

7. 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

At the June 14, 2023, staff will present TAC recommendation of the funding instructions provided below in Table-1 of 6A. Additionally, staff will present the three items discussed below in 6B.

Funding Instructions

Building up on the discussion at the May TAC meeting, staff discussed draft funding instructions to increase transit investment category from 7.5% to 10% of the available funding. The TIP Subcommittee approved reducing the funding instructions percentage for High Growth Area Needs and Major Projects investment categories by 1.25% and assigning the 2.5% to transit category. The revised draft funding instructions are provided in the Table-1 below.

| Table-1: Project Selection Process Funding Instructions | | |
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| Investment Category | Initial Recommendation | TIP Subcommittee Approved |
| Regional Goods Movement | 12% | 11% |
| Operational Improvements & Congestion Management | 13% | 16% |
| High-Growth Area Needs | 25% | 23.75% |
| Active Transportation | 7.50% | 7.50% |
| Transit | 7.50% | 10% |
| Major Projects | 30% | 23.75% |
| Resiliency & State of Good Repair | 5% | 8% |
| Safety ** | <i>TBD; ~\$30M/year</i> | |

ACTION REQUESTED

Request TPC Approval of funding instructions as presented in Table-1.