

# **Project Review and Reauthorization**

**HYDROGEN EXECUTIVE  
LEADERSHIP PANEL**

# Findings

- Transition to hydrogen is
  - A series of steps beginning with hybrids and biofuels
  - Critical to nation
  - Dependent on the infrastructure to safely make, transport, store and sell all alternative fuels
- Safe transition requires all stakeholders to communicate, cooperate and coordinate
- Current HELP program is not reaching its full potential

# Value may exist with helping stakeholders

- Shape and refine messages to public safety officials
- Outreach through existing state and local training programs for
  - Emergency responder safety
  - Code enforcement officials training and education: interpretation of existing codes, new code language
- Mobilize emergency response leaders as spokespersons and advocates for alt fuel public education projects

# Options

- ~~• Implement strategic plan~~
- Revise plan
- End project

# Staff Recommendations Based on Stakeholder Input

- Mission is correct: *To help stakeholders make the safest and smoothest possible transition from fossil fuels to hydrogen and other alternative fuels.*
- Change model from organization with projects defined by USDOT to one that provides a service to stakeholders with needs.
- Consider functioning as independent entity.
- Change the name.

# Review Steps

## 1. Stakeholder input

- a. US Department of Transportation. Complete, May 10.
- b. DOE-managed Hydrogen Technical Advisory Committee. Complete, May 16.
- c. HELP meetings. May 23-24.
- d. Additional consultations with public and private sector leaders

## 2. **Develop recommendations to NASFM Directors.** Must be complete by June 22.

## 3. **Decision will be made at July 8 Directors' meeting.** Depending on decision, HELP session in July will either be final meeting or will focus on implementing new approach.

## **If the recommendation is that we continue**

- Rationale for each activity
  - Linked to the mission
  - Need clearly defined
  - Appropriate for public safety officials
- Quantified goals, key activities, timing
- Resources
  - Needs
  - Sources
- **New name**

## What we need to do now

- Starts tomorrow morning.
- By conclusion of meeting tomorrow, please tell us ...
  - Whether there is value in continuing the program in some form. If you see value ...
  - The kind of help you most need ... expressed in priority order.
  - Who will serve on an *ad hoc* group to draft the recommendation.
- By Friday, NASFM will designate three persons to serve as advisors to the *ad hoc* group