



Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

**March 27, 2023
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Agenda



**Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

Wednesday, March 27, 2023

Central Texas Council of Governments Building
2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas 76513

Regular Meeting: 9:30 A.M.

Virtual Meeting Link: [KTMPO BPAC Meeting](#)

Call in Number: [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](#)

Access Code: 756-809-085

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for Public Comment.
3. Staff Update: *(pg.6-7)*
 - a) KTMPO Meetings;
 - b) Other Updates;
 - c) Air Quality.
4. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from the December 13, 2023, meeting. *(pg.10-11)*
5. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Resolution 2024-04 April National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. *(pg.14-15)*
6. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding Resolution 2024-05 recognizing May 2024 as National Bike Month. *(pg.18-19)*
7. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Presentation on April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse *(pg.22)*
8. **Discussion Item:** Regarding a presentation from King of the Mountain (KOM) Trails. *(pg.24-27)*
9. **Discussion Item:** Regarding a presentation from Central Texas Master Naturalists. *(pg.30-32)*
10. **Discussion Item:** Regarding local update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities. *(pg.34)*
11. **Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through March 2024. *(pg.36-39)*
12. Member comments.
13. Next Meeting: June 12, 2024, at 9:30am
14. Adjourn.

Item #3

Staff Update

Staff Update

a) Listed below are the upcoming KTMPO meetings:

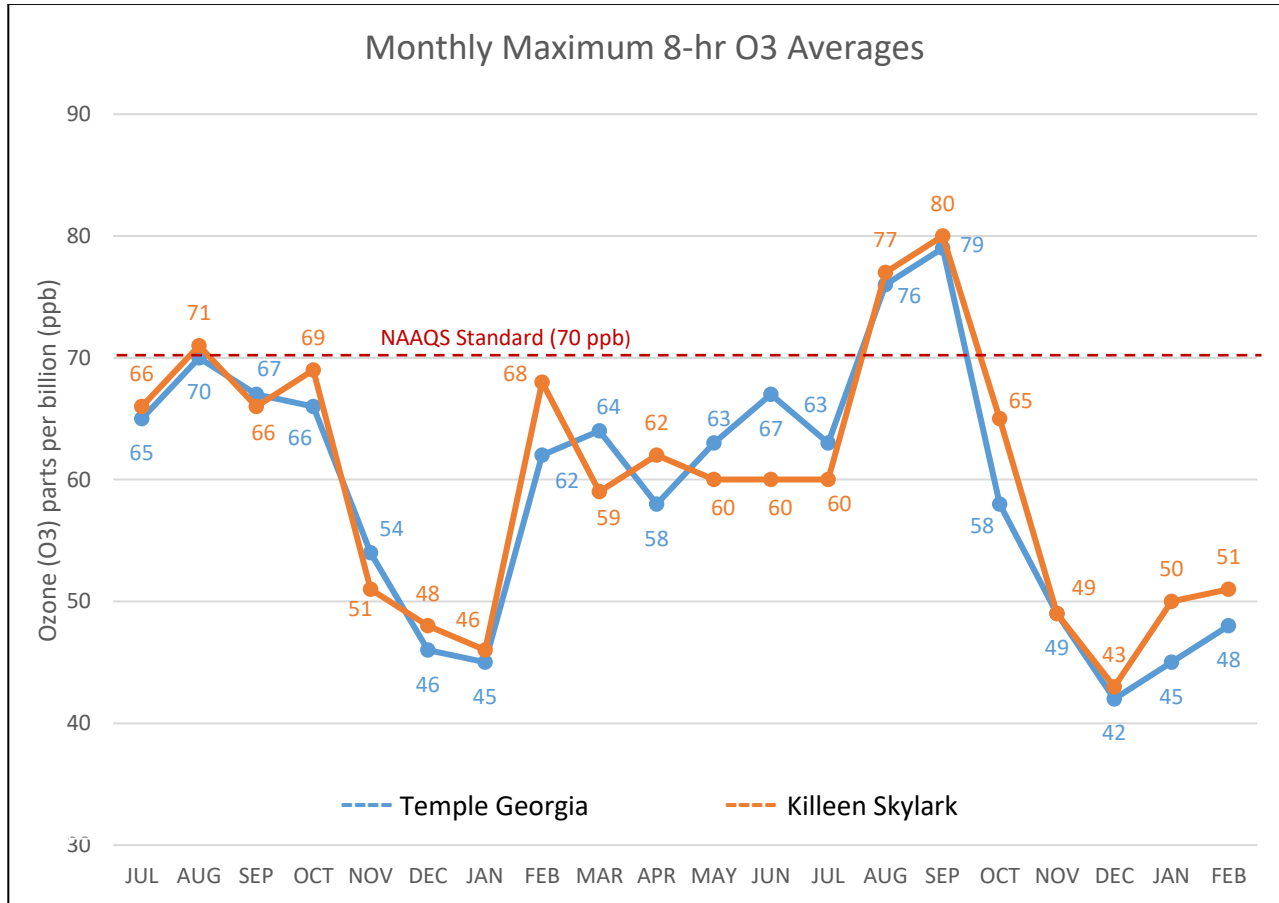
- April 3, 2024 – Technical Advisory Committee
- April 17, 2024 – Transportation Planning Policy Board
- April 23, 2024 – Freight Advisory Committee at **2:00pm**
- May 1, 2024 - Technical Advisory Committee
- May 15, 2024 - Transportation Planning Policy Board
- June 5, 2024 - Technical Advisory Committee
- June 12, 2024 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

