



# **GWSA Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting**

*September 29th, 2023*

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**Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs**



# Agenda

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1. Review of Meeting Minutes
2. Updates and Introductions
3. Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Development of Priority Measures
4. IAC Work Group Updates
5. Public Comments



# Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Development of Priority Measures

*Presentation to GWSA IAC*

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## What is CPRG?

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A two-phase federal funding opportunity administered by US EPA:

- Phase I (Planning) awards to states \$3M in formula funding for decarbonization planning
  - Priority Climate Action Plan due March 2024
  - Comprehensive Climate Action Plan due March 2025
- Phase II (Implementation) is a competitive process which draws on Phase I to award up to \$500M grants for a specific implementation project.
  - Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to be released September 2023
  - Implementation Grant Proposal due April 2024



## Why Is the CPRG Significant?

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- A way to ground the policy commitments of the Clean Energy and Climate Plans (CECPs) in quantifiable GHG-reduction and EJ impact measures, allowing us to prioritize which ones to implement first
- A way to plan how federal funding can help Massachusetts achieve its climate goals and which federal opportunities will yield the most GHG emission reduction impact
- A way to pick 1-2 projects to support with significant implementation funding



## How Can the CPRG Help to Prioritize Decarbonization Investments and Policies?

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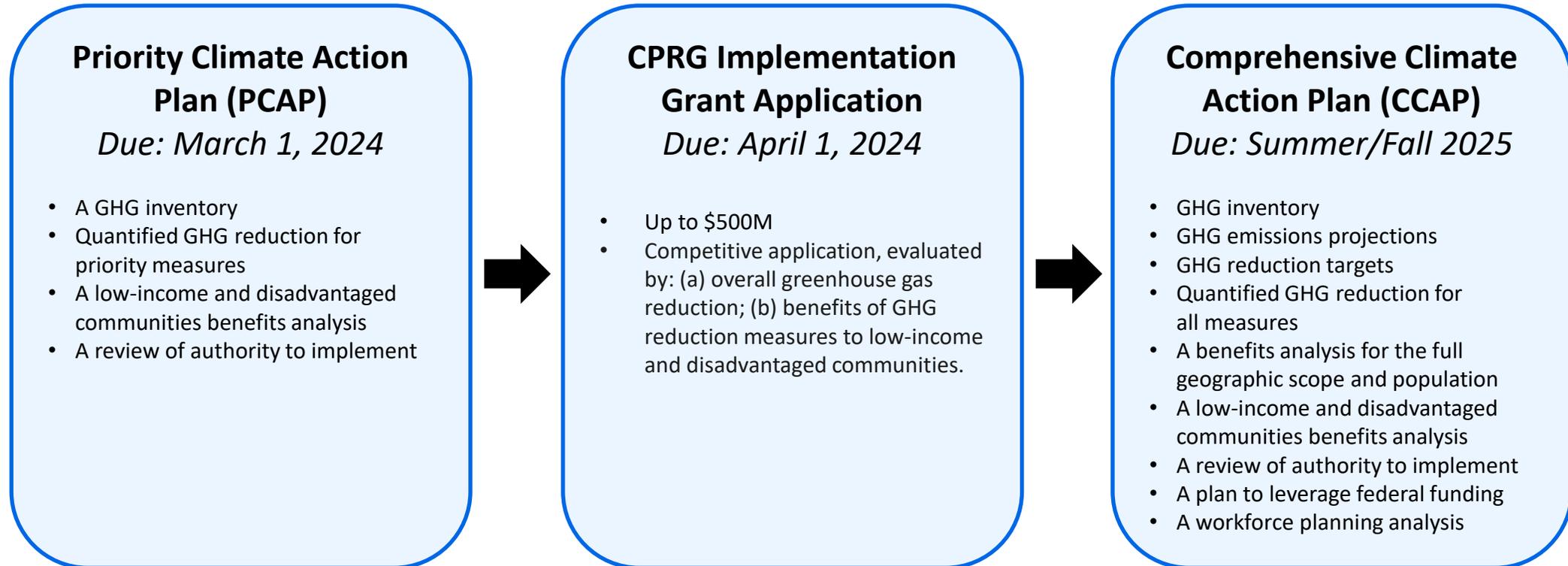
### Key Questions to Guide Decarbonization Investment

- What is the GHG emissions reduction potential of particular climate measures within each sector?
- Which climate measures provide the most benefit (co-pollutants, workforce, etc.)?
- Which climate measures provide the most benefit to environmental justice populations?
- For each climate measure, how much investment is necessary?
- For each climate measure, what are the sources of state and federal funding available over the next decade?



