MWT Steering Committee

Notes from 4/25/2022 Meeting

1. Naming of our effort?

   Group agreement the effort should be called Montana Wildlife and Transportation Partnership

2. Approve 3/21/22 meeting notes

   Meeting notes from 3/21/22 were approved and can be posted on the web.

3. Roles and Responsibilities (10 minutes)

   Draft handout (roles and responsibilities 04052022) was reviewed. Question about whether the bullet list under the Roles and Responsibilities heading should mirror the selection criteria. After discussion, group recommended changing the list of bullets under Roles and Responsibilities to state: Steering Committee members will work with our respective staff to determine adherence with selection criteria and other technical and administrative requirements. Clarification on these considerations will be provided for the applicant in the guidance accompanying the application form.

4. Revised Workflow Diagram (10 Minutes)

   Workflow diagram was reviewed.

   Next meeting we will start with flow chart, and discuss questions and concerns.

5. Revised Selection Criteria and Scoring

   Handout (Selection Criteria MDT 04042022) was reviewed.

   D&I group will propose new name due to concerns about acronym.

   Retrofit of existing infrastructure will be removed from Implementation Criteria – it is a type of project vs. a scorable criteria.

   Move partnership criteria from section IV to section V and combined with funding criteria.

   Section VI–Feasibility and Opportunity criteria - intent is to encourage communication with agency and other experts to help strengthen quality of proposals. Looking for high level assessment of is it reasonably feasible. Additional criteria were considered and discussed such as requirement to visit with FWP and other bios about problem and proposed solution.

There was discussion about whether this would be a bonus score or not or if it is expected as part of the development of the proposal.

6. Strawman – Project Application

   Reviewed/discussed the handout WAP_application_04212022

   It was clarified that there will be a guidance document that will accompany this document that will provide detailed direction for completing each section.

   Future Topic – How will scores ultimately be used to prioritize projects? Will we stick to numeric approach or use scores to help inform the discussion and retain flexibility to select projects. General feeling was the latter – use the scores to help inform the review and discussion. Is it possible to use numeric scoring and retain the desired flexibility in project selection?

   Attachment Section – Discussion about what attachments will be required. There was concern about what attachments would be required or optional and recommendation that this be clarified. Also, concern raised about having to have final agreements in place. It was clarified that at a minimum, project proponents need to identify what agreements may be needed.

7. Next meetings – schedule July/August? (5 minutes)

   Next meetings are scheduled for May 19 and June 13. We will need to schedule future meetings on May 19.