



# Clean Transportation Funding Pilot Program

MnDOT Office of Sustainability and Public Health

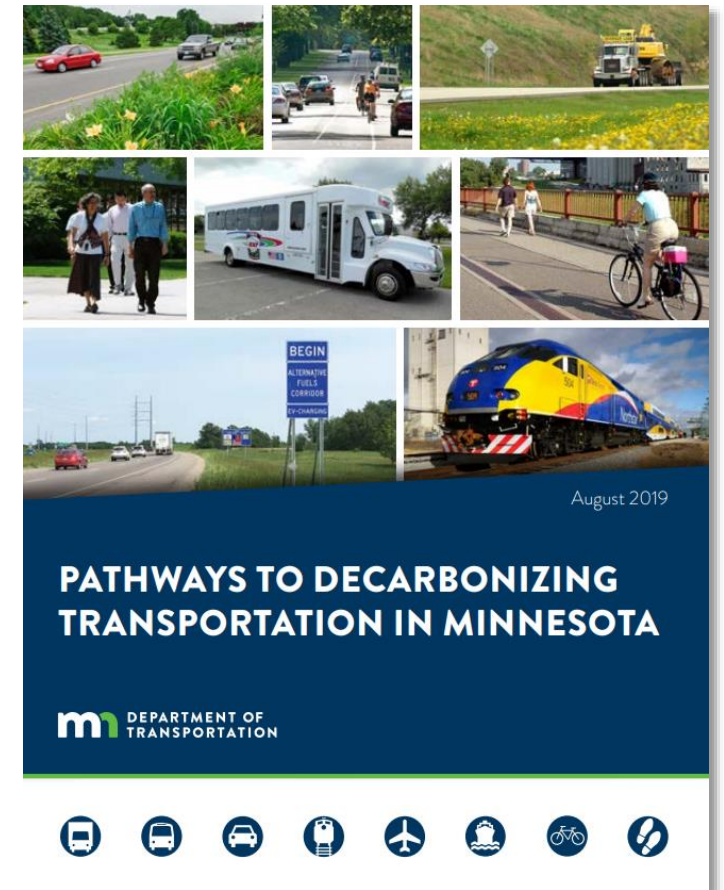
October 26, 2020

# Agenda

- 3:00-3:10pm** Welcome and Background
- 3:10-3:35pm** Program Description
- Qualifying activities
  - Award amount
  - Eligible applicants
  - Proposal process & selection criteria
  - Timeline
  - Federal program requirements
- 3:35-3:50pm** Q & A
- 3:50-3:55pm** Next Steps

# Background

- Established based on recommendation from MnDOT's [Pathways to Decarbonizing Transportation in Minnesota](#) report
- Developed in collaboration with MnDOT's Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council; administered by MnDOT's Office of Sustainability and Public Health
- **Goal:** Demonstrate the potential of innovative clean transportation technologies to reduce GHG emissions from the transportation sector in Minnesota and help the state meet statutory GHG reduction goals



# Qualifying activities

## Projects that...

- Implement vehicle propulsion and/or fuels technologies that reduce GHG emissions compared to traditional gasoline and diesel internal combustion engines
- Advance infrastructure or implement systems that avoid or reduce transportation GHG emissions
- Demonstrate innovative uses and/or adoption of commercially available clean transportation technologies in new or underserved communities or help to overcome barriers to new technology adoption in Minnesota
- Demonstrate how clean transportation technologies can be scaled up to serve larger markets or larger numbers of users
- Expand knowledge and understanding of clean transportation technologies in communities that may have less access to this information

- MnDOT's Clean Transportation Pilot Funding Program provides up to \$2 million annually
- Grants range from \$25,000 to \$500,000
- Minimum 20% local match
  - Waived for tribal nations
  - Must be from a non-federal funding source
  - Applicants exceeding the 20% minimum will receive extra points

# Eligible applicants

- Local governments
- Regional transportation authorities
- Transit agencies
- Natural resource or public land agencies
- Schools
- Tribal governments
- Minnesota non-profits



# Proposal process & selection criteria

## Step 1: Letter of interest

- Demonstrate 20% match
- Cannot be funded by another source
- Meets two of the following:
  - Strong proof of concept
  - Scalable approach
  - Benefits communities of color
  - Leverage or creates co-benefits
  - Located within or directly benefits members of a tribal nation

## Step 2: Full Application

### Scored on the following:

- Cost effectiveness of GHG emissions reduction – 35%
- Scalability and replicability – 25%
- Environmental justice – 15%
- Co-benefits in addition to GHG emissions reduction – 10%
- Local match exceeding required 20% - 5%
- Funding and economic resiliency -5%
- Advancement of clean transportation implementation practice and body of knowledge – 5%

