

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**

In July 2022, more than 40 sponsors identified their high priority projects by submitting 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.

By February 24, 2023, 36 sponsors submitted a total of 622 projects with an estimated total project cost of \$54.5 billion. Additional information submitted by sponsors includes:

- Whether previously submitted projects should be included in the project selection process
- Identify the investment categories where 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 following three tables provide a summary of SOPIs submitted by 36 potential project sponsors.

<b>Short-Term (0-5 Years)</b>				
<b>Investment Category</b>	<b># of Projects</b>	<b>Est. TPC (\$B)</b>	<b>Consider In PSP</b>	<b>Est. TPC (\$B)</b>
Regional Goods Movement	76	\$3.80	73	\$3.70
Operational Improvements & Congestion Management	179	\$6.10	164	\$5.90
High Growth Area Needs	165	\$6.10	153	\$5.80
Major Projects	17	\$5.80	15	\$4.90
Active Transportation	141	\$3.60	125	\$3.50
Transit	107	\$3.70	93	\$3.50
Resiliency & Sate of Good Repair	137	\$3.40	123	\$3.20
Safety	208	\$4.80	189	\$4.60

Table 1: Short-Term Projects

<b>Medium-Term (6-10 Years)</b>				
Investment Category	# of Projects	Est. TPC (\$B)	Consider In PSP	Est. TPC (\$B)
Regional Goods Movement	57	\$11.10	53	\$9.80
Operational Improvements & Congestion Management	79	\$12.90	71	\$11.40
High Growth Area Needs	116	\$15.60	116	\$15.60
Major Projects	49	\$18.30	39	\$12.40
Active Transportation	67	\$3.90	61	\$3.50
Transit	51	\$12.30	45	\$10.90
Resiliency & Sate of Good Repair	46	\$4.90	39	\$4.50
Safety	89	\$9.20	81	\$7.70

Table 2: Medium-Term Projects

<b>Long-Term (&gt; 10 Years)</b>				
Investment Category	# of Projects	Est. TPC (\$B)	Consider In PSP	Est. TPC (\$B)
Regional Goods Movement	21	\$5.50	18	\$5.20
Operational Improvements & Congestion Management	53	\$9.00	46	\$8.70
High Growth Area Needs	51	\$7.70	47	\$7.40
Major Projects	48	\$18.20	29	\$8.90
Active Transportation	14	\$1.30	11	\$1.00
Transit	31	\$5.60	24	\$5.40
Resiliency & Sate of Good Repair	21	\$2.40	17	\$2.10
Safety	40	\$6.00	36	\$5.70

Staff will provide summaries of SOPs at the TPC meeting and present a draft funding instruction for the project selection process.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

For information and discussion.