5C.   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 continues to evaluate the questionnaires and follow up with sponsors to get additional information. All evaluation questionnaires submitted by sponsors are available online here.

The evaluation criteria ranking is anticipated to be completed by the end of April 2024. Evaluation criteria scores will be presented to TAC and TPC after the draft scores are validated by the sponsors. Sponsors with projects scoring higher than 50 points on the evaluation criteria score will be requested to submit the Benefits Cost Analysis (BCA) template in May 2024.

The draft schedule for the next steps is presented in the table below.

Selection Step	Month 2024
Criteria questionnaires	Feb 15th
Evaluation scoring & ranking	March/April
Evaluation score validation	May
Benefit-cost analysis (BCA)	June
Project readiness	June
BCA scoring & ranking	July
BCA validation & final draft ranking	July/August
Anticipated recommendation	August

ACTION REQUESTED

For discussion only, no action requested.