Some Concluding Thoughts

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Presentation Roadmap

1. Call to arms
2. General themes
3. Local and regional leadership
4. National work supports
5. Research challenges

General Themes

1. Sustainability and livability matter to public

Public Support for Sustainable Communities

National opinion survey from 2011:

- Majority of Americans – regardless of political affiliation- support sustainable communities *(79% overall)*

- Majority of Americans believe their region needs more sustainable communities *(66% overall)*

- Most Americans believe that sustainable communities are an important part of rebuilding the national economy *(80% overall)*

The poll also found overwhelming public support for the Partnership's core principles.

Source: "Building for the 21st Century: American support for sustainable communities", March 2011. http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/documents/building-for-the-21st-century.pdf

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2. Transportation is a public service - performance measures operationalize this
3. Still confusion over livability, sustainability?

Partnership Livability Principles

Provide More Transportation Choices

Promote Equitable Affordable Housing

Enhance Economic Competitiveness
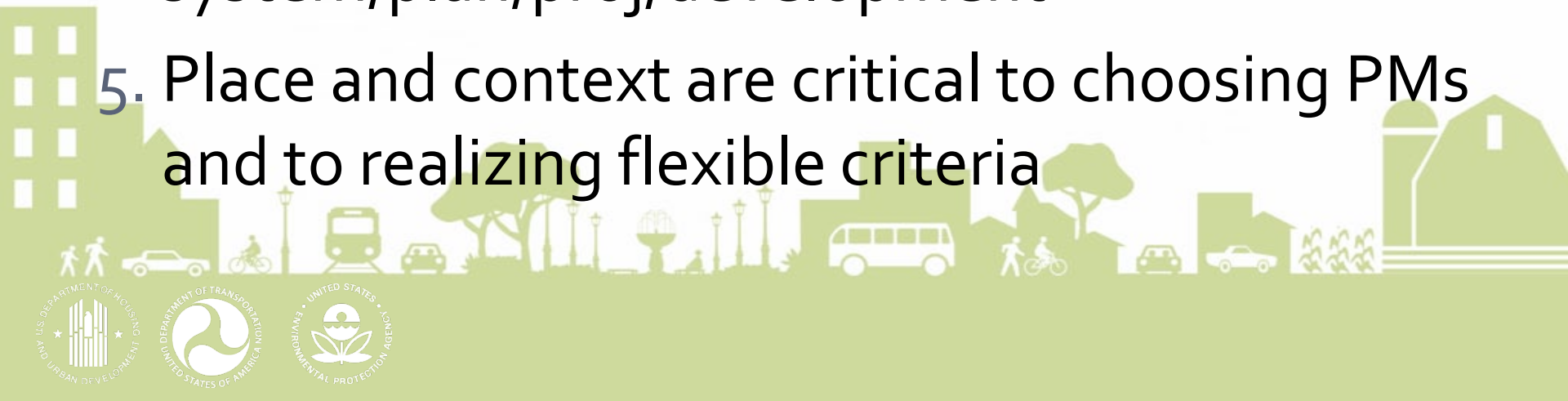
Support Existing Communities