All meetings are scheduled for 9:30am at the Central Texas Council of Governments offices in Belton, Texas, unless otherwise noted (i.e. – electronic meeting).

b) Other Updates:

- TxDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Jan 26, 2024 ([Agenda Packet Link](#))
 - Statewide Active Transportation Plan
 - TxDOT Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan
 - Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) on bicycle safety research
 - Next meeting is in April 12, 2024
- The Bicycle Network Analysis Presentation ([Link](#)) presentations starts at 45:27
- 2023 Public Engagement Plan (PEP)
- Safe Streets and Roads for All
- Project Call Scoring

c) Air Quality



Compliance with EPA Ozone Standard: 4th

Highest Annual Value

3-year average
calculated on March 1,
2024)

	2022	2023	2024*	
Temple Georgia	67	76	44	62
Killeen Skylark	69	76	46	64

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

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Item #4

Meeting Minutes



**KILLEEN TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPPO)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
9:30 AM

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)
2180 North Main Street
Belton, TX 76513

BPAC Voting Members Present

Chair Geary McCabe – Sun Country Cycling
Jason Deckman – City of Temple

Joe Dyer – City of Belton
Gene Roberts – Fort Cavazos

Others Present

Sarah Wheat – BSWH McLane’s Childrens
Rebecca Davies – PeopleForBikes*
Jordan Everhart – HDR
Charley Ayres – Workforce Solutions
Lisa McCabe – Sun Country Cycling

James McGill – KTMPO
Hope Davis – KTMPO*
Anita Janke – KTMPO
Callie Tullos – KTMPO
Tane’ya Floyd – KTMPO

**Denotes online attendee*

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Geary McCabe called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

2. Public Comment: No comments were made by the public.

3. Staff Update: KTMPO Meetings; Other Updates; Air Quality.

Hope Davis notified the committee of upcoming KTMPO meetings through March. Ms. Davis shared information from the October TxDOT BPAC meeting highlighting the Statewide Active Transportation Plan, the Connecting Texas 2050 plan, and the 2023 TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Awardees. Air quality for the month of November was 49 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 49 ppb at the Killeen station.

4. Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from the September 27, 2023, meeting.

Jason Deckman made a motion to approve the September 27, 2023, meeting minutes seconded by Gene Roberts; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion: Regarding a presentation on Baylor Scott and White McLane Children’s Bike Rodeo.

Sarah Wheat, Trauma Program Manager of McLane Children’s Medical Center in Temple, TX presented an update on the October 2023 Bike Rodeo event that was held to educate parents and children about bike and pedestrian safety.

6. Discussion: Regarding a presentation on The Bicycle Network Analysis.

Rebecca Davies from PeopleForBikes, who directs their City Rating program, presented on the Bicycle Network Analysis tool.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding the Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan.

Dan Malsom with Kimley-Horn presented an update on the CTCOG-KTMPO SS4A Safety Action Plan.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding the KTMPO 2023 Project Call Subjective Scoring Process.

James McGill provided a brief background on the KTMPO 2023 Project Call and Project Scoring Process. Mr. McGill explained that during this project call the TAC wanted the BPAC involved and decided to have BPAC members take part in subjectively scoring all livability projects submitted during the call.

Geary McCabe requested clarification regarding how BPAC member scores will be incorporated into the final project ranking. Mr. McGill explained that all BPAC member scores for each criterion will be averaged to get a final score which will then be added to all the other averaged scores to get an overall subjective measures score.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding Local Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities.

Anita Janke presented how the public and BPAC members can stay informed about local events by following KTMPO social media. Ms. Janke highlighted BSWH Walk with a Doc events happening on Saturday December 16, 2023, in Harker Heights and in Temple. Ms. Janke spoke on the Texas State Park 100-year celebration, and the passing of the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund, a billion-dollar fund which will provide stable, long-term funding for new park land purchases and development.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through November 2023.

Anita Janke summarized five new public comments received since the September 2023 meeting.

11. Member Comments. No comments.

12. Next Meeting: March 13, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.

13. Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the BPAC members at their meeting on _____

Geary McCabe, BPAC Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

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Item #5

Resolution 2024-04

**April National Distracted Driving
Awareness Month**

Resolution 2024-04 – Recognizing April 2024 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month

Background

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in partnership with the US Department of Transportation (DOT), state DOT's, and other national safety organizations, promote April as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Distracted driving has become a major issue since the turn of the century, driven mostly by the increase in prevalence of cell phones. This issue has quickly become one of the most dangerous traffic safety hazards in the country creating a need to be frequently addressed and combatted against however possible.

