

9G. 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 H-GAC staff, the 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 requested the potential local project sponsors including TxDOT, transit agencies, ports, and other local governments to submit statements of project interests (lists of top priority projects) for short (0 to 5 years), medium (6 to 10 years), and long range (greater than 10 years). By August 1st, 2022, 302 short-range, 202 medium-range and 81 long-range projects across all modes, including roadways, transit, bicycle/pedestrian, freight, and other projects (total of 585) were submitted by 41 sponsors with a preliminary estimated total project cost of \$47.9 billion.

A summary of the submitted short range statements of project interests by project types and programming status is provided in Table 1 and Table 2 (below).

Table 1			
Type	Short Range	Programmed	Not Programmed
Highways & Streets*	168	12	156
Transit	30	17	13
Active Transportation	53	0	53
Freight	6	0	6
Other	3	0	3
Total	302	29	230
Estimated Cost	\$9.7B	\$1.4B	\$5.6B

*Does not include NHHIP, Plan & Develop Authority projects or duplicate projects.

Table 2				
Type	Short Range Programmed Projects	Cost	Programmed	Funding Gap
Highways & Streets*	12	\$0.39B	\$0.29B	\$0.1B
Transit	17	\$0.98B	\$0.67B	\$0.3B
Active Transportation	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Freight	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	29	\$1.37	\$0.96B	\$0.4B

*Does not include NHHIP, Plan & Develop Authority projects or duplicate projects.

Staff will continue to evaluate the project list to provide a further update and discuss strategies to address growing carryover balances in Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funding programs at the TAC meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED

For Information and Discussion