

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE 2045 REGIONAL
TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY**

Background

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) establishes vision and goals to improve multimodal transportation networks within the 8-County Transportation Management Area. It has a planning horizon of 2045 and sets regional performance targets and measures to track progress towards achieving those goals. It also includes fiscally constrained specific regionally significant projects list. Regional transportation plans in nonattainment areas are subject to an air quality conformity determination. The RTP is updated once every 4 years with public review and comments and amended anytime.

At the March 2021 Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting staff presented the proposed amendments to the 2045 RTP and draft air quality conformity determination. Proposed amendments and the draft conformity determination document can be viewed at <http://www.2045rtp.com/>

Current Situation

Public participation is an essential part of the planning process and must engage all segments of the regional population. H-GAC opened the first public comment period in December 2020 with a virtual public meeting held on December 3, 2020. The second public comment period opened on March 26, 2021 and will close on April 28, 2021. Interested parties can view proposed amendment materials and make a comment at <http://www.2045rtp.com/>. The second round of virtual public meetings were held on April 8, 2021 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Information on the requested amendments and the associated air quality conformity were presented at the meetings. A total of 99 attendees were present at the public meetings on April 8, 2021.

Sixteen public comments were submitted as of April 14, 2021. Please view all submitted comments at <https://www.h-gac.com/regional-transportation-plan/submitted-public-comments>. Staff is coordinating with Project Sponsors to prepare responses to the questions received through the public comment process, and those will be shared through the website. This item is anticipated to be presented to TAC's recommendation and TPC's approval at the meetings in May 2021.

Action Requested

For information only.