Coordinate Policies and Leverage Investments

Value Communities and Neighborhoods

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4. Definitely confusion over PMs - program vs system/plan/proj/development
5. Place and context are critical to choosing PMs and to realizing flexible criteria
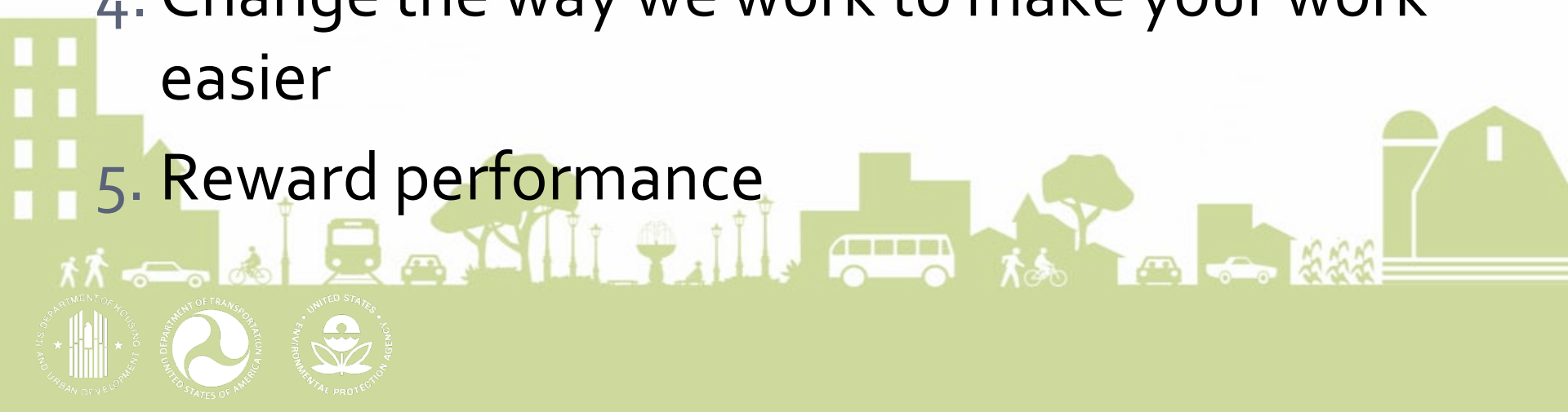
Local and Regional Leadership

1. Local innovation has created great examples
2. Specific goals & measures emerge from local priorities
3. Measure even if you can't control or get credit
4. Power of scenario planning
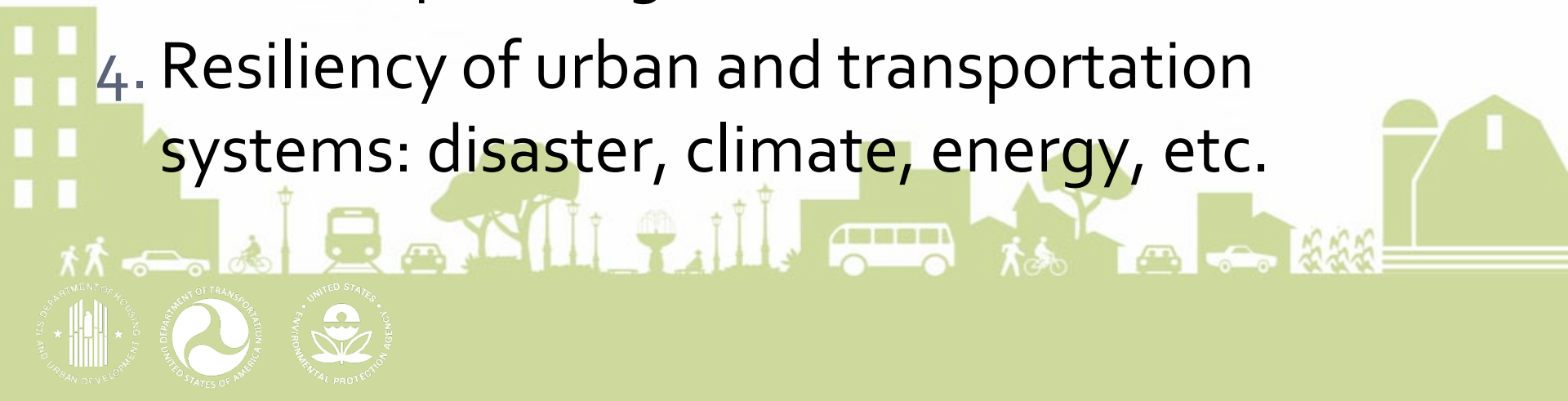5. Process is critically important to success

National Work Supports

1. Partnership for Sustainable Communities
2. Seeking to support and highlight best practices ($)
3. Build data back-end
4. Change the way we work to make your work easier
5. Reward performance

Research Challenges

1. Fiscal & economic impacts
2. Include other transportation impacts: emergency response, schools, health, etc.
3. Quick-response methods to integrate with scenario planning
4. Resiliency of urban and transportation systems: disaster, climate, energy, etc.

Thank you

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