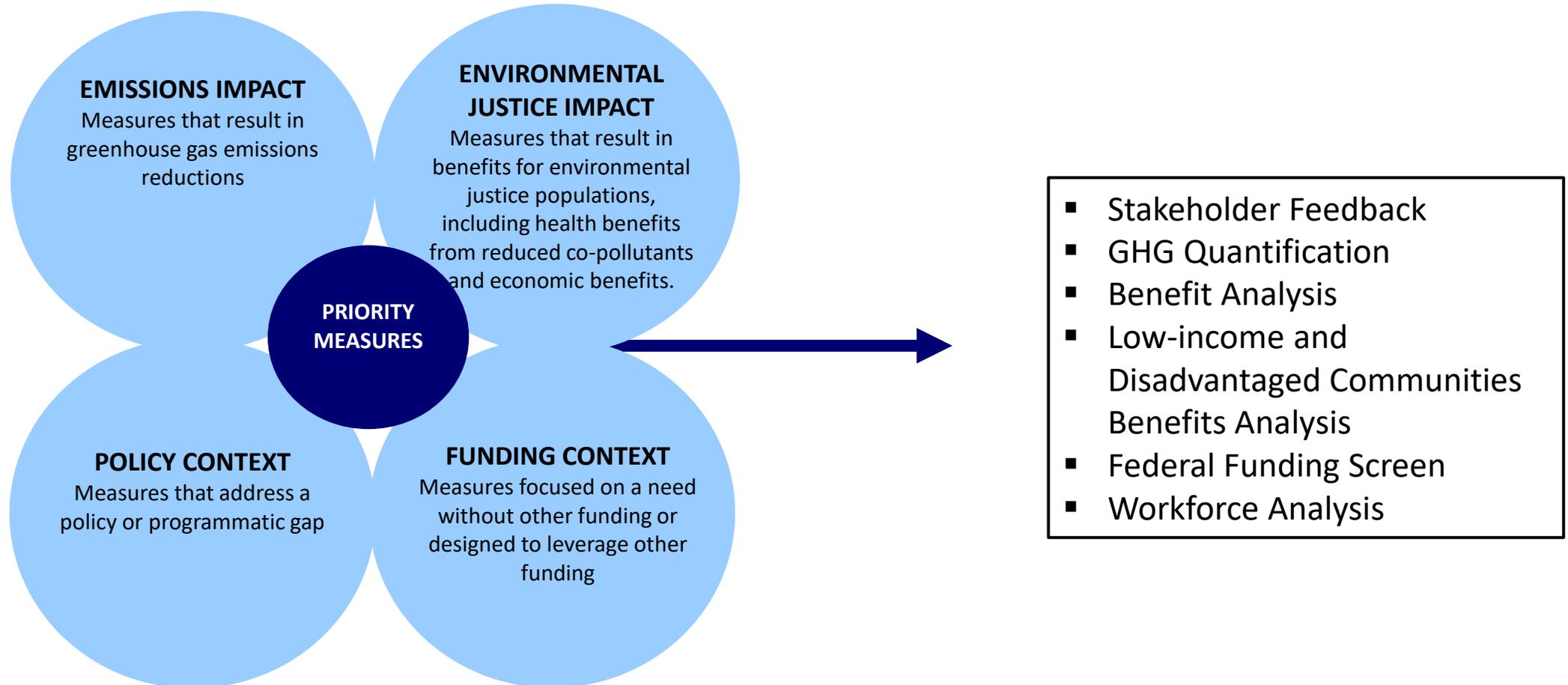
## Priority Measures & CPRG Timeline

**Priority Measures:** "A focused list of near-term, high-priority, implementation-ready measures to reduce GHG pollution."





