Regional Solicitation Unique Projects Development Process – Meeting #4

TAB Unique Projects Policy Work Group – June 4, 2021





How are we going to operate?

BE ACTIVE RESPECT OUR TIME KEEP AN OPEN MIND ALLOW FOR EVERYONE HAVE FUN **USE TECHNOLOGY**

OTHERS?

- Come prepared to engage (you all volunteered!)
- Limit the side chatter, stay focused on topic
- Be considerate of others' opinions
- Don't dominate the conversation
- This is an exciting topic, let your creative side loose!
- Use Webex tools and Mentimeter to communicate
- Will improve monitoring chat and hand raising

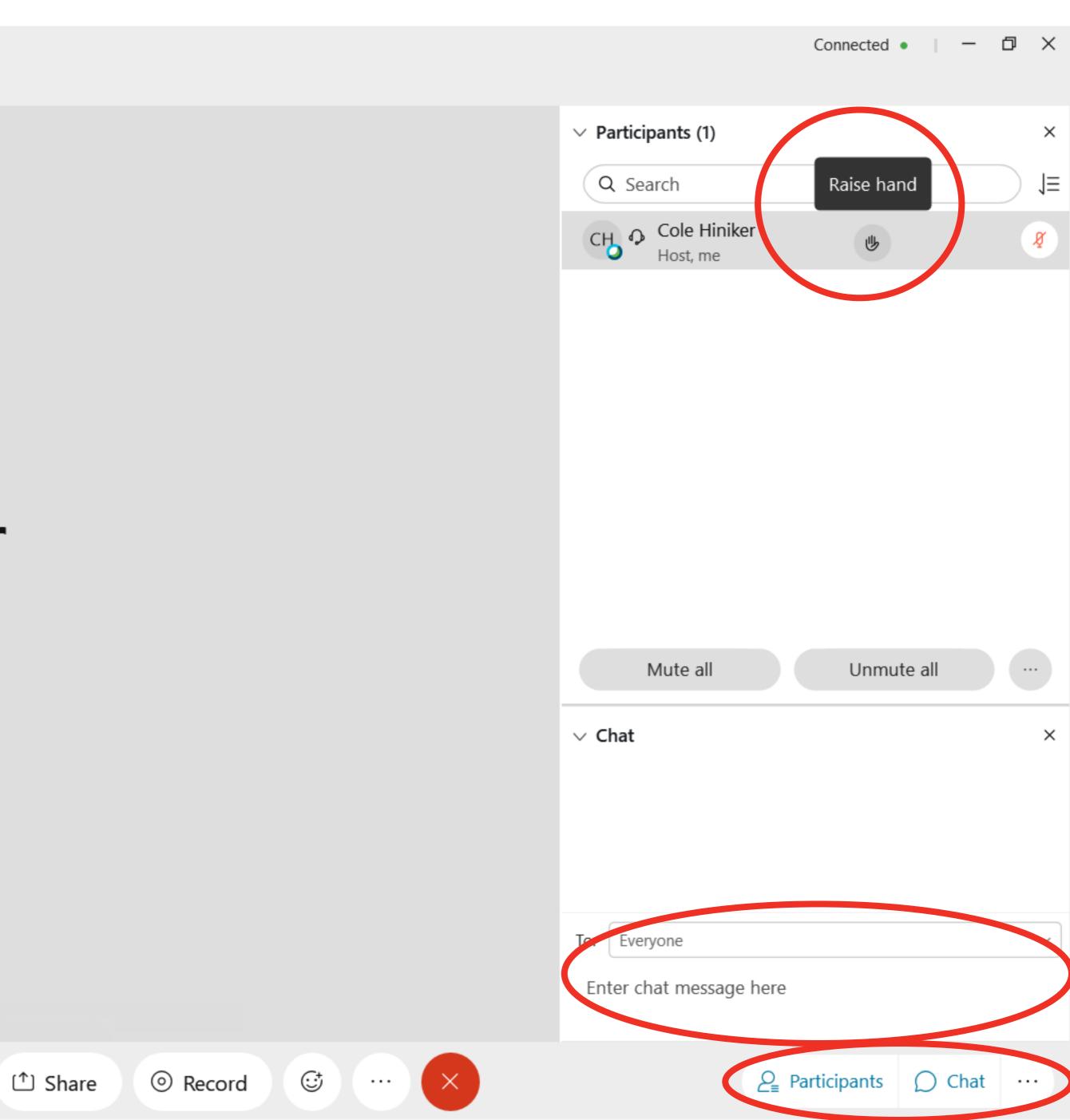




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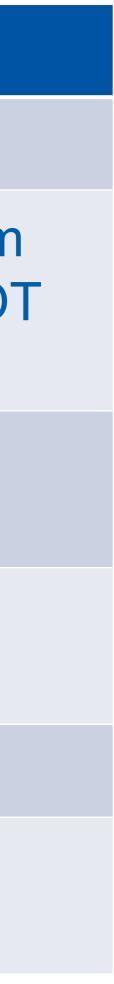


Proposed Schedule

| Meeting Date | Topic #1 | |
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| April 23 | Introduction and History | |
| May 7 | Prioritize Goals | |
| May 21 | Goals Wrap-up and Process Concept | |
| June 4 | Policymaker Involvement Discussion | |
| June 18 | SKIP MEETING | |
| July 9 | Evaluation Metrics – Technical Recommendations | |

| Topic #2 | Info Items |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Goals, Purpose, and Outcomes | |
| Evaluation Metrics and Eligibility | Funding Program Insights – MnDO and CD |
| Evaluation Metrics | |
| Mix/max, match expectations, TDM discussion | |
| SKIP MEETING | |
| Eligibility | |





