11. 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

Initial draft list of Ranked projects in each of the 5 investment categories listed below was provided in October 2024.

- Major Projects
- High Growth Area Needs
- Operational Improvements and Congestion Management
- Resiliency and State of Good Repair
- Transit

Since the October TPC meeting, a revised draft project ranking list of projects was developed and posted online <u>here</u>. Revised draft project ranking was developed after screening out the projects that were previously funded outside on the project selection process (during TIP development and carryover spend down efforts), and projects that were planned to let after 2035.

Staff is continuing to evaluate the project readiness information and funding eligibility for the top scoring projects. After Project readiness is reviewed and estimated let years are determined, funding instructions will be applied to each investment category and a draft list of recommended projects for programming over the next 10 years will be presented to TAC and TPC next month.

ACTION REQUESTED

For information and discussion only. No action requested.