## 8. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE

## BACKGROUND

At the March 2020 Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting, the Council approved goals, priorities, and policies for selection and prioritization of projects to be programmed in Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), 10-Year Plan, and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). These goals, priorities and policies guide the H-GAC staff, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), and the TIP Subcommittee in development of project selection criteria and evaluation methodologies for project planning and programming. At the January 2023 meeting, TPC authorized the MPO staff to initiate the Project Selection Process.

## CURRENT SITUATION

In total, 15 sponsors submitted 88 projects using the online project evaluation criteria questionnaire. Out of these 88 projects, 64 projects with estimated costs of less than \$100 million were scored and ranked. These 64 projects were further reduced to 55 projects after combining adjoining project segments.

Over the next few days, staff will meet with the project sponsors to provide the project initial scores per criteria and explain the scoring process. Staff will provide an opportunity for the sponsors to challenge the current initial scores awarded. The draft scores may change based on the sponsor challenges.

At the July 12, 2023, TIP Subcommittee meeting, staff presented the initial ranking of the projects submitted under the Regional Goods Movement investment category. The TIP Subcommittee presentation slides and the initial draft ranking of the project are available <u>here</u>.

## **ACTION REQUESTED**

For Information and Discussion.