Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan

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Met Council TAC Planning Committee

MnDOT 2027 SMTP Update

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Today's Objectives

1. Minnesota GO Vision
2. SMTP
3. 2027 SMTP Update Process
4. Public Engagement

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MnDOT Family of Plans



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Minnesota GO Vision



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Vision

Minnesota's multimodal transportation system is safe and enhances quality of life, the environment and the economy for a resilient future for all.

Minnesota's multimodal transportation system is safe and enhances quality of life, ~~maximizes the health of people,~~ the environment and ~~our~~ the economy for a resilient future for all.

SMTP Update – It's Time!



5 Years

2027 SMTP

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Background - SMTP



- Highest level policy plan for transportation for Minnesota
- Answers: How are we going to achieve the vision
- Provides objectives, performance measures, and actions
- Collective Commitment
  - Everyone with a role in making transportation work for Minnesotans
  - MnDOT leads, partners, or supports

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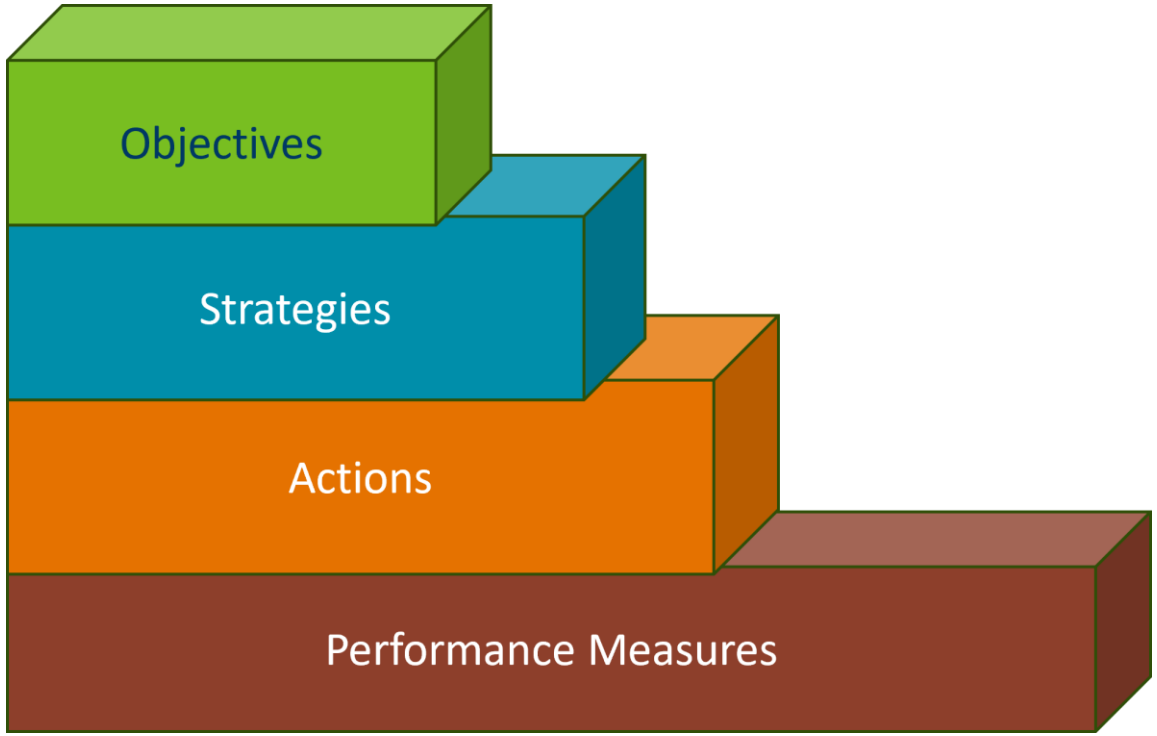
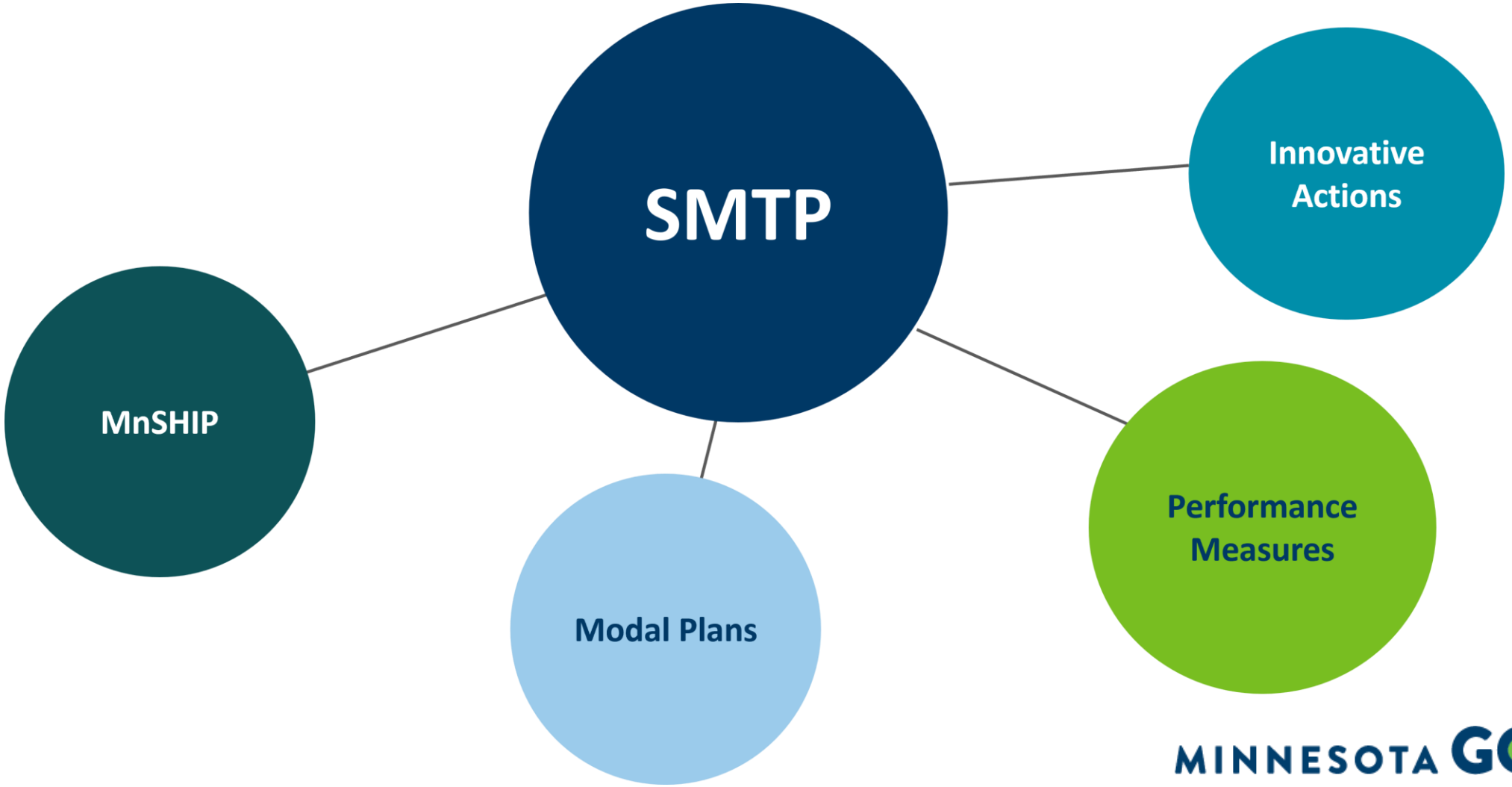
Background on SMTP





