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**Heliophysics System
Observatory (HSO)**
Extended Operations Framework

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Agenda

- Extended Mission Policy Activities
- New Framework
- Benefits of New Policy
- Previous HPAC Findings & Recommendations
- Feedback Requested
- Next Steps



Extended Mission Policy Activities

2023 SENIOR REVIEW FINDINGS

“ Individual extended mission proposals lacked system-level coherence and perpetuated closed communities. ”

The following would strengthen the HPD portfolio and engage broader community:

- Develop opportunities for HSO science working groups
- Expand HSO Guest Investigator funding opportunities
- Expand HSO community frameworks to share and leverage development of code, team science efforts, and coordination with HDRL

RESULTS 12 missions proposed, 4 designated project-funded, 6 designated infrastructure, 2 terminated due to technical feasibility

FRAMEWORK DEVELOPMENT

- Address terminology and definition concerns
- Establish research funding transition and competition processes for missions phasing out of prime phase
- Outline Senior Review criteria for transitioning missions



STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

- Solicit feedback from internal and advisory stakeholders on:
 - Overall framework
 - Terminology
 - Metrics for evaluation



POLICY DEVELOPMENT

- Draft written policy to foster open science, healthy competition, and opportunities for early career scientists
 - Incorporate stakeholder feedback
 - Address concerns raised in HDP feedback form



COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

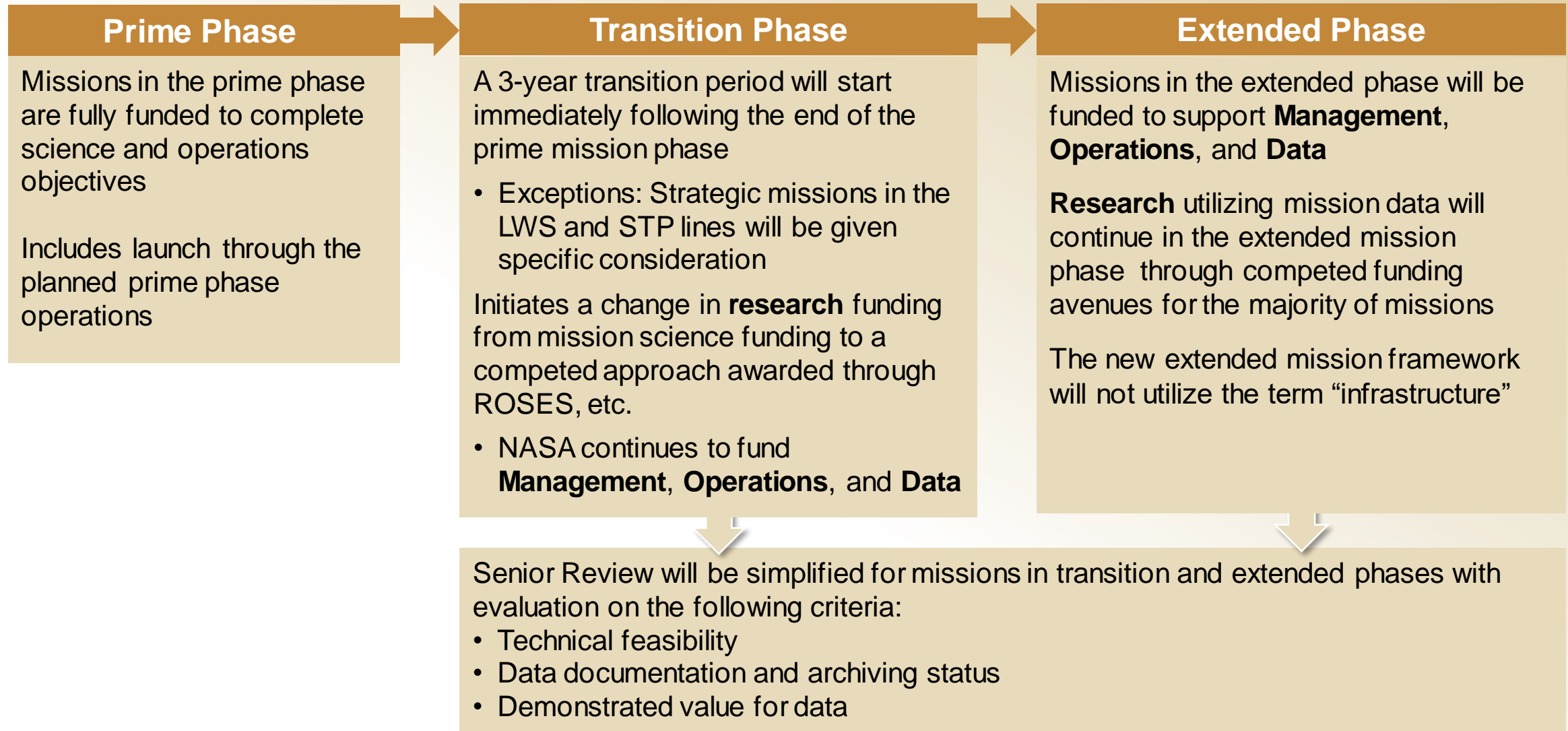
- Share framework at Sept. HPD Town Hall
- Answer questions and accept live feedback
- Identify format/method and timeline for formal feedback submission



FINALIZE & RELEASE POLICY

- Finalize written policy based on stakeholder and community feedback
- Issue policy and guiding direction to operating missions
- Leverage appropriate communication channels to ensure awareness across community
- Feed into 2026 Senior Review and ROSES

