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Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (KTMPO)
Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
9:30 AM

Regular Meeting
2180 North Main Street
Belton, TX 76513

Representing	Member	Attended	Alternate Member Attended
Sun Country Cycling	Chair Geary McCabe	Y	
Cycling Representative	Keller Matthews	Y	
Cycling Representative	Chad Welch	N	
Pedestrian Representative	Kara Escajeda	N	
Running Representative	KD Hill	Y	
Economic Development	Holly Owens	Y	
Pedestrian	Vacant		
Equestrian	Vacant		
Youth	Vacant		
City of Belton	Joe Dyer	Y	
City of Copperas Cove	Jeff Stoddard	Y	
City of Harker Heights	Amy Atkins	N	
Municipality	Vacant		
City of Temple	Jason Deckman	Y	
City of Nolanville	Teresa Chandler	*	
TxDOT – Waco	Rachael Perry	*	David Davilla*
Fort Cavazos	Gene Roberts	Y	
HCTD	James Wickham	*	
County	Vacant		
Other	Vacant		

Y= Attended Y/A= Alternate Attended N=Did not attend
**denotes online attendance*

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Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order: Geary McCabe called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment: Several members of the public addressed the Active Transportation Advisory Committee regarding a December pedestrian incident involving a fatality and a serious injury. Speakers expressed deep concern over pedestrian safety and the urgent need for improved traffic calming measures in high-risk areas.

Rodney and Sharon Coleman spoke about the emotional and community impact of the incident, emphasizing that Mrs. Avery, who lost her life was a valued member of the community.

Mrs. Lynda Contruci urged ATAC to take immediate action to review current road safety policies and invest in infrastructure that prioritizes pedestrian protection.

Jason Deckman, a City of Temple Principal Planner City Planner, acknowledged the tragic loss and extended sincere condolences to the victim's family, the injured individual, and the wider community. Mr. Deckman also proposed initiating a conversation with the funeral home where the incident occurred to explore potential short-term safety enhancements in the immediate area.

3. Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from the December 11, 2024 meeting.

Joe Dyer made a motion to approve the December 11, 2024, meeting minutes, seconded by Keller Matthews; the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding new ATAC membership appointments and requests.

The City of Harker Heights appointed Amy Atkins, Director of Parks and Recreation.

TxDOT appointed Racheal Perry, Special Projects Coordinator, with the Waco District.

KD Hill, business owner of Barrow Brewing with an interest in running events; and Holly Owens, the Director of Planning and Secretary for the City of Gatesville with an interest in economic development, requested membership.

Jason Deckman made a motion to approve their membership requests, seconded by Joe Dyer; the motion passed unanimously.

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5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding 2025 Activity Schedule for Stakeholder Engagement.

Anita Janke presented the 2025 Activity Schedule highlighting May as National Bike Month, June 7, 2025, as National Trails Day, and October as National Pedestrian Safety Month. Ms. Janke encouraged members to host an activity in May, June, and/or October to support ongoing engagement and programming efforts.

The City of Nolanville committed to hosting The Ride of Silence on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

Keller Matthews and KD Hill explored potential ideas for hosting events in celebration of National Trails Day, focusing on ways to engage the community and highlight local trail resources; however, no commitments were made.

Jason Deckman made a motion to approve the 2025 Activity Schedule for Stakeholder Engagement, seconded by Joe Dyer; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Item: Regarding KTMPO's FY2025 Safety (PM1) Performance Targets.

Geary McCabe directed the members to the Bike and Ped Fatalities and Serious Injuries graph pointing out that the trend line has gone up and down, but for 2023, there were 44. Mr. McCabe spoke about funding scenarios that could help connect trails to bike paths, building a multi-use path and emphasized pedestrian travel safety. He also emphasized the importance of member involvement.

Jason Deckman emphasized the importance of funding projects that support these objectives that improve safety and reduce traffic deaths and serious injuries. Mr. Deckman concluded by stating that project decisions must be data-driven—not based on anecdotal evidence. He recommended including both pre- and post-project data reviews in the Call for Projects' subjective scoring to help answer the key question: 'Did the project achieve what we intended?'

