MEMORANDUM

To: Uniformity Committee

From: Maria Sanders (MO), Vice Chair and Chair of the New Project Selection Work Group; and Helen Hecht – MTC General Counsel

Subject: Status Report

Date: April 9, 2020

The committee directed the formation of this work group at its meeting in November 2019 in order to come up with a more explicit process for how the committee selects new projects to work on. This action followed on recommendations from a strategic planning task force that looked into the issue of how more successful projects might be selected.

The work group had its first call March 25, 2020 and a second call on April 1, 2020. Work group discussions have focused on the recommendations of the strategic planning task force that studied the reasons why states may or may not adopt uniformity recommendations. The work group has also had discussions of the uniformity process generally, including the public participation policy, and has decided to begin by looking at how other, similar organizations, particularly the Uniform Law Commission (ULC), select new projects. At the April 1, 2020 meeting, the work group asked commission staff to draft a process which might include a standing subcommittee to implement that process. Information on the work group can be found on the project page on the MTC website, here: http://www.mtcgov/Uniformity/Project-Teams/New-Project-Selection-Project-Work-Group.

Assuming the uniformity committee approves this work plan, the work group will schedule additional calls in the coming weeks.

Anyone who is interested in being a member of the work group contact Helen Hecht by emailing hhecht@mtc.gov.