

## **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS - 2020 UPDATE**

### **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 has produced a draft update of the CMP, which was provided for review and comment in the 45-day public comment period between November 23, 2020 and ending January 7, 2021. An online public meeting was held on December 3, 2020. The document is available for review at <https://www.h-gac.com/congestion-management>.

### **Current Situation**

Seventy-three comments have been received in all venues (online meeting, website and email) as of January 5, 2021. Additional comments may be received by the January 7 deadline. Once the public comment period closes, a summary of comments will be uploaded at the above [website](#). Comments regarding the plan have requested relatively limited changes in the document. Staff will address each comment while working to make final edits to the document. Staff will present revised CMP for TAC recommendation for approval at the meeting in February.

### **Action Requested**

Information only.