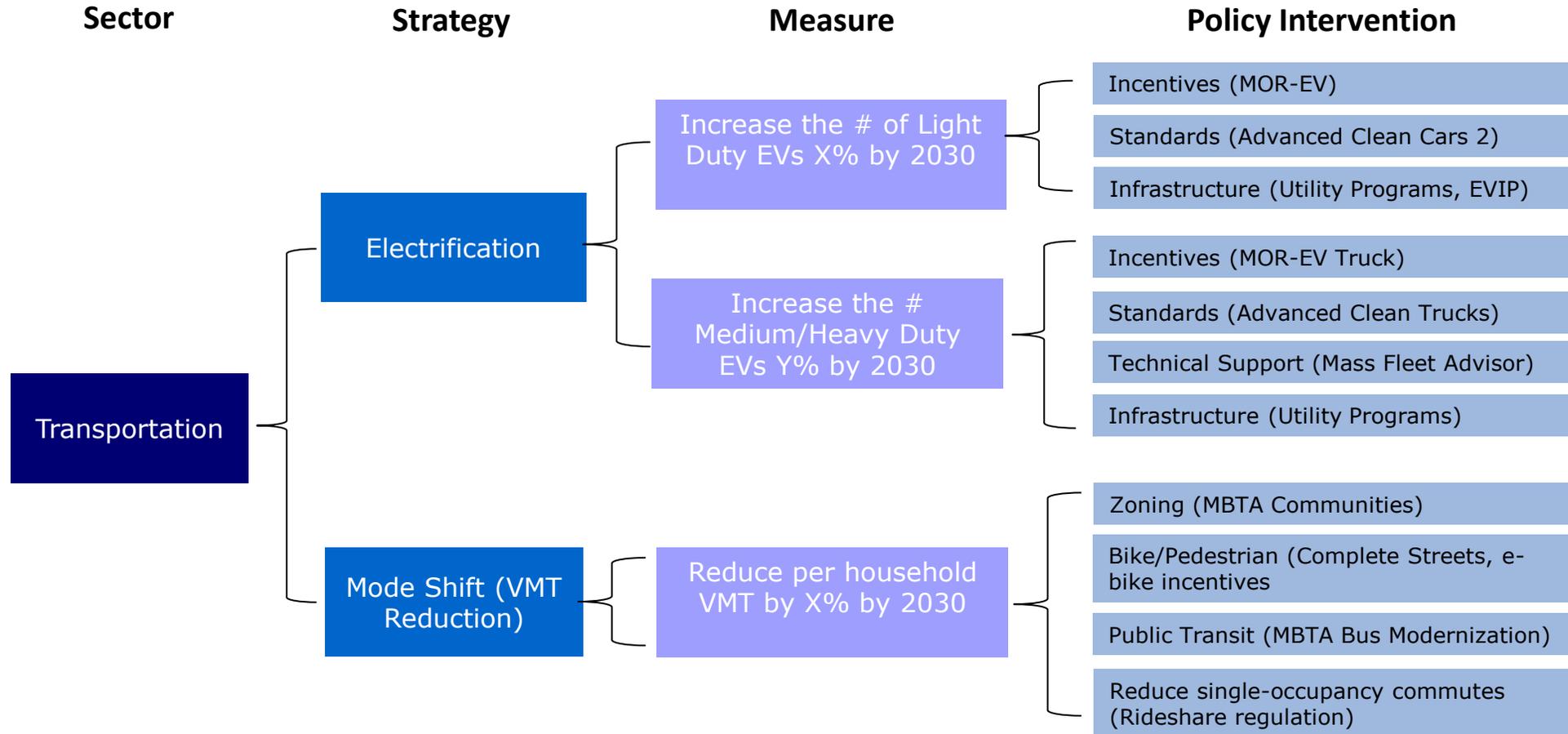
## CPRG Priority Measure Development Process





