

11. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES SET-ASIDE (TASA) UPDATE

BACKGROUND

At the March 2020 Transportation Policy Council (TPC) meeting, the TPC approved goals, priorities, and policies for selection and prioritization of projects to be programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program, the 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.

Active Transportation is one of eight investment categories identified in H-GAC's Transportation Project Selection Process. Active Transportation project selection is conducted during H-GAC's Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Call for Projects. The TASA call will adhere to the established Project Selection Process Framework.

CURRENT SITUATION

The TASA Call for Projects process is ongoing and H-GAC staff is accepting Statements of Project Interest (SOPIs) from potential sponsors through January 23, 2026. Completed SOPIs need to be submitted thorough email at sponsorsprioritylist@h-gac.com.

SOPIs previously submitted and earmarked for the Active Transportation investment category will also be considered for the TASA Call for Projects. It is requested that project sponsors check the validity of previously submitted SOPIs, especially cost information.

The TASA Program Guide is published and available on H-GAC's Project Selection Process webpage at <https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-project-selection-process>.

Staff will provide an update on the TASA Call for Projects to include information on SOPIs, submission milestones, and a draft timeline for call for projects completion.

ACTION REQUESTED

Information only.