

6. 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, meeting staff will discuss the following three items:

1. Status of regional goods movement projects evaluation criteria questionnaire: By the deadline on Mya 15, 2023, 88 projects under regional goods movement category were submitted by 15 sponsor agencies from all 8 counties within the TMA. Out of the 88 total projects 64 projects with estimated cost of less than \$100 million are being evaluate and scored. 24 projects have total cost greater than \$100 million. These projects will be evaluated along with other major investment projects
2. 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.

<b>Project Selection Process Funding Instructions</b>		
<b>Investment Category</b>	<b>Initial Recommendation</b>	<b>TIP Subcommittee Approved</b>
Regional Goods Movement	12%	11%
Operational Improvements & Congestion Management	13%	16%
High-Growth Area Needs	25%	23%
Active Transportation	7.50%	7.50%
Transit	7.50%	10%
Major Projects	30%	24
Resiliency & State of Good Repair	5%	8%
Safety **	<i>TBD; ~\$30M/year</i>	

Table-1 Project Selection Process Funding Instructions

3. Evaluation criteria for 5 investment categories: Staff will provide a summary of the investment category focused criteria for scoring the 5 investment categories listed below.

1. High Growth Area Needs
2. Resiliency and State of Good Repair
3. Operations Improvements and Congestion Management
4. Transit
5. Major Projects

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Request Transportation Advisory Committee recommendation for Transportation Policy Council approval.