

CARS PROJECT NEWS

THE CARS PROJECT SCHEDULE

"Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe" – Abraham Lincoln

The CARS system integrator (SI) has selected a new solution platform for the new CAL-ACCESS. Leveraging the flexibility of the Salesforce platform with system analysis and lessons learned during the past year, the SI has already started design and development activities. But how does the new platform impact the overall project timeline?

At a high level, the new platform has little impact on the overall project timeline, as shown below. The CARS Project Team continues to target implementation of the new CAL-ACCESS by February 2021.

The CARS Project Team is aligning a new schedule to identify the detailed timeline for each specific activity, e.g. Application Programming Interface (API) development and testing, and user acceptance testing of system. Consider this as time "sharpening the axe." Getting the details right is critical to meeting the target implementation date.

As we progress, we will establish touchpoints to demonstrate how we are proceeding. Keep watching the CARS Project website for details related to the timing of critical project activities.



Events in March

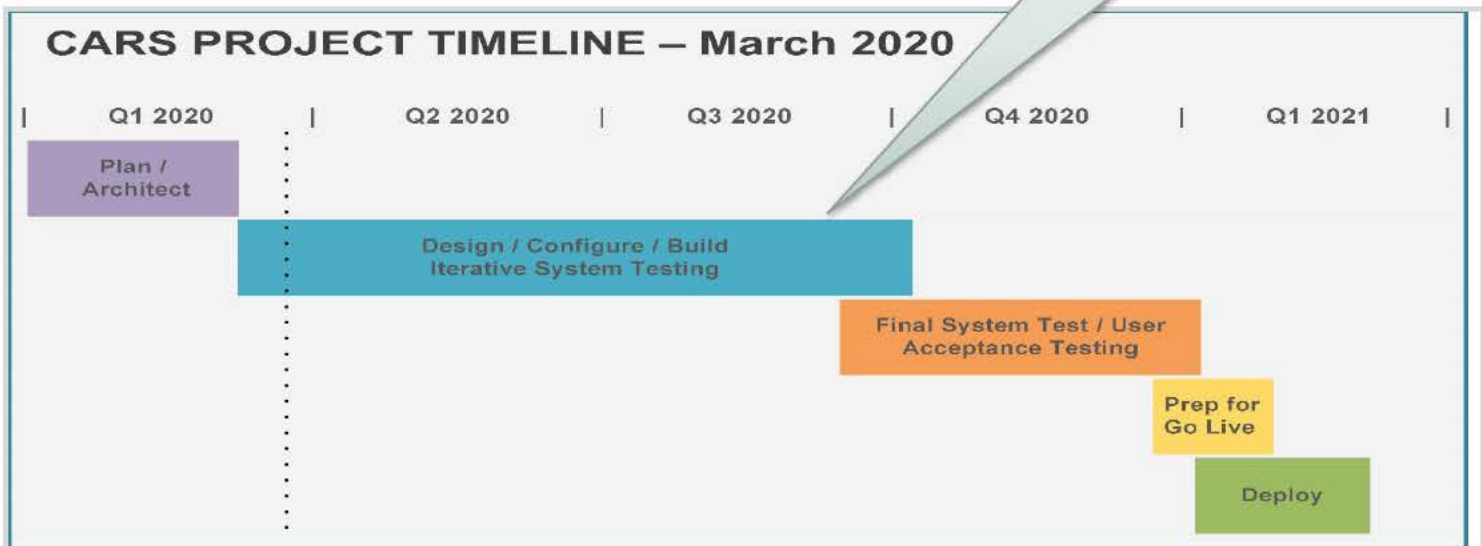
March 11, 2020 | Stakeholder Input Group (SIG) Meeting

Upcoming Events

April 22, 2020 | Software Vendor / Service Provider Meeting (tentative)

Visit the [CARS project website](#) to sign up for electronic updates or to check out the [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#).

Critical timeline details will be shared as they become available



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About CARS

"CARS" stands for CAL-ACCESS Replacement System. The California Secretary of State has undertaken a project to replace the current CAL-ACCESS with a new online data-driven filing and disclosure system.

About the Newsletter

CARS Project News is a production of the CARS Project Team and the Secretary of State Political Reform Division.

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CAL-ACCESS Project Meetings

CAL-ACCESS Project Meetings are informative and interactive meetings hosted by the CARS project to provide an opportunity for stakeholders to learn more about the development and functionality of the new CAL-ACCESS.

The CARS Project Team met with the Stakeholder Input Group (SIG) on March 11, 2020. Topics of discussion included:

- **Requests for Change (RFC)** – RFCs previously submitted by SIG are being vetted for applicability to the Salesforce platform.
- **Circle-back items** - Several circle-back items have been closed as they are not applicable to the new Salesforce solution platform. The remainder are being vetted for applicability to the Salesforce platform.
- **The Application Programming Interface (API)** – The API on the new platform is in the initial planning stages. The CARS Project Team is analyzing the potential impact on previously distributed electronic file specifications.
- **Support** - Live Help Desk assistance for CAL-ACCESS will continue to be available after implementation.



The system integrator provided a demonstration of the proposed user interface for the new CAL-ACCESS.

The CARS Project Team will continue to work with the SIG through User Acceptance Testing of the new CAL-ACCESS, which is projected to be completed in late Fall of 2020. The next SIG meeting is planned for May 2020.

A project meeting with software vendors and service providers is anticipated for late April 2020. Please sign up for e-Updates or visit the CARS Project Calendar for details when they become available.