

5B. 2050 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE

BACKGROUND

The 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) is a strategic plan that guides future policies, programs, and development of transportation in the region over the next 20 years or more. A core document of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the RTP targets federal, state, and local funding resources to support transportation investments that implement the region's vision. The plan must be updated every four (4) years per federal statute.

The current RTP was last updated in 2024 and is set to expire on November 1, 2027. This long-range planning document contains the latest framework of existing and forecasted conditions along with regional goals and objectives that guide the prioritization of federally funded projects and programs. The RTP includes a fiscally constrained action plan, which is currently being revised as part of the 2034 RTP Plan Update Amendment. The Metropolitan Planning Organization must develop the RTP in coordination with federally prescribed stakeholders and the public.

CURRENT SITUATION

The initial phase of the 2050 RTP development process includes data collection and public outreach covering existing conditions and developing the vision, goals, and objectives for the RTP. The first round of public meetings is scheduled between July 2025 and August 2025 and will be hybrid (in-person and virtual) to encourage input from the public from each of the eight counties in the metropolitan planning area. A public facing website has been created to share progress and solicit feedback using a variety of tools from the public and transportation officials (<https://www.h-gac.com/regional-transportation-plan>). The priority is to maximize participation in surveys, public engagement activities, and public meetings so that all counties in the planning area are well-represented in the results.

While the public meetings are being held, H-GAC staff will be performing data collection and analysis to prepare the vision statement, goals, objectives, and existing conditions findings of the current transportation system. Once a consultant is selected, H-GAC staff will change from production to oversight of public outreach until the RTP is approved by the Transportation Policy Council (TPC) no later than November 1, 2027.

ACTION REQUESTED

Information Only.