12A.   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

Staff is continuing to evaluate the questionnaires and follow up with sponsors to get additional information. All evaluation questionnaires submitted by sponsors are available online here.

The summary of number of questionnaires is presented in Table 1.

Table 1.

Investment Category	# of Segments	# of Projects*	Cost in $M	Sponsors	Funding Available
Major Projects	106	51	$19,214	8	$389
High Growth Area Needs	72	68	$2,335	19	$324
Operational Improvements & Congestion Management	77	67	$2,103	16	$168
Resiliency & State of Good Repair	56	56	$1,321	18	$65
Transit	16	16	$454	6	$97
				Total	$1,043

*Adjoining segments of projects on the same facility/highway proposed by the same sponsor will be evaluated as larger projects.

The Evaluation criteria ranking is anticipated to be completed by end of April 2024. Evaluation criteria scores will be presented to TAC and TPC after the draft scores are validated by the sponsors. Sponsors with projects scoring higher than 50 points on evaluation criteria score will be requested to submit Benefits Cost Analysis (BCA) in May 2024.

Tentative schedule for the next steps is presented in Table 2.

Selection Step	Month 2024
Criteria questionnaires	Feb 15th
Evaluation scoring & ranking	March/April
Evaluation score validation	May
Benefit-cost analysis (BCA)	May/June
Project readiness	May/June
BCA scoring & ranking	June/July
BCA validation & final draft ranking	June/July
Anticipated recommendation	August

ACTION REQUESTED

For discussion, no action requested.