

10. UPDATE ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

BACKGROUND

A performance-based transportation planning process is a federal requirement in the development of the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). Federal legislation created Transportation Performance Management to focus federal funds on addressing the challenges facing the National Highway System. Performance Management is a useful analytical tool for tracking regional performance over time and can illustrate how we are meeting the regional goals for improved performance of the transportation system. The process for measuring performance consists of gathering data, formulating a quantitative forecast, setting targets, monitoring conditions, and reporting target progress. The first federal performance period spans four years, from 2018 to 2021. H-GAC has responsibility for these federal measures in the areas of person and freight travel reliability, congestion, and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality, known as the Performance Measures 3 (PM3) set of measures. In 2020, the Transportation Policy Council adopted targets for the PM3 measures.

CURRENT SITUATION

Over the past four months, H-GAC staff has been reviewing past performance and formulating target recommendations in coordination with the following subcommittees: Transportation Improvement Subcommittee, the Regional Transportation Plan Subcommittee, the Transportation Air Quality Subcommittee and the Transportation Systems Management and Operations Subcommittees.

H-GAC has reached the endpoint of the first performance period and is at the beginning of the second federal performance period, therefore, reporting is required by the federal deadline of September 30, 2022. H-GAC staff has been gathering and analyzing data, researching underlying conditions, and assessing progress toward achieving the 2022 targets, as well as, drafting future targets for 2024 and 2026. A 30-day public comment period for the draft performance and target recommendations ended August 14. Four comments were received. Public comments and draft recommendations can be viewed at: <https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-performance-measures/scorecard> and the current performance reporting at: <https://www.h-gac.com/getmedia/e506843c-60b3-4e84-82e7-ec015beb23af/2021-2024-Transportation-Improvement-Program-Appendix-B>.

Over the next two months, staff will continue working with subcommittees, the Transportation Advisory Committee, and the Transportation Policy Council to review and finalize the draft targets and reporting. Staff will bring this item back to the Policy Council for action in September 2022.

ACTION REQUESTED

For information and Discussion