

9. 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.

CURRENT SITUATION

Staff is conducting a series of workshops with the TIP Subcommittee and TAC members to finalize development of the project selection criteria and scoring. Based on the discussion at the June 1st TIP Subcommittee meeting/Workshop staff requested the local project sponsors to submit lists of top priorities for short (0 to 5 years), medium (6 to 10 years), and long term (greater than 10 years).

Initial submittals of Statements of Project Interest were due from local agencies and potential sponsors on July 15, 2022 (after the TAC agenda deadline). Staff will provide a summary of Statements of Project Interest.

These Statements of Project Interest will be evaluated for consistency with regional vision (2045 RTP) and the TPC project selection guidance. It will be utilized for planning and programming purposes, and it will also be utilized for submitting applications to potential funding opportunities from new programs (some formula, some discretionary grants, and some combination of two) such as the Bridge Investment Program, National EV Charging Program, Carbon Reduction Program and the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost saving Transportation (PROTECT) grant program.

Staff will continue to evaluate the projects list and provide a further update at the August 2022 TIP Subcommittee, TAC and TPC meetings.

ACTION REQUESTED

For Information and Discussion