

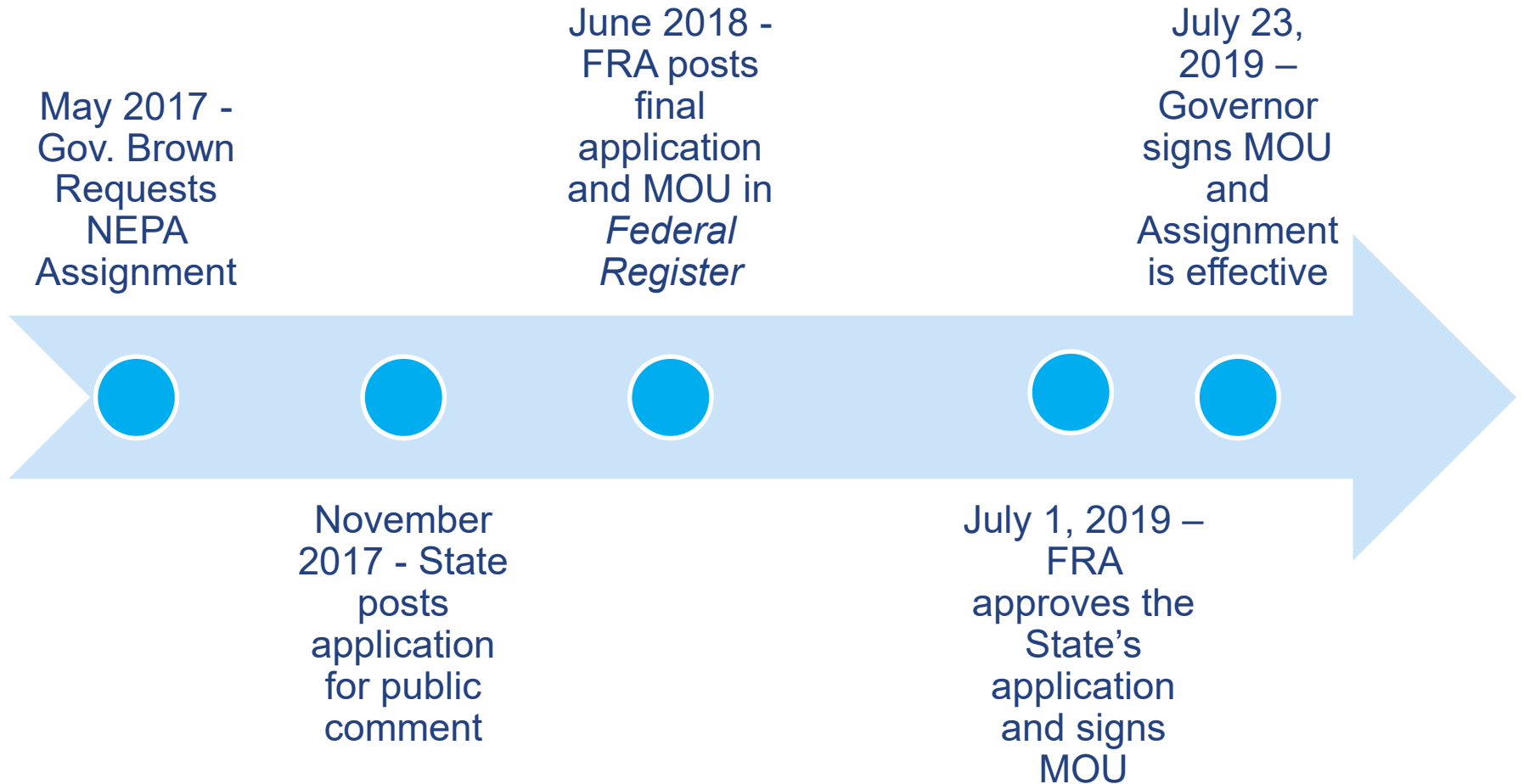
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## Background & Timeline



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## What Does It Mean?

- **As of July 23, Authority is NEPA lead agency for HSR projects**
  - » Performs FRA's responsibilities for compliance with NEPA, and approves:
    - Draft and Final EIS
    - Record of Decision
    - Reexaminations
  - » Responsibilities for other federal environmental laws such as:
    - Federal Endangered Species Act
    - National Historic Preservation Act
    - Federal Clean Water Act
- **Authority also serves as lead agency for:**
  - » LA Metro Link US project
  - » ACEforward



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What is FRA's ongoing involvement?

- **FRA retains responsibility for:**
  - » Grant oversight
  - » Engineering approvals
  - » Safety and Security
  - » Statewide and metropolitan planning
  - » Government-to-Government Tribal consultation
  - » Retains certain federal environmental approvals
    - Project-level air quality conformity
    - Certain 4(f) determinations



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## What's Next?

- **Work to implement NEPA Assignment is now underway**
  - » Updating policies and procedures
  - » Performing document reviews
  - » Preparing for annual FRA audits
- **Two Intrusion Protection Barrier Reexaminations approved:**
  - » CP 1AB: August 12, 2019
  - » CP 1C, 2/3, and 4: August 29, 2019
- **CVY Supplemental Draft EIS went public September 13, 2019**
- **LGA Supplemental Final EIS will go public October 25, 2019**
  - » Report to the Board on October 15, 2019



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