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HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SEEKS PUBLIC FEEDBACK TO ENHANCE LANGUAGE ACCESS

Take the survey by June 17 to help update the Houston-Galveston Area Council's Language Access Plan for its Transportation Program.

HOUSTON, TX – The Houston Galveston Area Council (H-GAC), home of the eight-county Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), today launched a survey to learn how well communities can access and take part in transportation activities in different languages. This survey is the first step to updating H-GAC's Language Access Plan.

Survey Details:

Link: <https://bit.ly/LAPUPDATE> (Available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean)

Deadline: June 17, 2024

Why Language Access Matters:

As our region continues to become more diverse, it is important that everyone can understand and use H-GAC's transportation programs and information. This survey will help H-GAC and the MPO ensure everyone has access to the information they need in the way they need it.

Next Steps:

1. The [survey](#), available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean, will be available through **June 17, 2024**. Survey results will be considered in the Language Access Plan revision.
2. The public comment period on the revised Language Access Plan will run from July 2 through August 1, 2024.
3. A public meeting will be held July 30, 2024, to review the updated plan and receive public comments in person.

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Learn more about H-GAC's Language Access Plan and take part in the: www.h-gac.com/title-vi-program/language-access-plan

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Houston-Galveston Area Council

H-GAC is a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county Gulf Coast planning region, which includes an area of 12,500 square miles and more than 7 million people. H-GAC promotes efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments; and helps analyze trends and conditions affecting the region. For more information, visit h-gac.com.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization

The primary responsibility of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is to decide how federal transportation funds are spent locally for capital projects and planning studies. Each metropolitan area in the United States with more than 50,000 residents has an MPO. Since 1974, the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Transportation Policy Council have served as the MPO (staff and policy board, respectively) for the Houston transportation management area, which includes Harris, Montgomery, Liberty, Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria, Fort Bend, and Waller counties. Together they provide policy guidance and overall coordination of the transportation planning activities within the eight-county MPO region.