

APPROVAL OF THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Background

The Congestion Management Process (CMP) is defined in federal regulations as a systematic and ongoing effort to address congestion management in a multimodal system. Congestion is defined, “as the level at which travel is no longer acceptable due to traffic interference...”

The CMP report was developed by H-GAC in 2007 with updates in 2013 and 2015. The CMP is an Appendix to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and shares the same vision and similar goals, and objectives related to congestion. CMP identifies problem areas with respect to congestion and provides strategies and measures to address the issues.

The congestion management strategies in CMP are implemented through the projects identified in TIP and RTP. Key elements in the CMP process are to identify congestion and its causes in the region, apply a variety of mitigation strategies, evaluate their effectiveness, and adjust accordingly.

H-GAC staff produced a draft update of the CMP to better document the way congestion is currently managed by the MPO. This update was provided for review and comment in the 45-day public comment period from November 23, 2020 to January 7, 2021. An online public meeting was held on December 3, 2020. Seventy-three comments were received in all venues (online meeting, website, and email). A summary of comments are available on our [website](#).

Current Situation

Staff were able to incorporate most changes requested by the public. The finished update for your approval is located at this [website](#). The attached Resolution 2021-04-05 summarizes the TPC approval of the 2021 update to the Congestion Management Process.

Action Requested

TAC recommendation of the TPC approval of the Resolution 2021-12.



Resolution

NO. 2021-12

APPROVAL OF A 2021 UPDATE OF THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS AS REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration of the United States Department of Transportation require the submission of the Congestion Management Process report on a periodic basis from metropolitan areas exceeding 200,000 in population; and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Transportation Management Area exceeds 200,000 in population; and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Transportation Policy Council submitted its initial Congestion Management Process report in 2007 and updates since then; and

WHEREAS, the Houston Galveston Transportation Policy Council intends to submit the attached document as its 2021 Congestion Management Process report to the Federal Highway Administration of the United States Department of Transportation: and

WHEREAS, the Houston-Galveston Transportation Policy Council shall incorporate this Congestion Management Process update into its 2045 Regional Transportation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COUNCIL FOR THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA APPROVE THE 2021 UPDATE OF THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT 2021 UPDATE OF THE CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO THE 2045 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2021 by the Transportation Policy Council.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Hon. Kenneth Clark, Chairman
Transportation Policy Council

Hon. Grady Prestage, Secretary
Transportation Policy Council