

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP) UPDATE

BACKGROUND

The Public Participation Plan serves as a guide for Houston-Galveston Area Council's transportation public involvement process. It is part of a regional effort to ensure a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated process among stakeholders to provide opportunities for broad-based participation in the development and review of regional transportation plans and programs.

The Public Participation Plan provides the public with an understanding of the transportation planning process and the core functions of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, which also includes developing the Regional Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, the Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

The Public Participation Plan must be updated on a regular basis in concordance with federal and state regulations and was last updated in 2019.

CURRENT SITUATION

Staff have updated the Public Participation Plan. The update includes principles and goals for public engagement, as well as updated public participation strategies to reflect virtual methods for engagement.

The Public Participation Plan Update was presented to the Technical Advisory Committee and the Transportation Policy Council in February 2026.

A 45-day public comment period was held from April 20th-June 3rd, 2026 along with an in-person public meeting at the H-GAC office on May 20th, 2026. The updated Public Participation Plan documented all comments received and provided a response to those comments. The draft Public Participation Plan is posted on the H-GAC website at following link: <https://www.h-gac.com/transportation-public-outreach/draft-public-participation-plan>.

The updated plan was recommended for approval by the Technical Advisory Committee on July 15th, 2026.

ACTION REQUESTED

Transportation Policy Council approval of Resolution No. 2026-17 supporting the Public Participation Plan Update adoption.



Resolution

No. 2026-17

ADOPTING THE UPDATED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA.

WHEREAS, The Public Participation Plan serves as a guide for Houston-Galveston Area Council's transportation public involvement process. It is part of a regional effort to ensure a continuing, comprehensive, and coordinated process among stakeholders to provide opportunities for broad-based participation in the development and review of regional transportation plans and programs;

WHEREAS, the Transportation Policy Council adopted the current Public Participation in 2019 and it has not been updated since;

WHEREAS, the Public Participation Plan has been updated with principles and goals for public engagement, inclusive public participation strategies to reflect virtual methods for engagement, and updates to amendment processes for the Regional Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program;

AND, WHEREAS, A 45-day public comment period was from April 20th-June 3rd, 2026 along with an in-person public meeting at the H-GAC office on May 20, 2026. The updated Public Participation Plan documented all comments received and provided a response to those comments. The updated Public Participation Plan will be posted on the H-GAC website for the public to view upon approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL OF THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL THAT:

1. THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL APPROVES OF THE UPDATES TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN; AND
2. THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN IS HEREBY ADOPTED UPON APPROVAL.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 24th day of July 2026, at a regularly called meeting of the Transportation Policy Council for the Houston-Galveston Metropolitan Planning Area.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Hon. Justin Beckendorff, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

Hon. Sally Branson, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council