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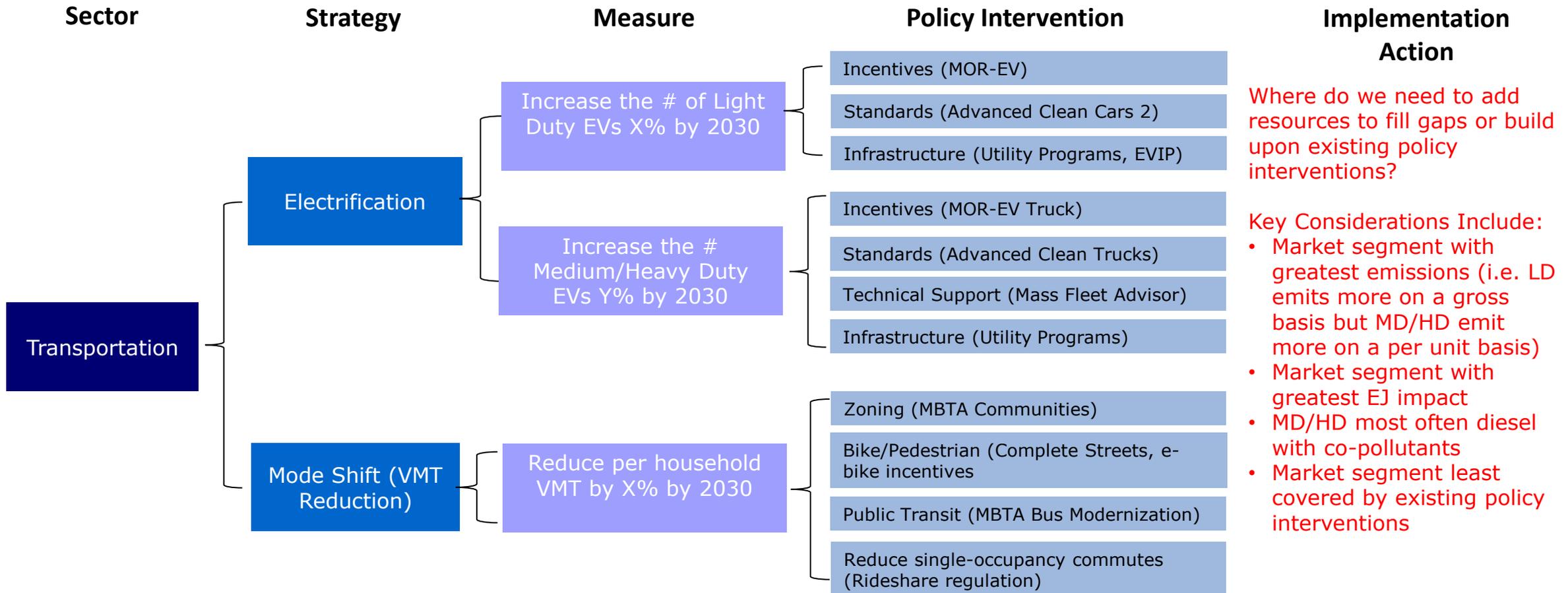
(Examples of what we need to do in accordance with emissions reductions).

(Examples of what we said we'd do to get there)



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Assign **GHG reductions** and **EJ benefits** to these measures individually, so that we can prioritize implementation





## Preliminary Concepts for Priority Measures for Transportation (~37% of MA Emissions)

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- Electrify Medium and Heavy-Duty Vehicles:
  - **Potential Implementation Idea:** Narrow focus to medium and heavy-duty electrification by prioritizing the electrification of municipal garbage trucks or delivery vehicles (diesel-powered, registered in MA), concentrating on fleets active among EJ populations. Target enabling factors, including truck charging economies, to maximize impact of current Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) Standards.
- Electrify Light Duty Vehicles:
  - **Potential Implementation Idea:** Make additional progress in passenger vehicle electrification by enhancing EV incentives.



## Preliminary Concepts for Priority Measures for Buildings (~35% of MA Emissions)

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- Electrify Building Heating and Cooling:
  - **Potential Implementation Idea:** Use CPRG Implementation funding as a pool of funds to encourage uptake of building-sector tax credits, extending the impact of the CPRG funds over the building sector.
  - **Potential Implementation Idea:** Create a Cities of the Future Decarbonization Project that would focus multiple interventions in 2-3 neighborhoods to incrementally retire fossil fuel infrastructure, modernize electrical infrastructure, and transition buildings (and potentially transportation) to all-electric operation.
  - **Potential Implementation Idea:** Develop the model for statewide school decarbonization (buildings, fleets, land, curriculum), with a focus on schools in Gateway Cities.