For more information: [NHTSA - Distracted Driving](#)

Attached to this meeting packet is the resolution supporting National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and the safe operation of vehicles in Texas. KTMPO encourages area cities to also support and promote National Distracted Driving Month as deemed appropriate in accordance with city and county orders.

Resolution 2024-04, recognizing April 2024 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month is included in the meeting packet for review.

Action Needed: No action needed, for discussion only.



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING APRIL 2024 AS NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS; The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has declared the month of April 2024 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS; distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, adjusting the entertainment or navigation system; and

WHEREAS; you cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention and any non-driving activity is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing; and

WHEREAS; more than 2,000 people have been killed due to distracted drivers since 2017, distracted driving deaths increased by 10% in 2022, and approximately 1 in 6 crashes was attributed to distracted driving in 2022; and

WHEREAS; since September 1, 2017 it has been illegal to read, write, or send a text while driving in Texas, with fines of up to \$200 for violators; and

WHEREAS; the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is fully committed to ending all traffic related deaths on Texas roads and is reminding all Texans to put their phones down and give driving their full attention whenever they are behind the wheel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby recognizes and supports the month of April 2024 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

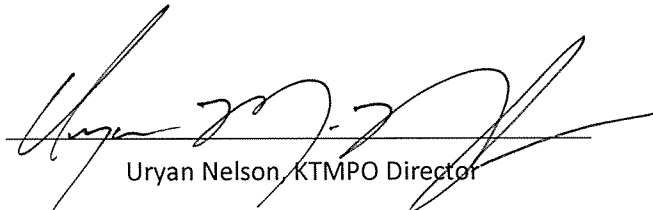
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization urges all motorists to put down their phones and focus solely on the task of driving while operating a vehicle for their safety and the safety of those around them.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 20th day of March 2024 at a regular meeting of the KTMP Policy Board, which was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, 551.001, *et seq.*, and at which a quorum was present and voting.

ATTEST:



Judge Roger Miller, Chair



Uryan Nelson, KTMP Director

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Item #6

Resolution 2024-05

May as National Bike Month

Resolution 2024-05 – Recognizing May 2024 as National Bike Month

Background

May is National Bike Month in America. Established in 1965, National Bike Month is promoted by the League of American Bicyclists. It provides an opportunity to promote and show all of the benefits of biking in America, as well as encourage individuals to try biking. The Center for Safe Routes to School also partners with the League of American Bicyclists each year to host National Bike to School Day in May.

National Bike Month dates include:

- Ride a Bike Day – Sunday, May 5th
- Bike to School Day – Wednesday, May 8rd
- Bike to Work Week – May 13th – 19th
- Bike to Work Day – Friday, May 17th

For more information and ideas on planning safe bike-friendly events, visit the League of American Bicyclists' [Bike Month page](#) or the Center for Safe Routes to School [Walk & Bike to School page](#).

A resolution declaring May 2024 as National Bike Month is included in your meeting packet. KTMPO encourages area cities to support and promote National Bike Month as deemed appropriate in accordance with city and county orders.

Action Needed: Consider recommending approval of Resolution 2024-05 recognizing May 2024 as National Bike Month.



RESOLUTION NO. 2024-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING NATIONAL BIKE MONTH (MAY 2024) AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS AND DATES

WHEREAS; The League of American Bicyclists has declared the month of May 2024 as National Bike Month; May 5, 2024 as Ride a Bike Day; May 13 - May 19, 2024 as Bike to Work Week; and May 17, 2024 as Bike to Work Day; May 17th, 2024 as Annual Ride of Silence Event; and

WHEREAS; the National Center for Safe Routes to School hosts National Bike to School Day, which will occur on May 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS; biking is a healthy, safe, and environmentally-friendly form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS; bicycle commuting is an effective means to reduce air pollution, conserve energy, and promotes the “livability” of communities by reducing traffic, noise, and congestion; and

WHEREAS; bicycle transportation is an integral part of the “multi-modal” transportation system planned by federal, state, regional, and local transportation agencies; and

WHEREAS; National Bike Month promotions encourage citizens to ride their bicycles, thereby reducing vehicular emissions in Central Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby recognizes and supports the month of May 2024 as National Bike Month; May 5, 2024 as Ride a Bike Day; May 8, 2024 as Bike to School Day; May 13 through May 19, 2024 as Bike to Work Week; and May 17, 2024 as Bike to Work Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization urges all who support bicycling to participate in the events planned as deemed appropriate in accordance with city and county orders and urges all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 17th day of April 2024 at a regular meeting of the KTMPO Policy Board meeting which was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, 551.001, *et seq.*, and at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

ATTEST:

Judge Roger Miller, Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

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Item #7

April 8, 2024 Solar Eclipse

Solar Eclipse April 8, 2024, Update

An update on the Solar Eclipse Event from Jesse Hennage, EMPSA, Assistant Director of Planning/Public Safety. Jesse will cover a general overview of expectations and potential impacts to shared use paths, trails, & regional city parks to include Belton Lake Outdoor Recreation Area (BLORA), and Still House Lake.

