

5D. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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 RTP Subcommittee in development of selection criteria and evaluation methodologies for the project development process. At the January 2023 meeting, TPC authorized the MPO staff to initiate the RTP Project Development Process.

CURRENT SITUATION

Applications to submit projects for inclusion in the Regional Transportation Plan were accepted through August 7, 2024. There were a total of 99 projects submitted by 12 project sponsors.

Over the next month, H-GAC staff will evaluate the 99 submitted projects per the criteria developed by the RTP Subcommittee. Staff are also reviewing expenditures and revenues to ensure fiscal constraint of the RTP project list. Project sponsors will be notified of their application status beginning in mid-September 2024. Project sponsors will have the opportunity to meet with H-GAC staff to discuss evaluations at this time. Based on funding availability and scoring of the project applications, the new fiscally constrained RTP project list will be developed and is expected for preview to the TAC and TPC in October 2024. In addition to the fiscally constrained list, an illustrative list may be developed for RTP-eligible projects that will be included in the fiscally constrained list if additional financial resources become available.

ACTION REQUESTED

For discussion only, no action requested.