

HIGH-PROFILE PROGRAMS

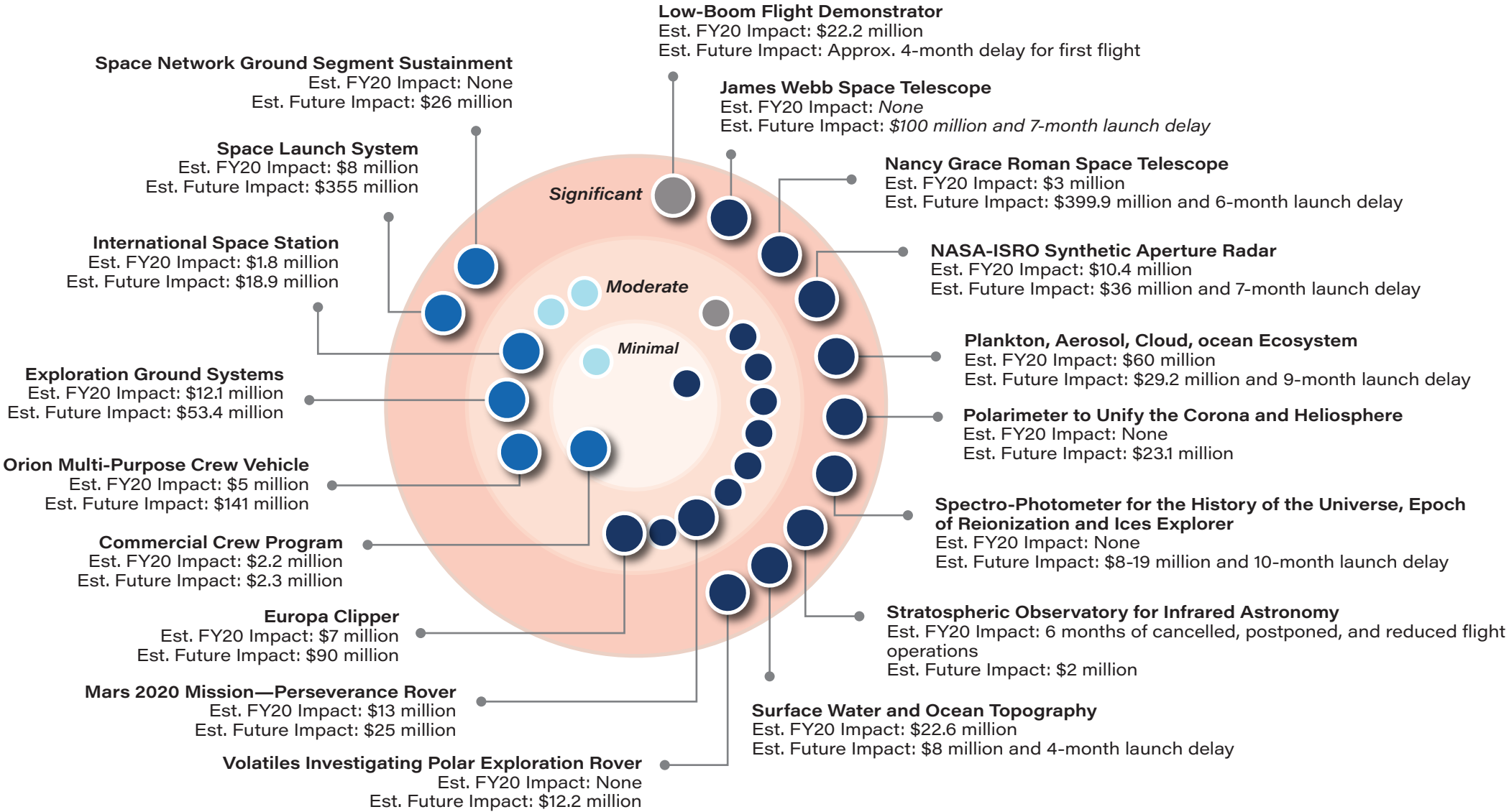
COVID-19  
Impacts on  
NASA  
Projects



Since March 2020, NASA has confronted unprecedented challenges to its programs and projects due to the COVID-19 pandemic including lack of staff availability, supply chain disruptions, and launch readiness delays. Although Agency managers include schedule margin in program and project plans to address unforeseen circumstances, in many instances these margins are insufficient to absorb the entire impact of the pandemic-related disruptions. Moreover, costs for these delays are estimated at nearly \$3 billion over the next several fiscal years.

This infographic presents a snapshot of the “activity level impact” (significant, moderate, minimal) and estimated cost and schedule impacts as reported by 30 of the Agency’s major programs and projects (defined as those with life-cycle costs of at least \$250 million) at the end of fiscal year 2020. These major programs and projects accounted for approximately \$1.6 billion of the estimated \$3 billion total COVID impact reported by NASA.

For more detail on these issues, see NASA OIG memorandum, IG-21-016 , titled *COVID-19 Impacts on NASA’s Major Programs and Projects*.



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