Action Needed: No action needed, for discussion only.

Item #8

King of the Mountain (KOM)

King of the Mountain (KOM) Trails

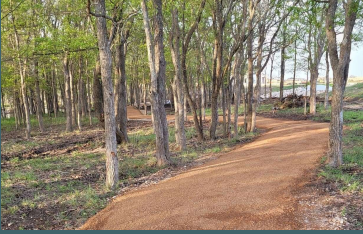
Founded in 2016, KOM Trails specializes in working with developers, communities, municipalities, as well as trail and biking organizations to design and build what has now become one of if not the most used amenity you can provide to residents and communities.

Brett Jones, President and founding partner of KOM Trails will be presenting on designing and constructing high-quality, sustainable trails that integrate seamlessly with the natural environment. Their team of experts provide innovative solutions that enhance the user experience while minimizing environmental impact.

KOM's number one goal is to keep water off of the trail and people on the trail!

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Sustainable Trail Development and Maintenance



Presented by



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Agenda

- About KOM Trails
- Introduction: Sustainable Trail Development and Maintenance
- Why Sustainable Trails Matter
- Trail Design Techniques
- Trail Maintenance Strategies
- Environmental Protection Measures
- Social and Economic Benefits
- Conclusion

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About KOM Trails

Founded in 2016, KOM Trails specializes in working with developers, communities, municipalities, as well as trail and biking organizations to design and build what has now become one of if not the most used amenity you can provide to residents and communities.

We specialize in designing and constructing high-quality, sustainable trails that integrate seamlessly with the natural environment. Our team of experts are dedicated to providing innovative solutions that enhance the user experience while minimizing environmental impact.



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What is Sustainable Trail Development

Sustainable trail development refers to the practice of planning, designing, constructing, and maintaining trails in a manner that minimizes environmental impact, preserves natural resources, and ensures long-term viability for both the trail system and the surrounding ecosystem..

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Why Sustainable Trails Matter

- Balance recreational use with environmental conservation, minimizing the impact on natural habitats.
- They ensure long-term access to natural areas for enjoyment and education while protecting ecosystems and wildlife.
- Trails promote responsible outdoor activities, reducing soil erosion, water pollution, and habitat disruption.
- Sustainable trails can foster community involvement and awareness about conservation, encouraging a culture of respect and care for the environment.




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Trail Design Techniques

- **Contour Alignment:** Trails are designed to follow the natural contours of the land, minimizing soil disturbance and reducing erosion by avoiding steep slopes. This technique helps maintain the integrity of the landscape while providing a more enjoyable and sustainable trail experience.
- **Erosion Control Measures:** Implementing erosion control measures such as retaining walls, erosion barriers, and revegetation helps stabilize soil and prevent erosion along the trail corridor.
- **Grade Optimization:** Trails are constructed with gentle grades to minimize erosion and soil compaction. By optimizing grades, water runoff is managed more effectively, reducing the risk of erosion and sedimentation into nearby water bodies.
- **Water Management:** Proper water management techniques, such as installing drainage features like water bars, check dams, and culverts, help control erosion and prevent trail damage during heavy rainfall.
- **Use of Sustainable Materials:** Sustainable trail development involves using locally sourced and environmentally friendly materials whenever possible.




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Trail Design Techniques continued

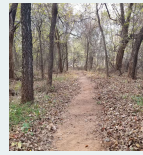
- **Low-Impact Construction Techniques:** Minimizing ground disturbance during construction through the use of hand tools or low-impact mechanized equipment reduces soil compaction and disturbance to vegetation.
- **Vegetation Management:** Sustainable trail design includes strategies for managing vegetation along the trail corridor to maintain sightlines, minimize invasive species, and preserve native plant communities.
- **Accessibility Features:** Designing trails to meet accessibility standards ensures that people of all ages and abilities can enjoy outdoor recreation opportunities. Incorporating features such as accessible trailheads, smooth surfaces, and gentle grades promotes inclusivity and enhances the overall user experience.
- **Signage and Mapping:** Integrating signage and educational materials along the trail helps raise awareness about the cultural and historical significance of the landscape.



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Trail Maintenance Strategies



Trails are dynamic and require continuous care and maintenance.

Benefits of regular maintenance:

Preservation of the natural beauty and ecosystem

Increased longevity of trail infrastructure

Cost savings through early intervention

Positive impact on the user experience by ensuring safety and accessibility for all trail users.



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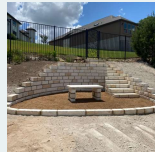
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Environmental Protection Measures

Implement erosion control measures such as retaining walls, check dams, and erosion barriers to minimize soil erosion and sedimentation into nearby water bodies.

Design stream crossings with materials and techniques that minimize disruption to aquatic habitats and water quality.

Protect sensitive areas by installing fencing, signage, or barriers to prevent unauthorized access and habitat disturbance.