Influence of SMTP



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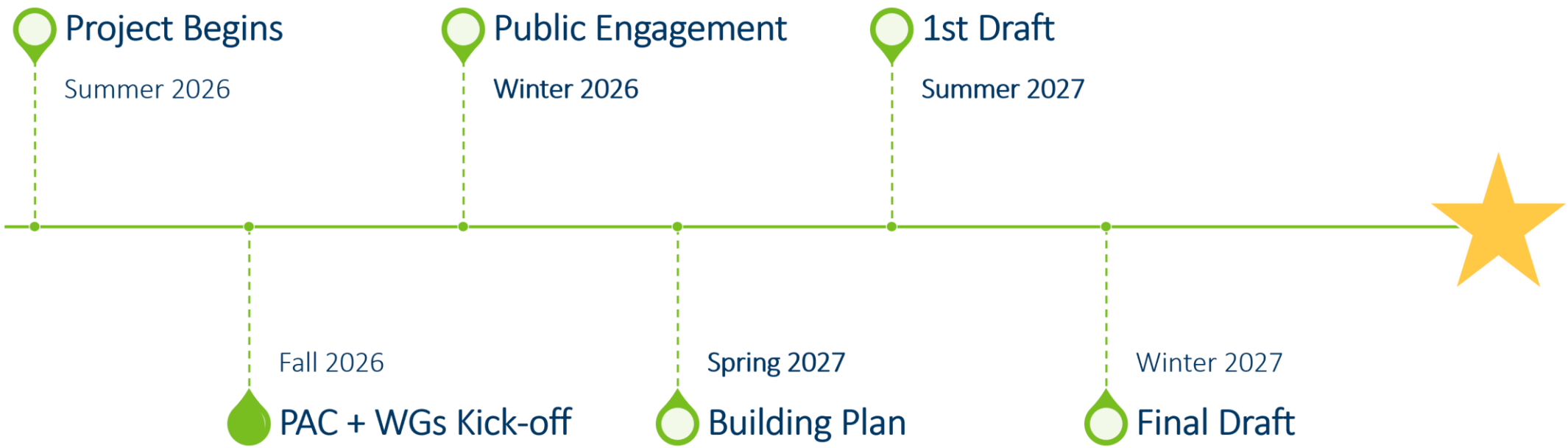
2027 SMTP Update - Timeline



