

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

5A. Status of 0-3 year projects readiness evaluation

H-GAC requested Project Readiness Questionnaires for over 230 projects submitted as Projects of Interest for which the project sponsor indicated the project could let within a 0-3 year timeframe. Approximately 200 Project Readiness Questionnaires have been submitted. H-GAC is assessing the questionnaire responses and will be contacting local sponsors regarding project delivery schedules.

H-GAC will present the Draft List of “Recommended Carryover Balance Spend Down Projects” to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Subcommittee, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Policy Council (TPC) in October 2023 for information only. H-GAC will address any comments received from the committees and council, then present the Final List of “Carryover Balance Spend Down Projects” to the TIP Subcommittee, TAC and TPC in November 2023 for Action.

5B. Status of Regional Goods Movement (RGM) Projects Benefit/Cost Analysis (BCA)

In July sponsors submitted projects costs and benefits for 40 RGM projects that scored at least 50/100 points in draft evaluation scoring. A summary of the submissions is shown below in Table 1.

| Summary of RGM BCA Submissions | # of Projects |
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| Projects scoring ≥ 50 | 40 |
| BCA Responses Received | 37 |
| Projects withdrawing from consideration | 2 |
| Agencies needing additional time | 1 |

Table:1

H-GAC is reviewing and finalizing the benefit calculations submitted for RGM projects and conducting follow up meeting with the sponsors. Over the next few weeks H-GAC will calculate Benefit/Cost ratios and convert the ratios into scores on a scale of 0-100. Draft BCA scores to the sponsors for validation and prepare draft ranked list of RGM projects.

Draft ranked list of RGM projects will be presented to the TIP Subcommittee, TAC and TPC for preview in October 2023.

ACTION REQUESTED

For information and discussion only.