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Social and Economic Benefits

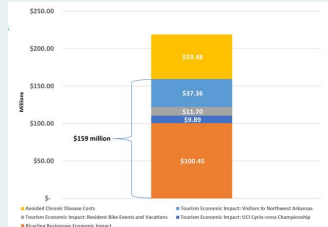
Studies show that well-maintained trails attract tourists, leading to increased spending on accommodations, dining, and retail.

According to a report published by the University of Arkansas – Sam M Walton School of Business, titled "Economic and Health Benefits of Bicycling In Northwest Arkansas" the bicycling ecosystem in Northwest Arkansas generates an economic impact of \$159 million.

Bicycling participation by Northwest Arkansas residents generates an additional \$59 million in avoided health care costs.

- A third of the residents in Northwest Arkansas reported riding a bike in the past 12 months.

- Close to 41% of riders rode their bikes 3-9 days per month and nearly 12% rode their bikes on 20 or more days per month.



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Sustainable trails strengthen community bonds and enhance quality of life.

- Trails provide opportunities for social interaction, fostering a sense of community and belonging.
- They offer accessible outdoor recreation for people of all ages and abilities, promoting inclusivity.

Access to sustainable trails promotes physical and mental well-being.

- Regular physical activity, such as hiking or biking, reduces the risk of chronic diseases like obesity and heart disease.
- Nature-based recreation has been linked to improved mood, reduced stress, and enhanced cognitive function.

Sustainable trails offer alternative transportation options, reducing congestion and emissions.

- Trails provide safe routes for walking and biking, reducing reliance on cars for short-distance travel.
- Increased active transportation options contribute to lower carbon emissions and improved air quality.



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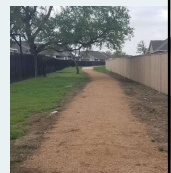
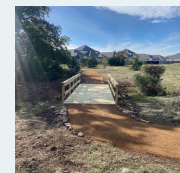
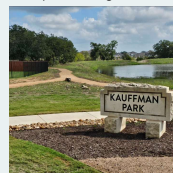
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Conclusion

Sustainable trail development is not just about recreation; it's about building healthier, happier, and more resilient communities.

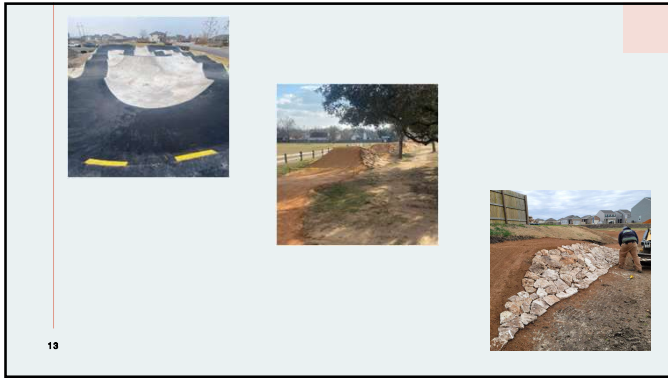
By investing in trails, we can stimulate economic growth, strengthen social connections, promote health and wellness, and mitigate environmental impacts.

Let's work together to create a network of sustainable trails that benefit people and the planet for generations to come.



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Item #9

Central Texas Master Naturalists

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Keller Matthews with the Central Texas Master Naturalists will be presenting on trail maintenance and the Master Naturalist program.

Action Needed: No action needed: for discussion only.



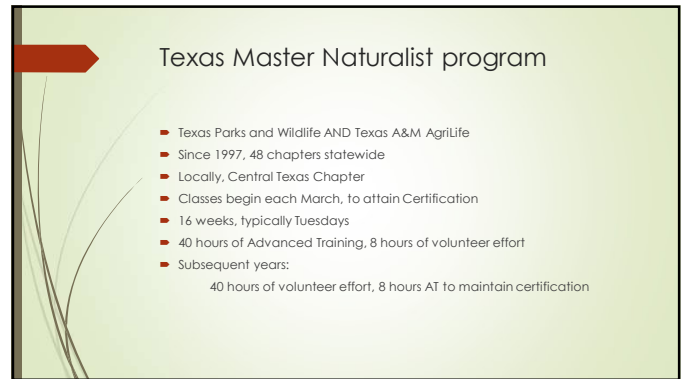
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Master Naturalist
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Master Naturalists
and Trails in our area

Keller Matthews, MD
CTMN, Trails Specialist
March 27, 2024

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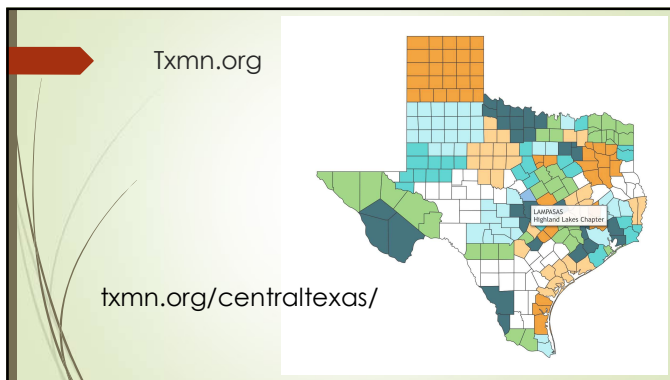
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Texas Master Naturalist program