New Extended Mission Framework



Benefits of New Policy

Keeping Science Exciting

- Positions NASA on the cutting-edge of science; Continuously bringing in new and outside perspectives
- Introduces opportunities to increase system-level coherence
- Enables missions in operation to continue to produce and expand valuable data for community science
- Incentivizes stakeholders to conduct heliophysics research
- Maximizes scientific return from the HSO fleet while providing research opportunities for scientists at every career stage
- Increases collaboration and new partnership opportunities within the community

Addressing Administrative Challenges

- Provides a longer transition period (3 years) for teams to secure competed funding
- Simplifies the senior review process, enabling projects to focus on science
- Fosters consistency by maintaining management, operations, data, and funding with the program

HSO Feedback: HPAC February 2024

HPAC Findings

- HPAC recognizes that [HSO infrastructure] is a reasonable way to allow missions to keep operating and produce data useful to the community within a limited budget
- We find that there is confusion in the community, resulting in concern, about the implications of the forthcoming changes to the HSO infrastructure mission model/concept

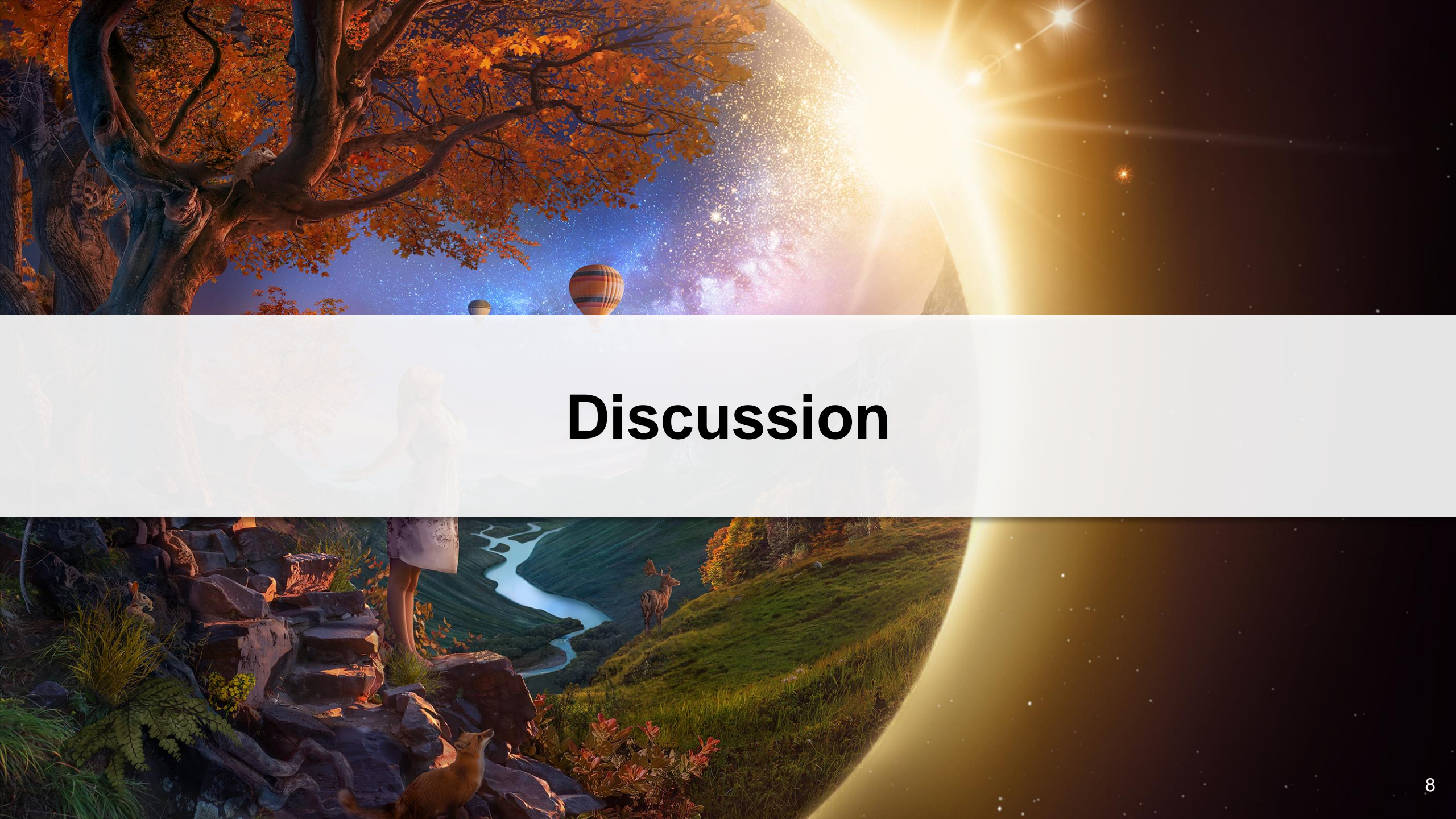
HPAC Recommendation

We recommend that HPD respond proactively to the concerns of the community by clearly communicating information on several topics. These include:

- Details on how this model is being implemented and what changes are being considered
- What extent analysis is allowed to be proposed and conducted using infrastructure mission funding
- The resulting implications and possible pathways for funding of early career researchers
- Whether/how there will be a transition period from the current model to the new paradigm for some missions
- Appropriate venues for communication of this information should be considered.

Next Steps

- Feedback and input is always welcome!
 - More to come on the feedback and question collection methods
- Aiming to finalize this policy before ROSES 2025 and Senior Review 2026
 - Hosting an Operating Missions Town Hall to communicate policy changes to the community
- Leverage results from Senior Review and ROSES to inform future budget planning



Discussion