Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

November 12, 2025
9:30 a.m.

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Agenda

Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization
Active Transportation Advisory Committee
Wednesday, November 12, 2025

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

Regular Meeting: 9:30 A.M.

Virtual Link: KTMPO ATAC Meeting

Call in Number: +1 (872) 240-3212
Access Code: 756-809-085

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for Public Comment.
3. **Action Item**: Regarding approval of minutes from August 13, 2025, meeting. (pgs.). [Presenter: Kara Escajeda, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Chair]
4. **Discussion and Action Item**: Recommendation of 2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule and Supporting Resolutions. (pgs.). [Presenter: Anita Janke, KTMPO]
5. **Discussion Item**: Regarding a presentation on "Exploring the Intersection of Active Transportation and Trail Tourism as a Strategy for Sustainable Regional Development." (pgs.). [Presenter: Kindra Greene, Elizabeth River Trail]
6. **Discussion Item:** Regarding an update on the City of Temple's Rails to Trails project. (pgs.). [Presenter: Jason Deckman, City of Temple]
7. **Discussion Item:** Regarding an update to KTMPO's Regional Active Transportation Plan. (pgs.). [Presenter: Anita Janke, KTMPO and Tay Floyd, KTMPO]
8. **Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through October 2025. (pgs.). [Presenter: Anita Janke, KTMPO]
9. **Staff Update:** (pgs.). [Presenter: Callie Tullos, KTMPO]
    a) Meeting Schedule;
    b) Federal Updates;
    c) Webinars and Other Updates;
    d) Air Quality.

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10. Member Comments and Updates on Upcoming Community Activities and Request for ATAC Support. [Presenter: Kara Escajeda, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Chair]
11. Adjourn.

Workshop - To Follow Regular Scheduled Meeting (If Needed)
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1. Call to order.
2. Discussion on any KTMPO items (No action will be taken on items discussed).
3. Adjourn.

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Item #3

Meeting Minutes

Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (KTMPO)
Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 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	*	
Pedestrian	Vacant		
Equestrian	Vacant		
Youth	Lauren Morrell	Y	
City of Belton	Joe Dyer	Y	
City of Copperas Cove	Jeff Stoddard	N	
City of Harker Heights	Amy Atkins	*	Kailie Gomez Y/A *
Municipality	Vacant		
City of Temple	Jason Deckman	N	
City of Nolanville	Teresa Chandler	N	
TxDOT – Waco	Rachael Perry	*	
Fort Hood	Gene Roberts	*	
HCTD	James Wickham	*	
County	Vacant		
Other	Vacant		
NON-VOTING ATTENDEES			
Shelly Parrish	Citizen	Y	N/A
Jolie Person	TxDOT – Presenter	Y	N/A
Mahir S	Consultant	*	N/A

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Greg Reininger	TxDOT – Presenter	*	N/A
Ray Payne	Citizen	*	N/A
Uryan Nelson	KTMPO	Y	N/A
Callie Tullos	KTMPO	Y	N/A
Kendra Coufal	KTMPO	Y	N/A
Ashlynn Ushek	KTMPO	Y	N/A
David Lopez	KTMPO	Y	N/A
David Rodriguez	CTCOG	Y	N/A
Anita Janke	KTMPO	Y	N/A

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order: Geary McCabe called the meeting to order at 9:33 A.M.

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

3. Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from the May 14, 2025 meeting.

Kara Escajeda made a motion to approve May 14, 2025, minutes, seconded by Mike Anderson; the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding the Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY26

Geary McCabe noted that both the Chair and Vice Chair serve one-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Mr. McCabe noted he has completed two consecutive terms as Chair and is no longer eligible for the role. In addition, Joe Dyer was elected as Vice Chair in June 2024 and is eligible to be elected again.

Kara Escajeda nominated herself for the position of Chair.

Keller Matthews made a motion to approve Kara Escajeda as Chair, seconded by Mike Anderson; the motion passed unanimously.

Joe Dyer nominated himself to serve as Vice Chair for a second term.

Lauren Morrell made a motion to approve Joe Dyer as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Mike Anderson; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding recommending approval of Resolution 2025-11 proclaiming October 2025 as National Pedestrian Safety Month and authorizing the addition of supporting activities.

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Geary McCabe noted that prior to 2024, the Killeen-Temple MPO designated October as International Walk to School Month. Following insights gained during the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) public engagement process, the MPO shifted its focus to align with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in recognizing October as National Pedestrian Safety Month.

