

AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Summary

The [Public Participation Plan](#) is in accordance with 23 CFR 450.316 which requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization to create opportunities for public involvement and participation in the transportation planning process. The Public Participation Plan of the H-GAC's Metropolitan Planning Organization was last approved in 2017.

An amendment is being made to the current Public Participation Plan to include [virtual engagement](#). These tactics include virtual public meetings, social media strategies, newsletters, and webinars. The update also acknowledges the digital divide and provides more traditional tactics to reach those with limited access to broadband or technology equipment. A [video](#) of H-GAC's virtual engagement process was developed.

Other updates include a new deadline for written comments for virtual Transportation Policy Council Meetings and an update to contact information.

A public comment period for the updated Public Participation Plan is from November 23, 2020 to January 7, 2021. No public comments were received.

Action Requested

Approval from the Transportation Policy Council of Resolution 2021-04.



Resolution

NO. 2021-04

AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS MADE TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP)

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council developed the Public Participation Plan (PPP) to ensure an open transportation planning process that supports early and continued involvement, timely public notice, and full public access to information regarding key transportation decisions; and

WHEREAS, the PPP is intended as a guide for the public, policy-makers, and staff that outlines strategies for disseminating information and responding to public comment; and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Area Council initiated a 45-day public comment period for the updated draft of the PPP from November 23, 2020 through January 7, 2021 and held a public meeting on December 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions were made to the draft PPP to include virtual engagement. Tactics such as virtual public meetings, social media, newsletters, webinars, and tradition grassroots efforts to address the digital divide. In addition, public comment deadlines and updated contact information for the Deputy Director of Transportation and the Director of Communications were revised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL'S METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION THAT THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN IS HEREBY ADOPTED.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of January 2021, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council.

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