

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

Staff will provide an update on the following items as they pertain to the project selection process.

1. Project readiness criteria: Project sponsors identified projects that could be let within 0-3 years. Staff will present the criteria that will be used to assess the readiness of the projects that could be let in 0-3 years.
2. Status of regional goods movement projects evaluation criteria questionnaire: By the deadline on May 15, 2023, there were 88 projects under the regional goods movement category that were submitted by the May 15th deadline. Of those projects there were 15 sponsor agencies with projects from all 8 counties within the metropolitan planning area. Out of the 88 total projects, 64 projects with estimated cost of less than \$100 million are being evaluate and scored. The remaining 24 projects have total cost greater than \$100 million and will be evaluated along with other major investment projects
3. Evaluation criteria for 5 investment categories: Staff will provide a summary of the investment category focused criteria for scoring the 5 investment categories listed below.
 - i. High Growth Area Needs
 - ii. Resiliency and State of Good Repair
 - iii. Operations Improvements and Congestion Management
 - iv. Transit
 - v. Major Projects

ACTION REQUESTED

For information and discussion only.