MWTP SC
Notes- May 20th, 2024

1. Introductions and agenda (5 min)
    a. New Agenda Topics?
    b. Approve notes 4/15/24 - **Approved**
    c. Assign Notetaker for today **- KP**
    d. Attendance: **KP, SB, BA, KM, DW, ST, Bill Semmens (until 2:00 pm)**

2. Any updates on applicant contact, application prep, submittal?
    a. **YSP working on one US-89,**
    b. **CLLC working 2 on US-191,**
    c. **Wild Sheep Foundation is interested (KP referred them to Nov cycle)**

3. Application/Guidance Review and Revisions
    a. MDT to update SC Committee Roster (Robin Graham, FWP and Simon Buzzard, Wildlife Connectivity Manager NWF, MSWP) and SC Agendas/Minutes since October 2023 – **on website**
    b. Finalize **internal** funding process document - **SC NEED TO FINALIZE – ST will send clean doc via email to vote/finalize**
    c. Section V – funding guidance is drafted, **need SC review and OK to finalize (for Nov)**
    d. Section VI – all guidance is simplified and revised, **need SC review and OK to finalize (for Nov)**
    e. Remove Application Section character limits – SC decision - **Purpose and Need and Data sections have character limits – will work to at least show word/character limit for this cycle – will decide on removing word limit for Nov cycle. Note, Sixmile's full P and N was 1,600 words and Data section was 3,000 words. Currently, space is available for 640 words and 485 words.**

4. Phase 3 GO Letter
    a. Phase 3 (Feasibility Study) process guidance is drafted, need SC review and OK to finalize
        i. Add Phase 3 to **Internal** Process Doc (ST)
        ii. Decision by SC when to send (e.g. w/GO letter) - **Deb proposes excerpts, not full attachment, of Phase 3 process doc included in letter (Phase 1, Phase 2, Phase 3 stages) as written by PIT Crew. Applicant can ask questions if want more info. Template letters for Phase 1, 2, and 3 will be developed and used to avoid having to have too many review periods of rote language. Question: is there a way to avoid waiting between Phase 3 commitment of feasibility study and having the funding in hand. Is there a chance there won't be funding for the project, and if so, is there a backup plan at all?**

5. MOLF notes & Dwane update for framework. **Tabled**
    a. SC Review of Dwane Framework modifications - see 2b above
    b. MSWP update
    c. MOLF IDC % ? Annual or upon dispersal (OTO)

6. Next Meetings: (10 minutes)
    a. Schedule Application Review and Scoring meetings, etc. for May cycle
        i. SC/PIT notify applicants Go/No Go Feasibility Study – Schedule - **Done**
        ii. Sixmile Project Feasibility Study Phase – MDT Lead – Schedule – **Unknown timing**
        iii. Future Working Meetings - **Done**

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iv. Post November revisions for Communications Plan & Schedule of Deliverables – need SC to finalize
    (1) Schedule post-May cycle revisions

b. Begin May 2024 cycle prep –
    i. Check Schedule of Deliverables – make any adjustments?
    ii. Schedule GO/NO GO Entity review – **Each entity will need to schedule**
    iii. Schedule Phase II Entity Scoring

Extra notes:
Perhaps we can focus more on meaty topics in our working meetings rather than details of tracking of docs and schedules. Proposal to do more of that outside of these meetings, and include standing section of agenda called updates and include the links with dates and actions required. Then will have more time in these meetings for larger group discussions/decisions.

7. Communication Plan – May 2024 Cycle
    a. Need to finalize May cycle (TM)
        i. New pdf of plan to be saved new version
    b. Should we include outreach to public announcing successful projects advancing to Phase 3? (KP) ***MDT will create a doc on how/when/guidance on shared messaging with applicant for announcing feasibility study. Is intended to be a larger outreach action from Partnership. Note: MRCG is hosting Ben Goldfarb for a midday event on June 26 that includes focus on Sixmile project**
        i. KP email regarding Applicant sharing Feasibility News

8. Public Outreach on Planning Tool and Partnership in general (KP, MSWP)
    a. What outreach is currently being conducted?
    b. MDT/FWP outreach other than call-out for applications?
    c. Anything directly in response to EQC?
    d. What is goal of listserv and getting more people on it?
        i. Desire to share other types of information?
        ii. MSWP draft of Tips and Tricks document – needs SC review
        iii. MDT/FWP lead social media posts – MSWP can share out
            (1) MSWP will revise/update the last round social media content

Communications/outreach conversation is important for SC to have – who/where/when/what is to be shared? Likely should be focusing public outreach on broader topic of roads/wildlife/crossings (broad audience) than just announcements of application cycles (small audience).

Extra notes:
Question about time it takes to acquire crash/collision data – conversations in MDT are occurring to speed up/clarify internally how to possibly speed up.

9. Schedule of deliverables – Tom to keep updated and share as regular agenda item (TM 10 min) -**Tabled**
    a. November 2023 – May 2024 - finalize
    b. May 2024 – November 2024 - draft
    c. MDT – Feasibility Study for selected projects - schedule

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10. Recent Colorado Summit #2 update (KP) (10 minutes) - **Tabled/already talked about CO**

a. KP CO Summit summary saved on Teams (KP)
b. What does Partnership and Program success look like after the November cycle? (KP, All)
    i. Does the Partnership need to identify and plan for other goals, benefits, needs beyond the Project Program? **Tabled for next**
c. Next MT Summit **Tabled for next**
    i. Interim mini-Summit?
    ii. Next full Summit - after more projects in the pipeline, some implemented

From last meeting notes:

- Let's get more MWTP projects going, so we can host a potential full summit in 2025 at the earliest. Agencies would need to decide on this and help give direction. A summit would take resources and time. Governor's office support would help.
- Objectives need to be clear. Could we set up a subgroup to help conceptualize what would need to come together (e.g., Planning, funding, messages, goals and objectives). What other steps, timing, legislature?
- Could there be a mini-summit that doesn't take too much lift because there's a lot of interest in the state re: wildlife crossings?
- Exploratory committee – Create a straw dog of objectives, etc. – ST recommend talking to CO folks, review MT summit docs, can dig through MDT files related to the summit.

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