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Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (KTMPO)
Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 14, 2025
9:30 AM

Regular Meeting
2180 North Main Street
Belton, TX 76513

VOTING MEMBERS Y= Attended | Y/A= Alternate Attended | N=Did not attend | *denotes online attendance *Quorum 50%+1*			
Representing	**Member**	**Attended**	**Alternate Member Attended**
Sun Country Cycling	Chair Geary McCabe	Y	
Cycling Representative	Keller Matthews	Y	
Cycling Representative	Chad Welch		Mike Anderson Y/A
Pedestrian Representative	Kara Escajeda	Y	
Running Representative	KD Hill	*	
Economic Development	Holly Owens	N	
Pedestrian	Vacant		
Equestrian	Vacant		
Youth	Vacant		
City of Belton	Joe Dyer	N	
City of Copperas Cove	Jeff Stoddard	Y	
City of Harker Heights	Amy Atkins	*	
Municipality	Vacant		
City of Temple	Jason Deckman	Y	
City of Nolanville	Teresa Chandler	*	
TxDOT – Waco	Rachael Perry	*	David Davilla *
Fort Cavazos	Gene Roberts	*	
HCTD	James Wickham	*	
County	Vacant		
Other	Vacant		
NON-VOTING ATTENDEES			
Lisa McCabe	Citizen	Y	N/A

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Meeting Minutes:

1. **Call to Order:** Geary McCabe called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

2. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

3. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from the February 12, 2025, meeting.

Jason Deckman made a motion to approve February 12, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Keller Matthews; the motion passed unanimously.

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

Lauren Morrell has formally requested to be considered for a voting member position on ATAC as a representative of Youth Interest.

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

5. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommendation for approval of Resolution 2025-09 Proclaiming National Trails Day and authorizing the addition of supportive activities.

Anita Janke reviewed the National Trails Day resolution and highlighted the activities organized by Sun Country Cycling, Barrow Brewing, and Tablerock Amphitheater. Jeff Stoddard informed the committee that a ribbon cutting ceremony would be held at the Ogletree Gap Preserves in Copperas Cove. Mr. Stoddard noted the installation of a masthead board at the trailhead entrance, which includes maps. Ms. Janke expressed appreciation for the stakeholders who have organized events and encouraged others to participate by planning their own National Trails Day activities.

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

6. **Discussion Item and Action:** Scheduling a Workshop to Prioritize the Connectivity Layer in the Regional Active Transportation Plan Based on Public Comments.

Anita Janke reviewed the objectives of the Regional Active Transportation Plan to include a GIS-based inventory to identify infrastructure gaps and opportunities, incorporates public and advisory committee members input to prioritize connectivity, and aims to improve planning readiness, project prioritization, and grant competitiveness. Ms. Janke noted that Tay Floyd will continue coordinating with municipal GIS staff. She also shared that the public engagement period will run from June 23 to July 21.Ms. Janke opened the discussion to set a date and time for the ATAC Workshop, which will focus on prioritizing the connectivity layer

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developed from public feedback. Kendra Coufal suggested hosting the meeting alongside the TAC meeting; however, Ms. Janke recommended that the initial ranking be conducted by the ATAC to ensure proper representation from the advisory group. Geary McCabe suggested August 13th – the same day as the next ATAC meeting. James Wickham suggested that CTCOG host the meeting because of its' central location. Jason Deckman described the Workshop approach with map exercise in an informal setting and Kara Escajeda suggested including the SS4A maps, and Mr. Deckman confirmed this approach. Ms. Coufal sought clarification on whether ATAC intended to formalize their recommendation and forward it to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Janke agreed with this course of action. Mr. McCabe stated that the workshop would begin at 9:00 AM, followed by the meeting starting at 10:00 AM.

Jason Deckman made a motion to schedule a workshop at 9:00 AM on August 13, 2025, an hour before the next ATAC meeting, seconded by Kara Escajeda, the motion passed unanimously

7 **Discussion Item:** Regarding CTCOG & KTMPO's SS4A Central Texas Roadway Safety Action Plan.

Jason Deckman provided data update from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Taskforce to support informed discussions on roadway safety and incidentally mentioned that there will be regular meetings to continue the SS4A conversations. Mr. Deckman discussed examples of two online safety tools. AASHTOWare is a system provided by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and the Crash Records Information System (CRIS) is provided by TxDOT. He noted that both provide statewide crash data specific to Texas, but AASHTOWare has the capability of saving detailed queries and filters that can be modified and shared with other users. Mr. Deckman closed out the presentation explaining how the city is using the data to assess traffic impacts of proposed developments and align infrastructure planning efforts accordingly.

8 **Discussion Item:** Member Updates on Upcoming Organizational Activities and Requests for ATAC Support.

Anita Janke commended Sun Country Cycling for their efforts in assembling over 50 bicycles for the BSWH Bike Rodeo and expressed appreciation for their valuable contribution. Geary McCabe informed the advisory committee about the Ride of Silence being hosted by King of the Mountain in May. Members shared updates on various community activities and events taking place in their respective areas.

9. **Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through April 2025.

Anita Janke noted a positive response from the community regarding the April amendments. No additional public comments were received.

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10 Staff Update:

Anita Janke shared that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Local Parks Grant Program is now accepting applications through 5:00 PM on August 1, 2025.

Kendra Coufal reported that staff had reviewed the most recent call for projects and requested that the TAC complete a survey to provide feedback on the scoring process—specifically focusing on satisfaction and any discrepancies. Ms. Coufal noted that the survey results showed that, overall, the projects were mostly aligned with TAC priorities and while the process was effective, reducing subjectivity would help streamline efforts, as the current approach requires significant time and effort. Ms. Coufal described working with Decision Lens, a firm contracted by TxDOT, to assist with project prioritization and decision-making support.

Anita Janke reported that at the August meeting, the Chair position will be open for nomination and since Geary McCabe has served two consecutive terms, he will not be eligible to run again. Ms. Janke shared the maximum ozone air quality readings for May, which were 63 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 65 ppb at the Killeen station. Mr. McCabe had some questions about the ozone report. Kendra Coufal shared that there are several websites available to help educate the public about the ozone layer and noted that this information would be included in the follow-up email.

11 Member Comments:
Jason Deckman shared about the Rucks on Main at the end of May. Mr. Deckman mentioned that the proceeds help Veterans and the local food pantry.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM

These meeting minutes were approved by the ATAC members at their meeting on 08/13/2025.

ATTEST:

Geary McCabe, Chair

Signed by:
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Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director