- Texas Parks and Wildlife AND Texas A&M AgriLife
- Since 1997, 48 chapters statewide
- Locally, Central Texas Chapter
- Classes begin each March, to attain Certification
- 16 weeks, typically Tuesdays
- 40 hours of Advanced Training, 8 hours of volunteer effort
- Subsequent years:
40 hours of volunteer effort, 8 hours AT to maintain certification

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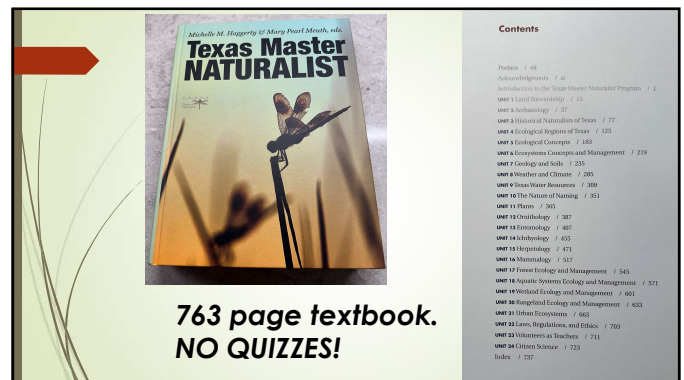


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Highland Lakes Chapter

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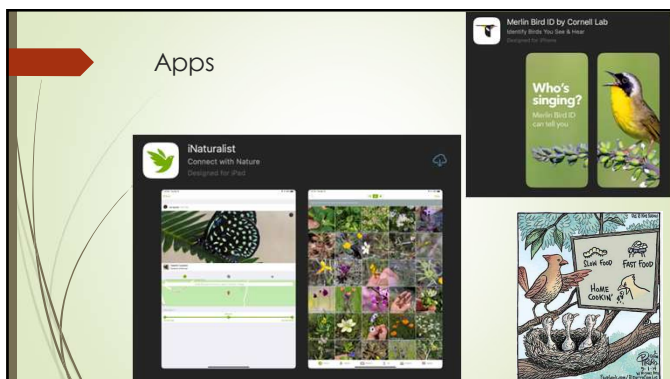
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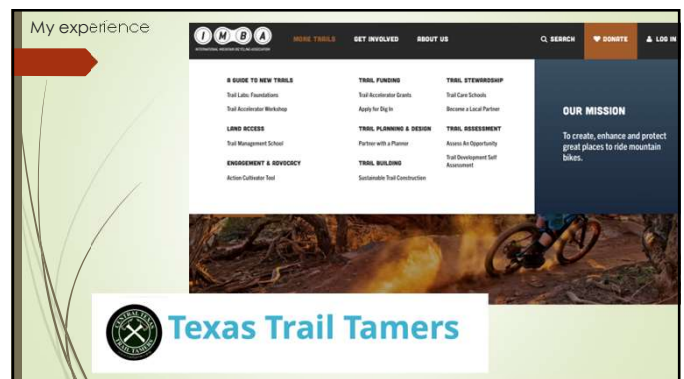
iNaturalist
Connect with Nature
Download for iPad

Merlin Bird ID by Cornell Lab
Identify birds by name, sound, or picture
Download for iPhone

Who's singing?
Merlin Bird ID
Can tell you

Blue Food
Fast Food
Habitat Cooking

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My experience

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MORE TRAILS GET INVOLVED ABOUT US SEARCH DONATE LOG IN

8 GUIDE TO NEW TRAILS
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Trail Management School

ENGAGEMENT & ADVOCACY
Active Catalyst Trail

TRAIL FUNDING
Trail Accreditation Grants
Apply for Dig In

TRAIL PLANNING & DESIGN
Partner with a Planner

TRAIL BUILDING
Sustainable Trail Construction

TRAIL STIPENDSHIP
Trail Care Scholarships
Become a Local Partner

TRAIL ASSESSMENT
Assess an Opportunity
Trail Development Self Assessment

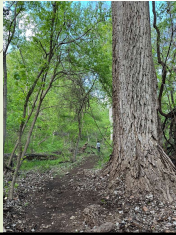
OUR MISSION
To create, enhance and protect great places to ride mountain bikes.

