

AGENDA ITEM #9: FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The HRTPO Project Prioritization Tool was developed to assist regional decision-makers in prioritizing transportation projects based off technical merits and regional benefits, evaluating projects based on Project Utility, Economic Vitality, and Project Viability. The Tool, which has been used in the past two Long-Range Transportation Plan updates and in the identification of the Regional Priority Projects, was designed to be updated periodically to reflect current conditions, regional priorities, and new data sources.

On April 5, 2017, the LRTP Subcommittee unanimously voted for HRTPO staff to initiate the process of updating the Project Prioritization Tool based on feedback staff had received. Since that time, HRTPO staff has been conducting research and soliciting additional feedback from regional stakeholders to refine potential measures to incorporate or enhance in the Tool. Feedback received through multiple stakeholder meetings has been incorporated into the Tool and a small group of test projects has been scored.

HRTPO staff plans to meet with the Project Prioritization Working Group to finalize the potential enhancements to the Project Prioritization Tool. Once the enhancements are finalized, these modifications will be put out for public review and comment before seeking Board approval. As next steps, HRTPO staff will evaluate/score the 2045 LRTP Candidate Projects using the enhanced Project Prioritization Tool.