

# Payments Modernization

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## From Concept to Reality: Our Commitment to Your Payments Future

The road to faster payments in the United States began in 2013 with the release of a [Payment System Improvement](#) paper by the Federal Reserve Bank. After responses by participants in all aspects of the payment system, work on payments modernization in the US began. Starting with the release of the Fed's [Strategies for Improving the US Payment System](#) and the formation of the [Faster Payments Task Force](#) and the [Secure Payments Task Force](#), all in 2015. Since then, development proceeded uninterrupted, with the task forces concluding their work in 2017 with the release of the report [The US Path to Faster Payments](#) and work commencing towards the formation of the current [Faster Payments Council](#). Throughout this time, The Clearing House developed and implemented their faster payments solution, [Real Time Payments®](#), and last year the Fed announced the development of their future service, [FedNow<sup>SM</sup>](#).

From the beginning, Bankers' Bank has remained closely connected to the faster payments process through commentary, participation on the Fed's task forces, and today, membership on the Faster Payments Council. We have implemented our RTP Funding Agent solution, making Real Time Payments easier to manage for community financial institutions. As noted in our [Funding Agent](#) article, banks can now use our pioneering, first-to-market service. Since last fall, we have consulted with the Fed on the development of FedNow, helping to guide the development of this new service in a way that ensures fair treatment for smaller banks. And in April, the bank hired Todd Koehn as a dedicated resource to help our banks be successful in faster payments and their overall payments strategy.

As the payments landscape evolves, Bankers' Bank will continue to develop powerful new solutions, ensuring equal access for community banks large and small. We recognize that innovation is vital to the viability of banks of all sizes, and our "all in" efforts ensure that we are ready to provide best-in-class payments products and services now, and in the future.