# FINANCIAL SERVICES: SERVICE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

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## ROADMAP

- 1. Strategic Objective
- 2. Goal
- 3. Measure
- 4. Target
- 5. Actions (to improve performance toward target)

## OFS STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- Provide effective and efficient city-wide business support
- 2. City budgets are well managed and forward-looking
- 3. City's debt is well managed

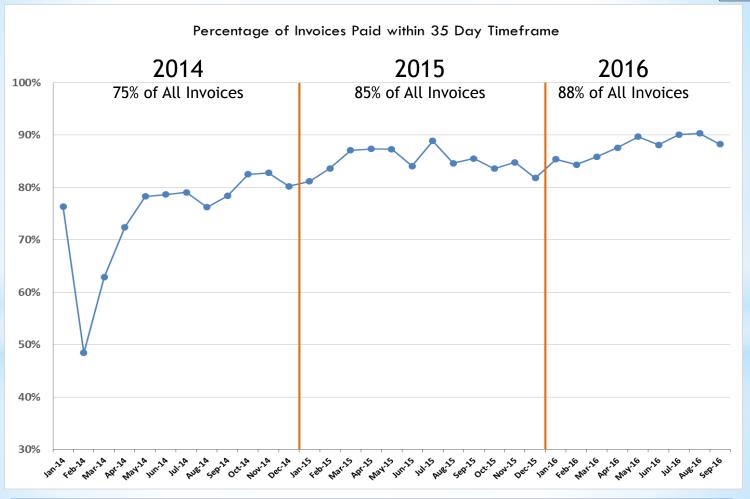
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### **Accounts Payable Performance - by Year**

Goal: 100% of Invoices Paid Within 35 Days





- Improved from 75% of invoices paid within 35 days in 2014 to 88% of invoices paid within 35 days YTD 2016.
- Struggled early days of Infor implementation, improving steadily since

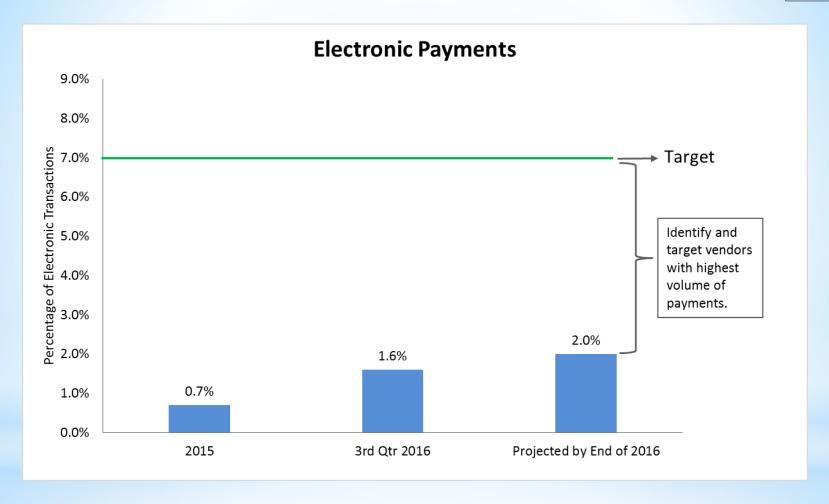
- Performance has steadily improved since Infor implementation
- Continued improvement requires coordination with vendors and departments
- Next steps: improve data collection & root cause analysis

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## **Electronic Payments**

Goal: Pay 7% of invoices electronically by July, 2017





- Paper checks are expensive to process \$38K in 2015, including \$16K on postage alone.
- Could save \$20K by getting to 60% electronic payments.

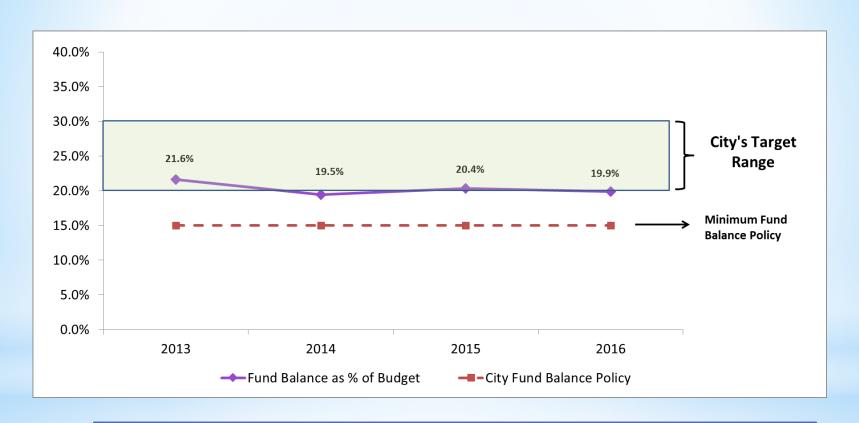
- Mapped out a plan to sign up all payroll vendors for ACH payments
- Started 2016 with 3 vendors, now have 53 signed up
- Next steps: phase 2 of vendor sign up – complete payroll vendors; target other high volume vendors

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# Our "Rainy Day" Fund

Goal: Unassigned fund balance in the City's General Fund is between 20-30% of budgeted expenditures



- St. Paul is exceeding the minimum fund balance policy of 15% but is on the lower end of our target range (20-30%)
- The median general fund balance for similar size AAA cities is 27%

- Adopted policy is 15%, but we manage to 20-30% range
- As the general fund budget grows, we need to contribute to fund balance every year
- Next steps: monitor year end performance to stay within our target range

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## **City Bond Ratings**

Goal: Maintain "AAA" Ratings and Stable Outlook from 2 Major Rating Agencies

Rating Agency	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Moody's	Aa1	Aa1	-	-	-
S&P	AAA	AAA	AAA	AAA	AAA
Fitch	-	-	AAA	AAA	AAA
Outlook	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable	Stable
Status	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$			

- Saint Paul is one of only 215 "AAA" rated cities in the U.S.
- A "A AA" rating with stable outlook is the highest possible rating and translates to the lowest borrowing cost.
- Bond Ratings represent a comprehensive evaluation of the city's overall financial and economic health encompassing other measures

- St. Paul just had AAA ratings affirmed by Fitch and S & P
- As rating criteria have gotten stricter, this goal has become more difficult to achieve
- Next steps: monitor rating agency methodology changes to understand potential impact to St. Paul

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