

5C. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PLAN (CMP) SCHEDULE

BACKGROUND

A Congestion Management Process is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to be developed as part of the metropolitan planning process in urbanized areas with a population of over 200,000. These metropolitan areas are known as Transportation Management Areas and are officially designated by the Secretary of Transportation using population figures from the latest decennial census.

Title 23, Section 450.0320 of the USC requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), such as H-GAC, to “address congestion management through a process that provides for safe and effective integrated management and operation of a multimodal transportation system.”

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) expects periodic updates and revisions to the process. H-GAC last updated its Congestion Management Process in 2021, with an administrative/interim update in 2025.

The 2026 Congestion Management Plan (CMP) Update is a comprehensive analysis of the current Congestion Management Process that will also move the region a step forward by leveraging multiple approaches along key corridors to maximize the effectiveness of Congestion Management in the region.

CURRENT SITUATION

Cambridge Systematics is the consultant for the CMP Update. The kickoff was held on February 23. Planning for public meetings and data collection for existing conditions is underway, following the schedule below.

Task Number	Mar-26	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26	Oct-26	Nov-26
Task 1- Project Management									
Task 2 - Public Outreach									
Task 2 - Public Meetings									
Task 3 - Existing Conditions									
Task 4 - System Performance Analysis									
Task 4- Draft Final Report									
Task 4 Recommendation and Approval by TAC/TPC									

ACTION REQUESTED

Information update only.