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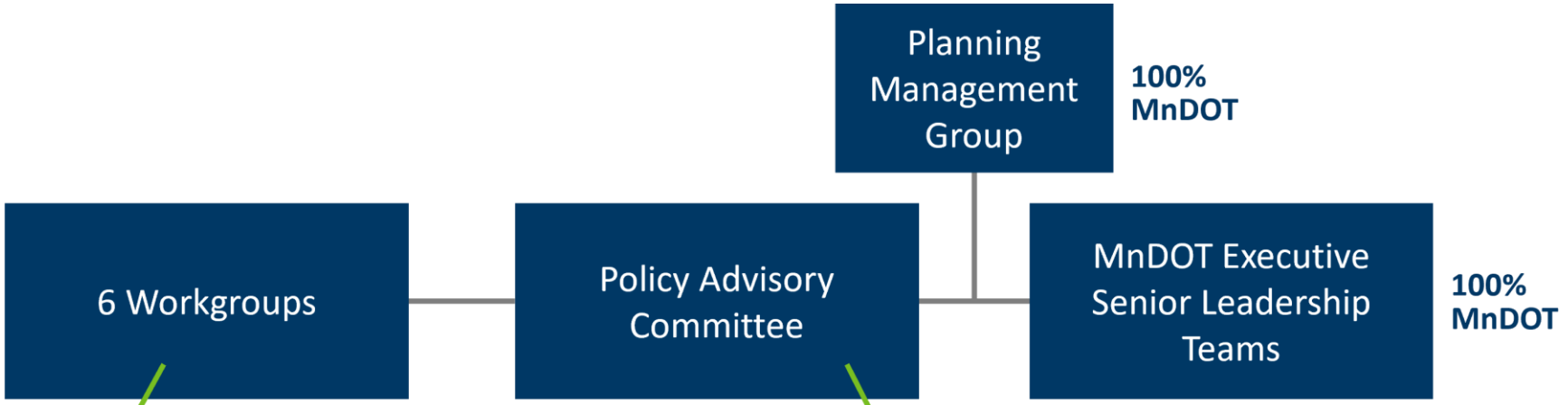
MPO Involvement



- Grand Forks-East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization
- La Crosse Area Planning Committee
- St. Cloud Area Planning Organization
- Rochester-Olmstead Council of Governments
- Mankato/North Mankato Area Planning Organization
- Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council
- Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments
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Workgroups – Discussion Topics

Transportation Safety

- Ensure safety of all modes
- Protecting community safety
- Reducing fatalities and serious injuries
- Building culture of safety
- **Ensuring safety for all**

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System Stewardship

- **Cost-effective operations and maintenance**
- Designing with context sensitivity
- Maximizing useful life of assets
- Practicing environmental stewardship

MAPO

Climate Action

- **Reducing emissions**
- Enhancing transportation options
- Building resiliency
- Coordinating with communities
- Mitigation

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Critical Connections

- Identifying key connections
- **Ensuring transportation options**
- Committed partnership
- Technology
- Reliable

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Healthy Equitable Communities

- Safety
- Access (eliminating barriers & reducing disparities)
- Highway impacts
- Health
- Economy
- **Affordability**