TEXAS TRAIL TAMERS

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Trail development and maintenance

- Army Corps of Engineers
- Miller Springs Nature Center
- Dana Peak Park, Stillhouse Park
- Camp Tahuaya, a Scouting.org property



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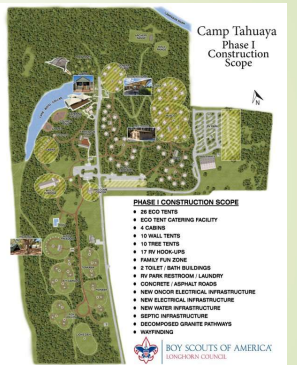
Principles of trail development

- Land Owner permission and goals
- Identify boundaries and existing trails, (including animal trails)
- Identify desirable landmarks: land and water features, trees, terrain
- Anticipate erosion, ameliorate destructive effects
- Plan trail user experiences: trail length and difficulty, start and end
- Maps and signage
- Anticipate emergency services and support services (e.g., mowing)
- Build a team, set goals

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Camp Tahuaya update

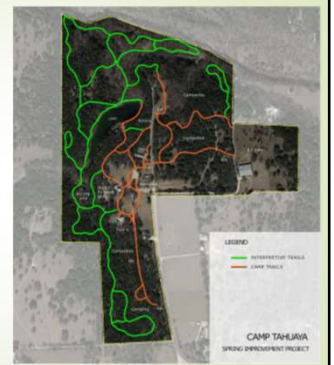
Construction is underway.
Anticipated opening
September 2024



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Trails at Camp Tahuaya

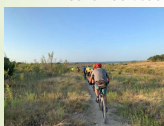
- About 5 miles
- Hike / bike
- Interpretive signage with QR codes



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Recommended Mtn biking trails in our area

- Miller Springs
- Dana Peak / Stillhouse Hollow Park
- Camp Tahuaya (September 2024)
- Waco: Cameron Park
- Georgetown: San Gabriel
- Round Rock: Suburban Ninja, Brushy Creek



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Questions?

- Contact info
 - Keller Matthews
 - kellbiker@gmail.com
- Central Texas Master Naturalists
- Txmn.org/centraltexas/

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Item #10

Update on Local Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities

Local Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activates

McLane Children’s Trauma Services is restarting the SafeKids® Mid Texas Coalition.

Safe Kids Worldwide® is a nonprofit organization working to reduce unintentional injuries to children ages 0-14 and build equitable and sustained systems that support injury prevention.

By using a public health approach that includes research, interventions to educate and raise awareness, safety device distribution, and through advocacy, we reach millions of children and families with proven, practical and lifesaving interventions.

KTMPO will have staff representation. They are looking for representation from all counties and organizations to include ISD Resource Officers.



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Action Needed: No action needed: for discussion only.

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Public Comment Received

Public Input Received

KTMP has been collecting public comments received online, via emails, public meetings, social media platforms, web maps and other forms of communication. Staff bring these to the TAC and TPPB on a regular basis to ensure the MPO boards are aware of public concerns and have the opportunity to respond accordingly. Public input received since BPAC's December 14, 2023, meeting is included in the meeting packet.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

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Public Comment Log				
Date	Means of Public Comment	Public Comment	Public Comment Topic	Jurisdiction
1/11/2024	Email	"I am wondering if there are notes available from any meetings regarding the bell county thoroughfare plan? I believe I saw there was a public feedback period last year and then a scheduled meeting sometime in the summer Also, where can I go to see current projects? I am specifically looking at plans and projects for FM 2484. All I saw on the website was the TIP which shows contract let dates of 2026 for fm 2484 but I see surveyors out now which may indicate something sooner than 2026?"	Roadway/Highway Project	Bell County & TxDOT
1/22/2024	Email	How does the bus work I'm in Killeen wanna get a job in temple do y'all provide services for that ?	Public Transit	HCTD
1/28/2024	Email	"Trying to find some info on legality for chaining up bikes to public trees or light posts in shopping centers and areas while shopping or running errands. I can't find anything, but when bike racks are not present what is legal and illegal? Thanks."	Bike Safety	COT
2/15/2024	Email	I would like to submit the following comments to the chair and board of CTCOG, regarding highway needs in the central Texas area. Dominic please confirm receipt. 1. With congestion and road rage growing, CTCOG should be open to trying new approaches in design and roadway construction such as: 2. Install overhead lane indicator arrows on each travel lane. TXDOT recently turned off all lighted lane indicators in the Austin district and all districts. Lighted lane indicator arrows are proven to assist drivers with congestion notification, ahead of lane accidents. 3. Then, TXDOT should operate the overhead lane indicator arrows, not just leave them green. 4. Install frequent "Left Lane for Passing Only" and Slower Traffic Keep Right signs throughout the project. 5. Fund and install overhead guide signs which say: "Left Lane for Passing Only" where freeways leave metropolitan areas. This will help educate drivers about the law, and lead to reducing road rage from motorist camping in the left lane of two lane highways.	General	CAPCOG / Other

