



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

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

9:30 AM

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

BPAC Voting Members

Chair Geary McCabe – Sun Country Cycling
Jason Deckman – City of Temple
Mike Anderson – Tri-City Bicycle

Joe Dyer – City of Belton
Gene Roberts – Fort Cavazos
Keller Matthews – BS&W Cycling Club

Additional Attendees

Jerri Jones – KOM Trails
Brett Jones – KOM Trails
Jesse Hennage - CTCOG
Brian O'Connor – Nolanville EDC
Callie Tullos – KTMPO

Anita Janke – KTMPO
*Hope Davis – KTMPO
*Tane'ya Floyd – KTMPO
*Alex Beaver – City of Harker Heights

**Denotes online attendee*

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** Geary McCabe called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.
- 2. Opportunity for 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 June. Ms. Davis provided updates from the January TxDOT BPAC meeting, noting that the draft Statewide Active Transportation Plan will be available in the summer of 2024, and the public ranked safety, connectivity, and accessibility as top priorities. The TxDOT BPAC meeting also featured presentations on the Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) on bicycle safety research. Ms. Davis encouraged BPAC members to regularly use the BNA and OpenStreetMap, as the data collected from these sources can help improve the bicycle and pedestrian network. Ms. Davis mentioned KTMPO staff only received two scores from BPAC members for the Project Call Scoring, the future of BPAC's involvement in scoring projects is uncertain. She encouraged members to share any

recommendations to improve participation for the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Geary McCabe explained that during the Project Call Scoring workshop, the difference between BPAC's and TAC's scores sparked engaging discussions. Mr. McCabe also stressed the importance of boosting involvement for the next Project Call Scoring. Ms. Davis reported air quality for the month of February was 51 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 48 (ppb) at the Killeen station.

4. Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from the December 13, 2023, meeting.

Joe Dyer made a motion to approve the December 13, 2023, meeting minutes seconded by Jason Deckman; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Item: Regarding Resolution 2024-04 April National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Anita Janke noted that the TPPB approved Resolution 2024-04 recognizing April as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Ms. Janke described the Distracted Driving Awareness campaign, including the videos featuring Judge Miller's #JustDrive message. Ms. Janke recommended bringing these resolutions to BPAC at the end of each calendar year to allow time to collaborate with community partners.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Resolution 2024-05 recognizing May 2024 as National Bike Month.

Keller Matthews and Jason Deckman explored the possibility of revitalizing the Fitness Friendly Business Program to boost pedestrian and cycling participation in BPAC. Anita Janke agreed to research funding options and assess the sustainability of the program and present information to the committee at the June 12, 2024, meeting. Ms. Janke explained the importance of Resolution 2024-05 recognizing May 2024 as National Bike Month. She placed an emphasis on the Ride of Silence being hosted by the City of Nolanville, on May 15, 2024.

Mr. Deckman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05 recognizing May 2024 as National Bike Month, seconded by Mike Anderson; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding Presentation on April 8, 2024, Solar Eclipse.

Jesse Hennage, the Assistant Director of Planning/Public Safety of Central Texas Council of Governments presented on the coordination of emergency services throughout the region during the Solar Eclipse.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding a presentation from King of the Mountain (KOM) Trails.

Brett Jones, President and founding partner of KOM Trails presented on designing and constructing high-quality, sustainable trails that integrate seamlessly with the natural environment, minimizing environmental impact.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding a presentation from Central Texas Master Naturalists.

Keller Matthews presented trail development principles supported by the Central Texas Master Naturalist program. Mr. Matthews detailed steps for volunteers to become Certified Texas Master Naturalists and maintain their certification. The presentation also highlighted the differences between KOM Trails and volunteer-built trails on public land.

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

Anita Janke explained that the public and BPAC members can stay informed about local events by following KTMPO on social media. She also highlighted the SafeKids Mid Texas Coalition relaunch by McLane Children's Trauma Services and encouraged community involvement.

11. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through March 2024.

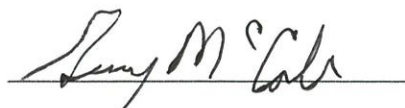
Anita Janke summarized eleven new public comments received since the December 2023 meeting.

12. Member Comments. Geary McCabe mentioned that an E-Bike company in Temple caught fire on March 23, 2024. Mr. McCabe encouraged all E-Bike users to follow the E-Bike battery warning labels. Also, Mr. McCabe discussed having the Corp of Engineers present on Dana Peak Trails at the June meeting. He also reminded the committee that the Vice Chair position will need to be filled at the June meeting.

13. Next Meeting: June 12, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

14. Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the BPAC members at their meeting on June 12, 2024.



Geary McCabe, BPAC Chair

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