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Open Decision Making

- Technology and **AI**
- Accountability
- Collaboration
- Public engagement

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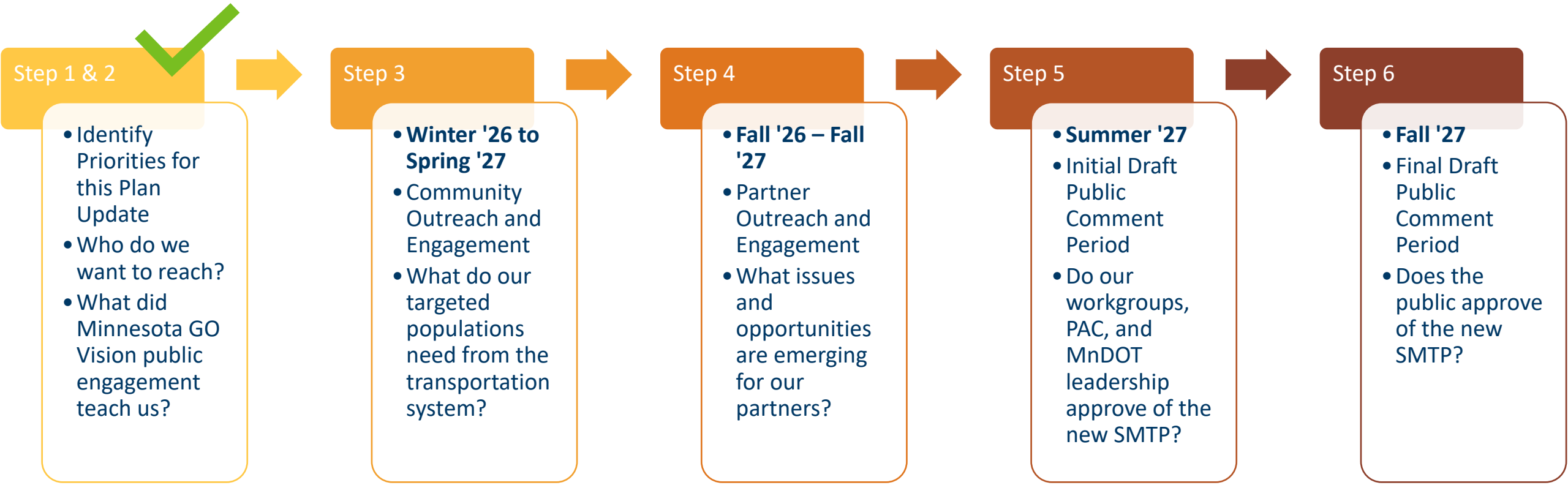
Public Participation Plan



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Public Engagement – Events

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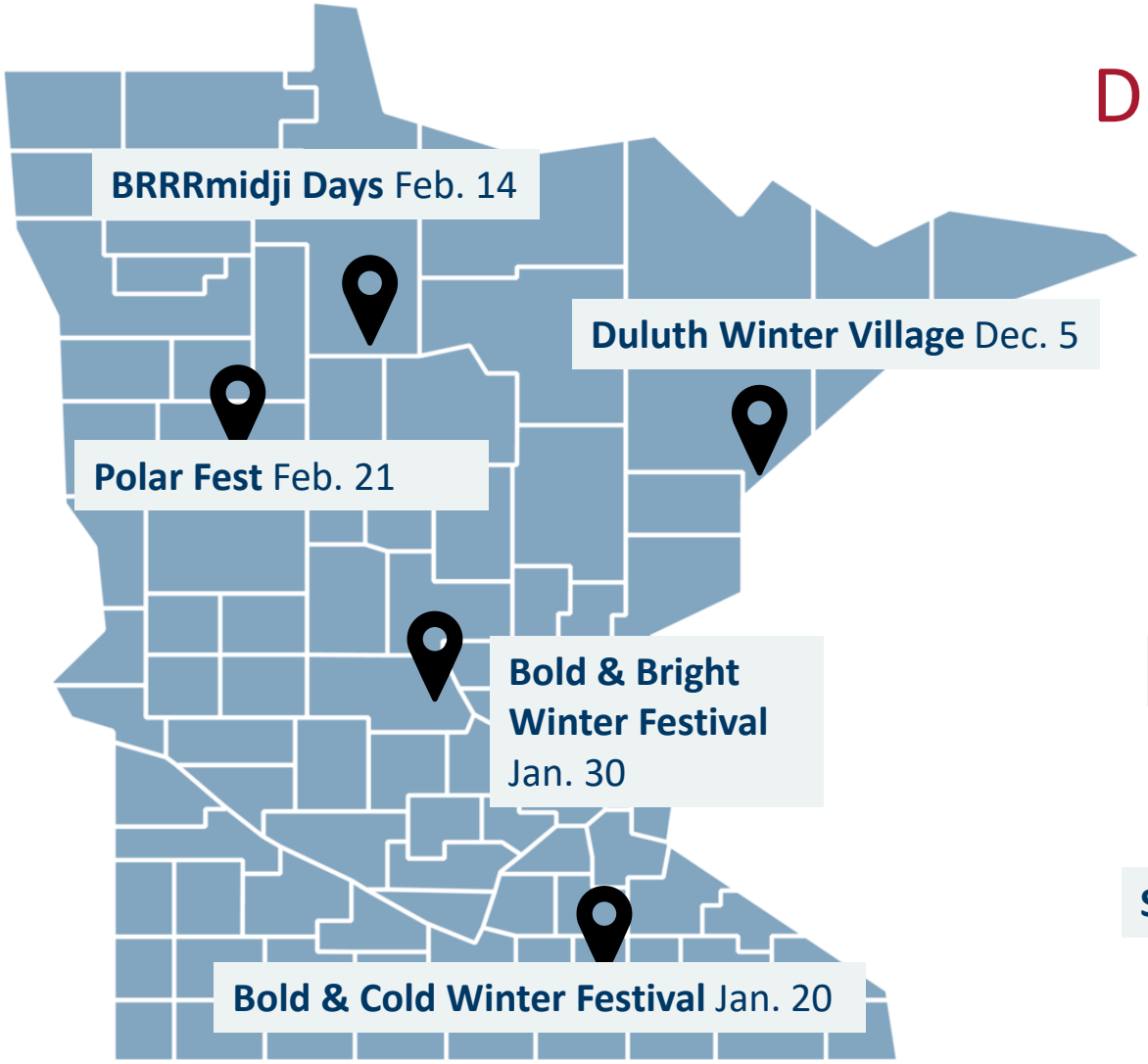



