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# **Technical Advisory Committee**

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**Regular Session**

## **Item J3**

### **Report on the State Carbon Reduction Strategy**

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**ISSUE**

REPORT: State Carbon Reduction Strategy

**BACKGROUND**

In November 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (also known as the “Bipartisan Infrastructure Law”), was signed into law, which includes the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). The purpose of the CRP is to provide federal funds for projects designed to reduce transportation emissions, defined carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from on-road highway sources.

Nebraska expects to receive nearly \$48 million over five years under the CRP. The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is required to allocate 65% of these funds to urbanized areas over 200K population, urbanized areas between 50K and 200K population, urban areas between 5K to 49,999K population, and areas less than 5K population) in accordance with their relative share of the state population. NDOT has flexibility to allocate the remaining 35% in any area of the state.

The CRP requires each state, in consultation with its respective metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs), to develop a Carbon Reduction Strategy that supports efforts to reduce transportation emissions, identifies projects and strategies that will reduce transportation emissions, and is appropriate to the population and context of the state.

The Carbon Reduction Strategy is due to USDOT by November 15, 2023.

NDOT staff will provide an update on the State Carbon Reduction Strategy at the February 9 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS/DISCUSSION**

None.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS**

None.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION**

None. Information only.

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