* (PPC) is calculated for the period or week.

PPC is the basic measure of how well the planning system is working.



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Reasons For Variance



Reason for Variance:

- Factors that prevented a task from being completed as promised.
- Used by the team to promote learning concerning the failure of the planning system to produce predictable workflow.
- Assigned a category of variance.
- Enable a team to identify those areas of recurring failure that require additional reflection and analysis.



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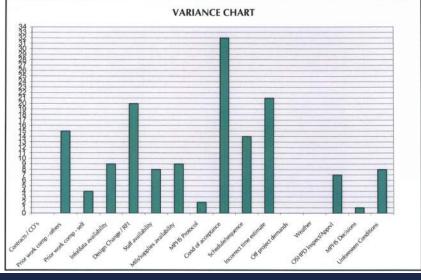
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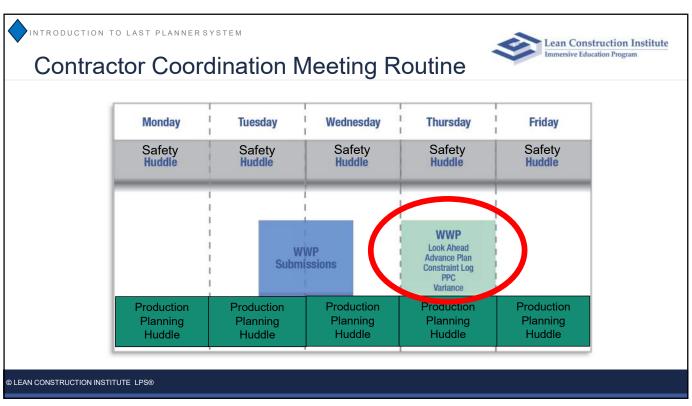
Taking Action For Variance

When a variance or failure occurs, the team must discuss the likelihood of it occurring again and determine actions to prevent reoccurrence.



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Productivity & Planning



Production Goals as informed by Estimates

- Informs phase planning duration
- Breaks weekly targets into daily goals on WWP
- E.G. 4 day activity, how far should be be end of day 1

SHEETMETAL				
RECTANGULAR DUCT	10014	LF	180	642
		MH	241	795
		LF/MD	6.0	6.5
ROUND DUCT		LF	1060	5487
	10016	MH	274	1175
		LF/MD	30.9	37.4
FINISH		EA	0	0
	10028	MH	0	0
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EQUIPMENT SET		EA	0	0
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Last Planner System® Standard Work 3_Planning Session Preparation



Outcome

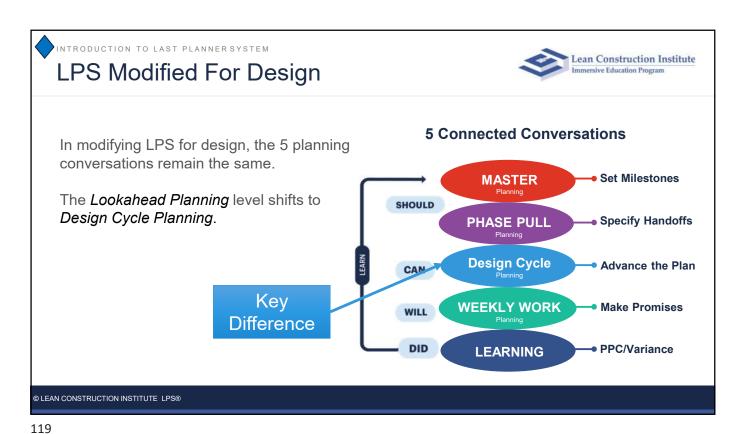
The Last Planner System® organizer will be able to prepare for a planning session by arranging to have the spatial and material requirements for a successful session.

Process

Prior to the pull planning session, arrange for appropriate space, room set-up and materials to be in place. The session outcome is dependent on this.

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While the Last Planner System is used in construction, it is highly applicable and useful in design. Some key differences to keep in mind include:

Design:

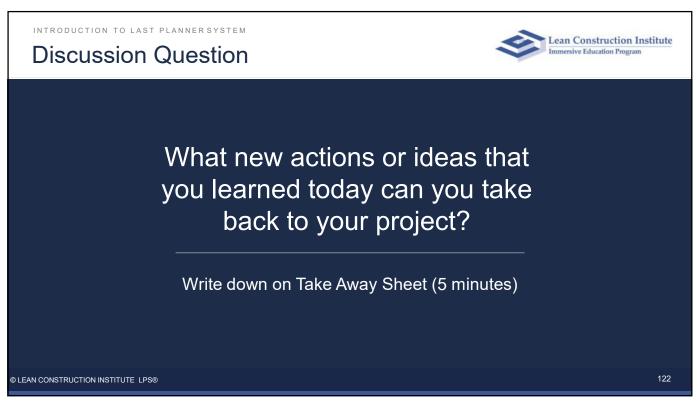
- Is emerging based on new information and the flow is "information".
- Milestones are clearly defined by expected outcome, which should describe what needs to be learned or decided.
- Milestones are often "decision points".