Anita Janke reported that between 2020 and 2023, there were 39 pedestrian fatalities and 88 serious injury crashes in the KTMPO region. Ms. Janke emphasized a shift to prioritizing overall pedestrian safety, expressing interest in partnering with jurisdictions that can provide opportunities for public education. In addition, Keller Matthews, whether ATAC has the capacity to provide direct training on walking and cycling routes, with a focus on Safe Routes to School. Ms. Janke noted that there are challenges associated with safely walking to school in rural areas of Texas and that is the primary reason the shift was made to promoting education over "Walk to School" events. Ms. Janke mentioned that Jolie Person with TxDOT would be presenting on the resources available to equip the school districts and municipalities on pedestrian education. Mr. Keller followed up with a question, asking whether any of the cities within the region have modal programs in place to educate pedestrians. Ms. Janke could not answer the question – but offered to research it. Mr. Keller agreed to this approach. Ms. Janke asked if Joe Dyer with the City of Belton had a pedestrian safety education program. Mr. Dyer responded that they do not currently have one, but with the expansion of the hike and bike trail, it has been a topic of discussion. Mr. Keller mentioned that the Village of Salado is getting close to a modal program, it is obvious where people should walk. Kara Escajeda asked if National Play Day, sponsored by the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS), could be incorporated into the resolution. The purpose is to get people off of their devices and out into nature. Ms. Janke agreed to add National Play Day to the resolution. Mr. McCabe asked if KTMPO would be planning any events and Ms. Janke noted it would be the resolution with an emphasis on education and collaboration with school districts and municipalities.

Keller Matthews made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mike Anderson; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Item: Regarding a Presentation on TxDOT's Statewide Active Transportation Plan by Greg Reininger, Planning Lead for TxDOT's Public Transportation Division.

Greg Reininger began the presentation sharing the vision statement, *A safe accessible, connected and fully integrated pedestrian and bicycle network that increases active mobility and supports health, economic vitality, and resiliency within communities and across Texas*. Mr. Reininger reviewed the plan processes and recommendations, round three outreach results, and plan implementation. Mr. Reininger noted that the SATP goals focus on improving safety, comfort, and accessibility, enhancing connectivity, and addressing community needs, making sure TxDOT talks to people statewide, rather than relying solely on data. He also highlighted three main challenges: rapid regional growth, insufficient funding for active transportation, and the disproportionate number of roadway fatalities

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involving pedestrians and bicyclists. Mr. Reininger highlighted the importance of integrating active transportation early in project planning, considering other travel modes, and maintaining and repairing infrastructure to improve conditions. Mr. Reininger noted five priority actions that the public weighed in on to include a Priority Investment Network, where to make investments first, lead an active transportation education campaign through collaborative efforts with local governments and non-profits, develop design training that includes prototypes for local and regional governments, enhance data collection and improve flexibility of existing funding sources, in addition to identifying new and innovative funding sources. Private sectors around the state voiced the need for consistent design standards across the state. Lauren Morrell asked about outreach in rural communities like Gatesville and Copperas Cove, where retrofitting might be necessary. Mr. Reininger provided a brief overview of virtual public engagement locations. He emphasized the value of developing a Priority Investment Network for a growing community versus one that will be retrofitted. He noted that these require two different approaches and said he would make a note to ensure this information is available. Ms. Janke asked about getting involved in the next steps for the Priority Investment Networks. Mr. Reininger shared that signing up for the listserv is the best way to receive updates and opportunities to participate. He acknowledged the many needs across the state and noted MPOs will receive communication from either the consultant or him. Geary McCabe asked about how data is collected for bicycle and pedestrian injuries that do not involve a vehicle, using the example of a dog chasing a bicyclist and causing a crash requiring hospitalization. Mr. Reininger confirmed that the data is sourced from CRIS, with hospitals providing their own reports, and noted that they are always looking for ways to improve.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding a Presentation on TxDOT's "Be Safe Drive Smart" Campaign by Jolie Person, Traffic Safety Specialist and Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician.

