

## 9. PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE

### **BACKGROUND**

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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**

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In July 2022, more than 40 sponsors submitted their high priority projects as the initial Statements of Projects Interests (SOPI). On February 3, 2023, MPO staff emailed an updated SOPI seeking additional project information by February 24, 2023.

The updated SOPI provides an opportunity for the sponsors to indicate:

- Whether previously submitted projects should be included in the project selection process.
- Identify the investment categories where the sponsor would like each project to be considered.
- Indicate the preferred selection outcome for each project.
- Whether the project will be completed within the next 3 years.
- Identify the anticipated or approved environmental clearance level.

The updated SOPI can also be submitted by new project sponsors that have not submitted the initial SOPI in July 2022.

The information provided in the SOPIs will be analyzed to develop and recommend funding instructions for each investment category. Staff intends to seek approval of the funding instructions by TAC and TPC.

Staff will provide information about the additional information included in update SOPI and the selection criteria for Regional Goods Movement investment Category.

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

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For information and discussion.