Public Engagement – Survey

Using five “snowballs”, tell us what is most important for supporting **safe and resilient communities where people can thrive**?

Safe and resilient communities are best supported by

- Maintaining existing roads and bridges
- Ensuring improvements reflect community needs
- Improving transportation options and connections
- Protecting vulnerable road users
- Preparing for extreme weather and future environmental challenges
- Connecting people to jobs, services, and opportunities
- Investing in future transportation solutions



Public Engagement – Survey

- **How have rising transportation costs affected you or your household? (Select all that apply)**
  - •Transportation costs have become harder to afford
  - •I spend more of my budget on fuel
  - •I have reduced unnecessary/optional trips
  - •I combine trips more often
  - •I drive less often
  - •I use public transit more often
  - •I walk or bike more often
  - •I carpool or rideshare more often
  - •I have changed where or when I travel
  - •The cost of groceries and household goods has increased
  - •Rising transportation costs have not significantly affected me
  - •Other (please specify)

Healthy Equitable Communities

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Public Engagement – Survey

- Which of the following would you consider doing in the next 5 years to help create a cleaner transportation future? (select all that apply)
  - Use a different way to travel to work or school (walk, bike, transit, carpool, etc.)
  - Work remotely more often
  - Purchase an electric vehicle (EV)
  - Purchase an electric bicycle (e-bike)
  - Switch to a lower-emission vehicle
  - Use public transit more often
  - Carpool or rideshare more often
  - Walk or bike for more trips
  - Combine trips to reduce driving
  - Drive less whenever possible
  - None of the above
  - Other (please specify)



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Public Engagement Survey

- To what extent do you support using new technologies and data analysis tools to help plan and improve the transportation system? (e.g. artificial intelligence (AI), traffic sensors, real-time traffic data, connected vehicles, or predictive modeling.)
- What concerns, if any, do you have about the use of new technologies and data analysis tools in the planning of the transportation system? (e.g. artificial intelligence (AI), traffic sensors, real-time traffic data, connected vehicles, or predictive modeling.) (Select all that apply)
  - •Lack of transparency
  - •Privacy concerns
  - •Potential for bias or unfair outcomes
  - •Technology should not replace human judgment
  - •Decisions may not reflect community needs
  - •Not everyone has equal access to technology
  - •Technology may be costly to implement and maintain
  - •Data may be inaccurate or incomplete
  - •Increased energy use or environmental impacts
  - •No concerns
  - •Other (please specify)

Open Decision Making

Next Steps

- Share any events, or opportunities for public engagement collaboration (Dec. 2026 – Mar. 2027)
- Reach out to request SMTP Update engagement/coordination meetings

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Thank you!

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