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To: Metropolitan Policy Committee  
From: Daniel Callister  
Subject: Item 6.b: Regional Primary Funding Considerations

**Action Recommended:** Information and discussion; provide direction to staff

### **Issue Statement**

Preparatory to the upcoming MPO project selection and funding process, the Transportation Planning Committee (TPC) has discussed updating the regional primary funding considerations to reflect the seven goals of the MPO's recently adopted 2045 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

### **Discussion**

The MPO's discretionary federal funds are typically programmed on a regular schedule following a formal call for projects. The next call for projects will take place during Spring-Summer 2022. Applications for funding are reviewed and considered by TPC (a committee of staff representing the MPO's partner agencies), resulting in a recommendation to MPC as to which projects to fund with the MPO's discretionary funding. Currently, proposals are reviewed with consideration given to projects that address the following priorities as established by MPC several funding rounds ago (these are in no order of priority):

- Improves Safety
- Preserves Existing Transportation Assets
- Preserves or Enhances Transit Services
- Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions

With the adoption of the new 2045 RTP, TPC discussed replacing those four funding considerations with the seven new goals identified in the RTP. The MPO's call for funding applications, and funding priorities from those applications, is one of the most significant ways that an MPO implements its long-range plan (the RTP). The application form would be updated accordingly, allowing space for applicants to elaborate on how their proposals address the MPO's goals, which are:

- Transportation Choices
- Safety, Security, and Resiliency
- Healthy People and Environment
- Equity
- Economic Vitality
- Reliability and Efficiency
- System Asset Preservation

A federal requirement of MPOs is to maintain consistency between the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the approved RTP. While CLMPO has always maintained that consistency, updating the regional priority funding considerations to directly reflect the seven goals of the RTP is one way that consistency can be strengthened and that programming of funds in the CLMPO can more directly be shown to reflect regional priorities.

Staff is asking for MPC direction for proceeding with the next round of project selection and funding, with the recommendation above to request and evaluate funding applications in support of the new RTP goals.

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