

## 8. CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS UPDATE

### BACKGROUND

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A Congestion Management Process (CMP) is required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to be developed as part of the metropolitan planning process in urbanized areas with a population over 200,000. These metropolitan areas are known as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs) 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 (MPO), 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.”

### CURRENT SITUATION

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Federal law does not require regular updates to the Congestion Management Process (CMP) however, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) expects periodic updates and revisions to the process. H-GAC last updated its CMP in 2021. This interim update is needed to make minor corrections while a more extensive update of the document gets underway.

As part of this update, changes were limited to administrative revisions such as updates to the actuals data to reflect post-pandemic regional conditions and adding the link to a new online form to submit congestion management analysis documentation. No changes were made to the goals or strategies. Additional changes to the 2021 CMP included updated regional maps including updated Park and Ride locations, regional bike and sidewalk map, and listing the new software used by staff to conduct analysis, since the old software was discontinued.

This CMP interim update was presented to the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) subcommittee on August 6, 2025, the Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) subcommittee on August 7, 2025, and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) subcommittee on August 13, 2025.

### ACTION REQUESTED

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Information only.