## Other Sectors: Power, Natural & Working Lands, Waste

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- Challenge: Identify measures that preserve and enhance forestation or other natural sequestration techniques while also providing significant benefits to environmental justice populations.
- Challenge: Identify opportunities that are incremental to ongoing grid modernization and renewable energy procurement processes.



## Next Steps

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- Continue to refine set of Priority Measures
- Solicit feedback from stakeholders in September and October
- Initiate analytic work in October



## Contact and Follow Up

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We look forward to engagement over the coming months around the following:

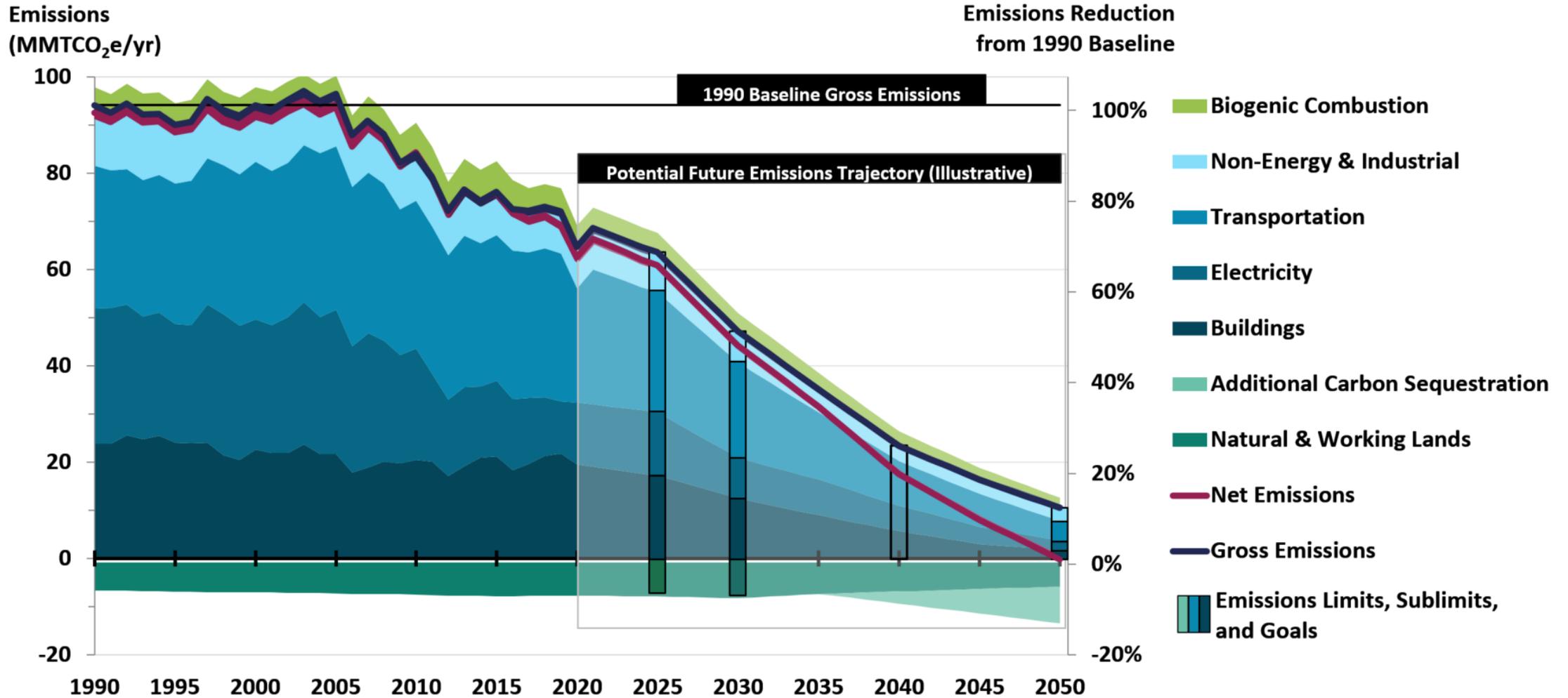
- Identification of Priority Measures
- Categories and metrics to include in a quantification of benefits
- Categories and metrics to include in a quantification of benefits for environmental justice populations
- Review of Priority Measures Results

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# A Reminder of the Task Ahead





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# IAC Work Group Updates



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# Public Comments