AMENDMENTS TO THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Summary

The <u>Public Participation Plan</u> is in accordance with 23 CFR 450.316 which requires the Metropolitan Planning Organization to create opportunities for public involvement and participation in the transportation planning process. The Public Participation Plan of the H-GAC's Metropolitan Planning Organization was last approved in 2017.

An amendment is being made to the current Public Participation Plan to include <u>virtual engagement</u>. These tactics include virtual public meetings, social media strategies, newsletters, and webinars. The update also acknowledges the digital divide and provides more traditional tactics to reach those with limited access to broadband or technology equipment. A <u>video</u> of H-GAC's virtual engagement process was developed.

Other updates include a new deadline for written comments for virtual Transportation Policy Council Meetings and an update to contact information.

A public comment period for the updated Public Participation Plan is from November 23, 2020 to January 7, 2021. No public comments were received.

Action Requested

Transportation Advisory Committee recommendation to the Transportation Policy Council to approve the amendments to the Public Participation Plan.