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H-GAC TO HOST LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN PUBLIC MEETING

The Houston-Galveston Area Council seeks your help to update their Language Access Plan.

HOUSTON, TX – The [Houston Galveston Area Council](#) (H-GAC), which is also home to the eight-county Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is updating its Language Access Plan (LAP). The LAP details how the organization provides access to information and the public participation process in multiple languages. The update process includes a 30-day public comment period on the draft plan where participants can submit comments.

“It’s important that we hear from people throughout the eight-county MPO area to know how we can better provide information about our work and projects as well as make informed decisions about how we include everyone in the public participation process,” said Craig Raborn, director of the MPO at H-GAC.

In addition to the public comment period, there will also be a public meeting to present the plan and provide a way to give your feedback and ask questions in person.

Public Comment Period and Ways to Comment:

Dates: July 22 – August 21, 2024

Comments can be submitted in five different ways:

1. Online – <https://www.h-gac.com/title-vi-program/language-access-plan/comment>
2. Email – TitleVI@h-gac.com
3. Phone – (713) 993-2418
4. Postal Mail – Attn: Ayo Jibowu
Houston-Galveston Area Council
3555 Timmons Lane, Suite 120
Houston, TX 77027
5. In person at a virtual public meeting:

Virtual Language Access Plan Public Meeting

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 8, 2024

Register for the Zoom public meeting: bit.ly/LAP_PubMtg

Why Language Access Matters:

As a diverse region, it is important to ensure everyone can understand and use H-GAC's programs and information. The updated LAP will help guide H-GAC in providing information in the language people need and will understand so they can participate in our area's transportation planning activities.



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Accommodations:

The public meeting will be conducted in English.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, H-GAC provides reasonable accommodations for persons attending H-GAC functions. Requests from individuals who need special accommodations should be received by H-GAC staff 24 hours in advance. Requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs should be made at least two working days before a function. To request accommodations or an interpreter, contact Ayo Jibowo at (713) 993-2418.

To learn more about H-GAC's Language Access Plan or to submit your online comment, visit:

h-gac.com/go/LAP

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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 works to promote 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.