

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

Staff met with the sponsors and provided initial draft scores for regional goods movement (RGM) projects. Initial draft scores and ranking of the RGM projects is available here: <https://www.h-gac.com/getmedia/1980b411-ad1c-41bd-86cd-7d39e7fe0815/2023-July-12-Transportation-Improvement-Program-Subcommittee-RGM-Draft-List>. Staff is reviewing draft criteria scores for 4 projects requested to be reviewed after draft scores were presented to the sponsors.

In July staff provided crash, delay, and emission reduction benefits calculator and project budget excel templates. These templates need to be submitted back to H-GAC by August 21st. Next steps include evaluate benefits, calculate benefit/cost ratios, convert benefit/cost ratios into 0-100 score, validate benefit/cost ratio scores, prepare final scores and ranking.

Additionally, H-GAC sent over 230 Readiness Questionnaires to project sponsors in July and August 2023. Next steps include the following: evaluate the completed questionnaires, assess carryover balances per funding category and prepare a project recommendation list to spend down carryover balances.

ACTION REQUESTED

For Information and Discussion.