# Timeline

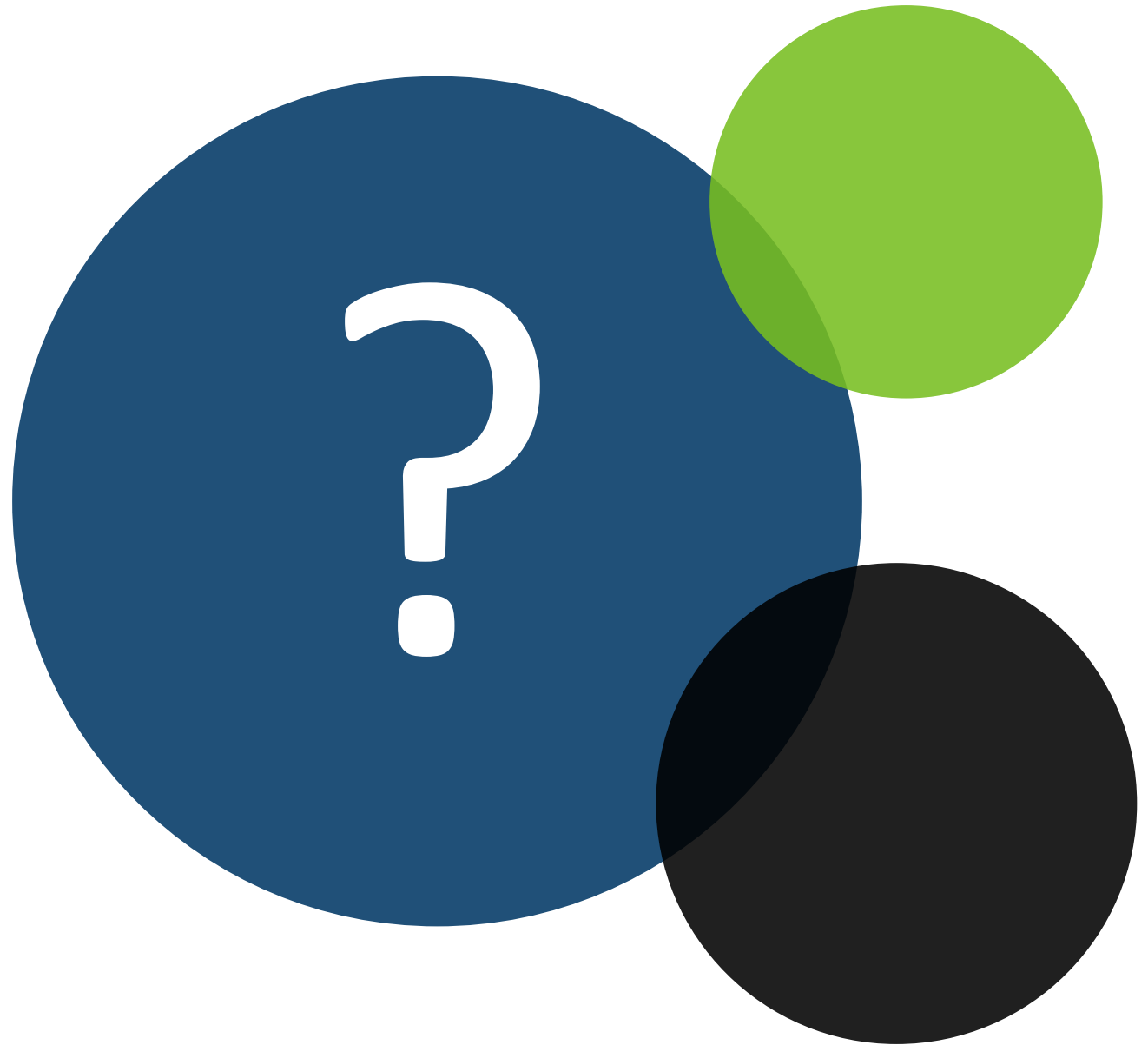
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November 2, 2020	Submission period for letters of interest begins
December 7, 2020	Letters of interest due
December 21, 2020	MnDOT announces applicants selected to submit full application
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April 15, 2020	Applicant grant agreements with MnDOT completed




# Federal program requirements

- **Davis-Bacon and Copeland Acts:** Payment of pre-determined wage is applicable to all federal-aid construction contracts exceeding \$2,000 and to all related subcontracts
- **ADA Requirements:** All projects must comply with the federal and state accessibility mandates
- **Anti-Discrimination Laws:** Each sponsoring participant must comply with applicable federal and state antidiscrimination laws and be able to demonstrate compliance
- **Project Supervision:** Engineering and construction projects must be under the direct supervision of a Minnesota Licensed Professional Engineer

Questions?



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**Submit letters of interest:** <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/sustainability/clean-transportation.html>



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