Agenda

- 1. Recap of Meeting #3
- 2. Policymaker Involvement and First-step Application Questions
- **TDM Innovation Funding**
- 4. Reflection and Next Steps

3. Program Structure: Minimum and Maximum Funding, Match Expectations,





Meeting #3 Recap – Key Themes

Criteria

- **Reduce Environmental Impacts**
- Improve Racial Equity
- **Support Multimodal Communities**
- Innovation
- **Regional Significance/ Scalability**
- **Partnerships/** Collaboration



Feedback

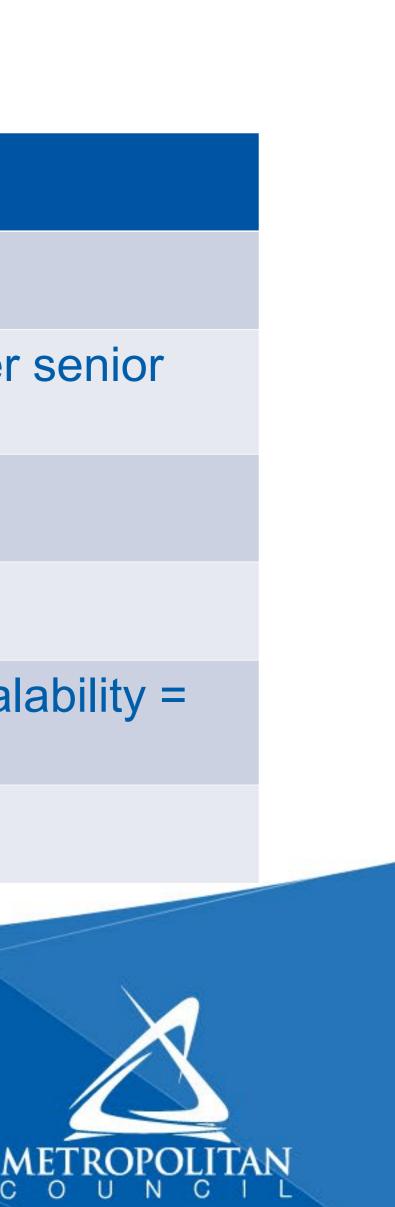
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Include connectivity and access, Consider senior and disability community

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Is cost-effectiveness important factor?

Regional significance = broad impact; scalability = ability to expand



Meeting #3 Recap – Key Themes (cont.)

Metrics Brainstorm

- Congestion was a controversial environmental impact metric, technical staff will try to narrow this down
- Connectivity and access were major themes for metrics Public/private partnership or private sector involvement important for
- collaboration

Next step to get technical input and bring back in July



Policymaker Involvement and First-step Application Questions







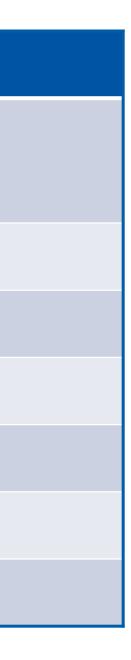
Application Process

| Regional Solicitation | Timeframe |
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| Release draft for public comment | September 2021 |
| Adopt solicitation | November 2021 |
| Release solicitation | February 2022 |
| Applications due | April 2022 |
| Evaluation | May – August 2022 |
| Project selection | Sept – Nov 2022 |

How to handle public comments on Unique Projects application process?

| Unique Projects | Timeframe |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Adopt unique projects application | September 2021 |
| Initial project interest due | November 2021 |
| Consultation w/ applicants | Nov – Jan 2022 |
| Release solicitation | February 2022 |
| Applications due | April 2022 |
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Policymaker Input

- July/August 2021 Info item to TAB: Feedback on work group proposal
 November December 2021 Workgroup role: Staff review and overview
- November December 2021 Wo and feedback on initial proposals
- May August 2022 Workgroup role: Evaluate proposals and present rankings to workgroup, supported by staff
- August September 2022 Info item to TAB: Workgroup presents evaluation summary to TAB for consideration in funding scenarios





Initial Project Submittal Information

- Project title and description
- List of project tasks or elements
- Approximate budget and potential match sources
- Description of project location or impacted areas
- Brief description of how project will advance Unique Project goals
 - One response with a word limit?
 - Multiple responses with shorter word limit?





Detailed Project Submittal Evaluation

- Technical Scoring Committee Approach
 - Policy Workgroup members as scorers, supported by staff
 - 1 criteria per scorer, could be 2 scorers per criteria for balance
 - Meet as a group to go over scores and provide feedback, revisions
- Final evaluation at a subsequent meeting, if needed
- Possibility for structured meeting with applicant interviews
- Up to 3 meetings in summer 2022





Unique Projects Program Structure







Program Structure

- Minimum and maximum funding limits
 - Maximum Recommendation: no limit for this round (default limit is total funding available), could be revisited for future solicitations
 - Minimum Recommendation: \$500k to ensure cost-effectiveness for federal requirements
- Match requirements
 - Considered as part of scoring for partnerships and collaboration
 - Minimum of 20%, should it be higher?
- TDM innovation funding
 - Recommend keeping pot separate until TDM Study complete in 2023
- Thoughts, concerns, questions?



Meeting Reflection

- What worked?
- What didn't work?
- Any meeting rules to add or revisit for next time?



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