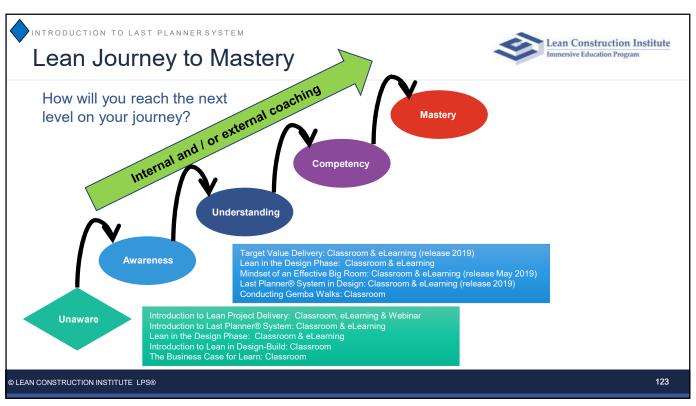
Construction:

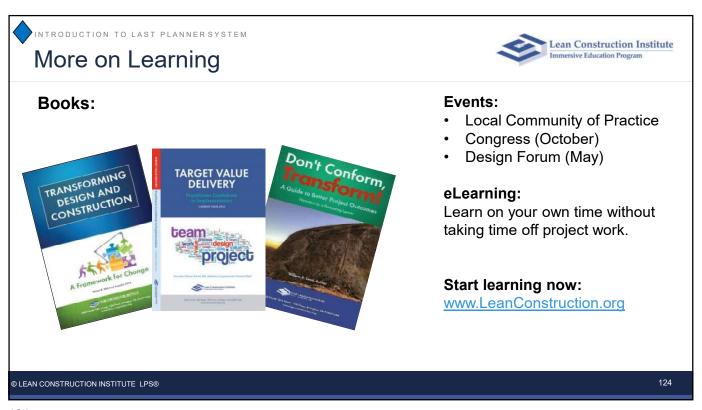
- Is linear in nature and the flow is "tangible materials".
- Milestones are clearly defined by expected outcome, which will be observable in the field.

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Learning Objectives Review





Recognize the need for predictability on projects and how LPS creates more predictable outcomes.



Gain an overview understanding of each of the five connected planning conversations of LPS and how they interrelate.



Discover the basic mechanics of LPS including the foundational base of reliable commitments.



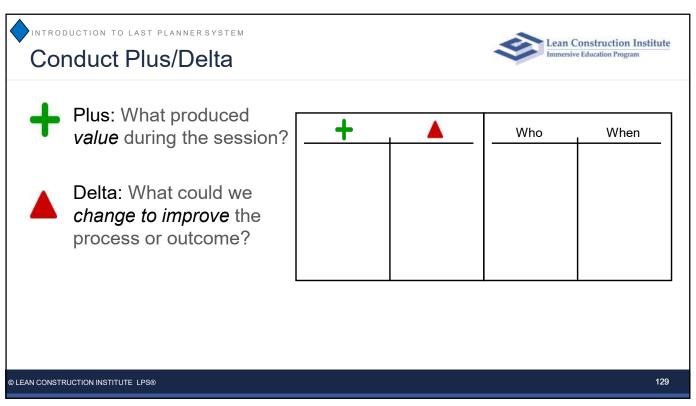
Understand the need for continuous learning and for measuring reliability to improve predictability.

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- Plan your schedule in your personal agenda
- Browse all available sessions
- Read speaker profiles
- Navigate to your session on the venue map

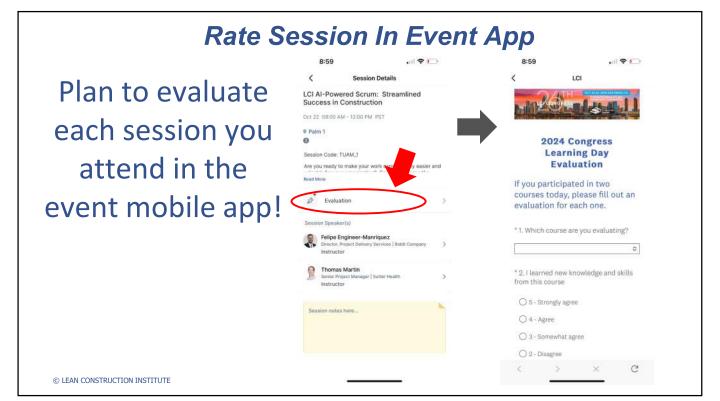
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