Keller Matthews recommended that ATAC review every pedestrian and bicycle fatality—either through formal discussion at meetings or by ensuring the data is available for members to review independently. Mr. Matthews supported Mr. Deckman's approach to pre-and post- project data reviews. KD Hill asked if there was a map to show the fatality hotspots. James McGill directed members to the KTMPO Crash Records Information System (CRIS) Data Dashboard.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding the Active Transportation Master Plan.

Geary McCabe emphasized the important role that developing the Regional Active Transportation Plan plays in improving funding opportunities. Anita Janke reviewed the

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timeline and Staff provided an overview of four MPOs and their approaches to active transportation planning: Laredo & Webb County MPO, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, Rio Grande Valley MPO, and the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study. James McGill highlighted the executive summary titled *"Why We Need Active Transportation"* from the Laredo & Webb County MPO - which resonated strongly with the public. Their outreach efforts included engagement at community parks and recreation centers. Sam Aghai reported on the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission emphasizing the significance of short trips, noting that over one-third of all trips in their MPO area are less than three miles in length—an important opportunity for increasing walking and biking. David Lopez outlined the Rio Grande Valley MPO focused on promoting active transportation to enhance public health, support local economies through job creation, and improve both mental and physical well-being, while also addressing transportation system safety. Keller Matthews expressed interest in how the MPO was measuring mental and physical well-being; however, Mr. Lopez mentioned that measuring outcomes was not addressed in the plan. Finally, Kendra Coufal showcased the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study, which featured a Route Selection Trade-Offs Matrix as a decision-making tool, evaluating factors such as comfort, accessibility to destinations, population density, feasibility, and overall user experience. Ms. Coufal mentioned that the plan also called out the amenities beyond the active transportation. Mr. Matthews asked whether the absence of an Active Transportation Plan would result in project delay linking the concerns back to the fatalities that the committee was briefed on earlier. Ms. Janke reviewed the process for community engagement.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding review of livability projects from the 2023 Project Call.

James McGill described the process of obtaining project updates as challenging, noting that it is not due to any individual's fault. Since the MPO is responsible for allocating funding—not overseeing construction, this creates a gap that has been recognized. To address it, staff are researching project tracking software to improve transparency and communication. Both Mr. McGill and Geary McCabe revisited the trails page on the website and noted that the project had stalled due to complexities that were not initially anticipated. Mr. McGill concluded the discussion by emphasizing that project tracking is a priority for the Policy Board. While TxDOT does provide updates, a long-term solution is still in development. Keller Matthews asked about the trails app. that was discussed several years ago – Mr. McGill said the app did not work out because the cost was prohibitive and the labor-intensive nature of implementation, which resulted in a lack of return on investment. Mr. McCabe encouraged all ATAC members to complete the 2050 TAC Scoring Assessment so their input would be included in the decision-making process. Mr. Deckman clarified conversation points by reminding members that we don't set policy – but we can influence it by scoring projects. During the last call for projects – only two BPAC members scored projects. He emphasized when the next call for projects is open, all ATAC members should score the projects.

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9. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through January 2025.
Anita Janke shared public comments received via email, the MPO website, social media, and public engagement events. She highlighted two specific comments: one regarding ADA requirements and another concerning a recent pedestrian fatality and serious injury.

10. Staff Update:
Anita Janke provided an update on the schedule for the upcoming TxDOT Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory meetings and the KTMPO upcoming meetings. Keller Matthews asked the status of federal funding, James McGill mentioned the upcoming May transportation bill, noting that active transportation may not be a current federal priority, but funding outlooks are still uncertain. Mr. McGill shared the maximum ozone air quality readings for January, which were 58 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 62 ppb at the Killeen station.

11. Member Comments:
James Wickham with HCTD reported that 0.08% of riders used the bicycle rack during October, November, and December.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 am.

These meeting minutes were approved by the ATAC members at their meeting on 5/14/2025.

ATTEST:

Geary McCabe, Chair

Signed by:
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Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

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