		6. All freeway projects must have continuous street lighting, including underpass lighting on service rds. and flyovers. TXDOT has been reducing underpass lighting throughout the region, even while traffic counts and fatalities grow. This is consistent with recently adopted Federal AASHTO street lighting standards. 6A. The CTCOG should create a \$15 million fund for freeway street lighting repair. Many small communities like Round Rock do not have the funds for expensive lane closures for freeway fixture and bulb changes, and underpass lighting repairs. 7. Repair any existing underpass street lighting in the CTCOG area which is not planned to be replaced or demolished with new LED fixtures. Currently, the CTCOG region has thousands of underpass lights out on freeways. 7A. CTCOG should create a \$10 million fund for communities to use to provide lane closures and repair the thousands of underpass lights out in the region. 7B. CTCOG create a \$25 million fund for freeways street lighting repair where wire theft and shorts have created dark roadways. For example: Miles of lighting is out on SH290, SH183, SH130 due to wire theft and shorts in conduit. 8. Stager high mast towers down the freeways so light is spread evenly across the highway from side to side. Rather than TXDOT's standard dominant placement on only one side of the freeway.. 9. Require a licensed lighting engineer to review all CTCOG projects for compliance with the newly adopted AASHTO street lighting standards, and national roadway lighting standards. Again, TXDOT has not acted in good faith with regard to freeway street lighting and underpass lighting. 10. Install Interstate entrance ramp metering signaling. They are shown to reduce congestion. 11. Require work zone street lighting on all projects prior to start of construction. Follow the AASHTO standard to provide work zone lighting. The Austin district of TXDOT does not have roadway work zone lighting for motorists on all projects. 12. Install lighted street name signs on traffic signal mast arms throughout the CTCOG region, Currently, TXDOT does not install lighted street name signs on cross street signal mast arms. 13. Install some decorative lighting on the larger structures. Lighted stars, or state of Texas emblems are always popular, and encourage community ownership of roadway structures.		
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		At SH71 @ I35 the Texas stars have lights, however TXDOT has failed to replace the bulbs.		
3/7/2024	Facebook Post	Can someone please explain exactly what is micro transit means in easy terms? Is it like lyft? Instead of those huge buses?	Public Transit	HCTD
3/8/2024	Facebook Post	If you don't know what it is, you don't know what it's schedule is, if it doesn't run in a timely and reliable manner so I can get to work and home, how can I & other people use it?	Public Transit	HCTD
3/8/2024	Facebook Post	Maybe this meeting they can plan so the people who actually use the services can attend.	Public Transit	HCTD
3/11/2024	Facebook Post	How about Harker Heights?	Public Transit	HCTD
3/12/2024	Facebook Post	They need to fix the route from Nolanville to Killeen. I have passes for the HOP, but no time schedule for the single bus stop in Nolanville. I need to go from Nolanville to wherever and I have animals at home ... I need a time frame no one can tell me.	Public Transit	HCTD
3/14/2024	Facebook Post	Is this about saving money or copying Austin or bigger cities because some sales pitch was thrown your way? This area is not laid out like Austin or other big cities. Change to be like those areas are not always a good thing. This does sound like that	Public Transit	HCTD

BPAC Meeting Attendance

Appointment Date	Name	Entity	12/13/2023	3/13/2024	6/12/2024
Mar-21	Jason Deckman	Temple	X		
Dec-20	Kara Escajeda	Nolanville			
Dec-23	Daniel Davila	TxDOT Waco District			
Mar-24	Alexandra Beaver	Harker Heights			
Nov-23	Joe Dyer	Belton	X		
Dec-23	Kelly Snook	Killeen			
Dec-23	Jeff Stoddard	Copperas Cove			
Dec-23	Gene Roberts	Fort Hood	X		
Dec-23	Keller Matthews	BS&W Cycling Club/ Citizen			
Dec-23	Chad Welch	Tri-City Bicycles/Citizen			
Dec-23	Geary McCabe	Sun Country Cycling/ Citizen	X		

Upcoming Webinars & Grant Opportunities

Upcoming Webinars

Upcoming webinars regarding bicycle and pedestrian transportation are listed below. All of these webinars are free to the public.

- Six Steps to Build a TrailNation ([Link](#))
March 28, 2024
- Grand Canyon Greenway: From Vision to Reality ([Link](#))
April 4, 2024
- Adaptive Trail Mobility Equipment and Programming ([Link](#))
April 11, 2024
- Community Driven: How Engagement Guides the Vision and Planning of a Community Wide Trail Network ([Link](#))
April 25, 2024
- Building Adaptive Trail Programming: Lessons from the Field ([Link](#))
May 23, 2024
- Communicate, Educate, and Inform Where Visitors are Planning Their Adventures ([Link](#))
May 30, 2024
- Grants for Trails: Finding, Applying, and Managing ([Link](#))
July 18, 2024

Upcoming Conference

Texas Trails and Active Transportation Conference 2024 ([Link](#))

September 4-6, 2024

Hyatt Regency Austin

- Registration is now open

Grant Opportunities

The Texas Department of Agriculture administers the Community Development Fund, which is the largest fund category in the TxCDBG Program. Funds may be used for public infrastructure, street and drainage improvements, and various other opportunities. More information regarding this grant may be found here:

Community Development Block Grant Program ([Link](#))

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. More information regarding this grant may be found below:

Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program ([Link](#))

The Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) projects will help improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of active transportation networks and communities; improve connectivity between active transportation modes and public transportation; enhance the resiliency of on- and off-road active transportation infrastructure and help protect the environment; and improve quality of life in disadvantaged communities through the delivery of connected active transportation networks and expanded mobility opportunities.

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