Jolie Person shared information on pedestrian safety resources available through TxDOT to help support National Pedestrian Safety Month. Ms. Person mentioned toolkits are available for every campaign. Ms. Person noted that the Fatality Review Board meets monthly and explained that her role focuses on the behavioral aspects. She added that it is difficult to see the same patterns occurring repeatedly. For example, at one in the morning, a person might be dressed entirely in black with no reflective material, which underscores the importance of reinforcing our safety messages. Ms. Person also mentioned that CRIS has a help desk that can analyze crash data and provide requested details to better understand patterns.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding an update to KTMPO's Regional Active Transportation Plan**.**

Anita Janke noted that plan development began in December 2024 and that the original goal of completing it by September 2025 was ambitious. The timeline became unrealistic due to GIS limitations, mapping challenges, and data interpretation issues. Ms. Janke reviewed the revised schedule, and tentative plan adoption for February 2026. In addition, she highlighted the progress of the digital map, showing the initial public feedback and SS4A bicycling and pedestrian icons, and then invited Tay Floyd to give a detailed explanation of the legend and

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its meaning. Mr. Floyd explained that the survey questions were open to interpretation, so he analyzed each one and linked it to a corresponding goal. Kara Escajeda asked about the public comment process. Ms. Janke explained that the Public Comment Period ran from June 23 to July 21, 2025. Comments received outside of that timeframe would be added to the Public Comment Summary Log. These comments would be reviewed to determine if they are addressed in MTP 2050, submitted to the appropriate jurisdictions, and both the TAC and PB would be informed. Additionally, the citizen submitting the comment would be notified of the process. Ms. Escajeda appreciated the approach to public comments. Geary McCabe asked if the public comments could be used in scoring projects. Kendra Coufal noted that it was valuable feedback, as it shows a way to strengthen the role of public input in project scoring. Ms. Janke also reviewed the legend goals, noting that they were drawn from the 2050 MTP and are aligned with TxDOT's SATP.

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

Anita Janke highlighted the public comment from Christopher Turner who proposed hosting a skateboard park event with pro skater Bam Margera. Ms. Janke suggested inviting Bam to present at the November ATAC meeting; stakeholders agreed with the idea. Ms. Janke reviewed the Public Comments by the Numbers, Topics – highlighting the 2-in-1 Survey.

10. Staff Update:
Callie Tullos reported on the Air Quality for both Killeen and Temple were below the standard.

11. Member Comments and Updates on Upcoming Community Activities and Request for ATAC Support.

Matthew Keller mentioned that he had heard about a cyclist fatality in Temple last month. Geary McCabe noted that he did not hear about that fatality, but there was a severe injury on Monday night. Mr. Keller mentioned that he forwarded Anita Janke a link to the Trauma Council and would like to know if they can routinely provide our committee with reports about bicycle and pedestrian injuries / accidents. Ms. Janke was agreeable. Kara Escajeda raised concerns about the Prairie Haynes Ranch, noting that it is at risk of a private sale and that losing it would be a significant loss to the region. Ms. Escajeda recommended supporting the fundraising event on August 29-31, 2025 and efforts to preserve it for outdoor recreational use. Keller Matthews sought clarification on the relationship between Texas Parks and Wildlife and Parrie Haynes Ranch. Ms. Escajeda noted that it was leased to Texas Parks and Wildlife between 2008 -2013 and they had to end the lease. She also informed the group that it may have a future as a State Park and to make comments wherever you can, to your state representatives and Texas Park and Wildlife Commissioners. It is an important asset to the city and our region.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM

These meeting minutes were approved by the ATAC members at their meeting on

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ATTEST:

Kara Escajeda, Chair	Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

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Item #4

2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule and Supporting Resolutions

Recommendation of 2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule and Supporting Resolutions

Background

According to the ATAC bylaws, ATAC shall advise the KTMPO Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on planning and developing infrastructure, policies, and strategies that prioritize and encourage active transportation in the region, including, but not limited to biking, walking, paddle craft, and equestrian activities. ATAC will ensure that both non-motorized and low-speed electric modes of travel are integrated into broader transportation strategies.

One of the ways the committee does this is by promoting public interest and awareness of bicycle and pedestrian planning in the KTMPO area and beyond, collaborating with local clubs and agencies, and participating in regional activities during National Pedestrian Safety Month and National Bike Month.
The 2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule reflects a year-long commitment to public outreach and education. Through events such as Unplug Texas, The Ride of Silence, National Trails Day, and Pedestrian Safety Month, ATAC and its partners foster public interest in active transportation. These activities not only raise awareness but also build regional collaboration with local clubs, agencies, and municipalities, reinforcing the integration of active transportation into broader planning efforts and encouraging safer mobility options across the KTMPO region.

Action Needed: Recommend approval of the 2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule and supporting resolutions, with encouragement for ATAC members to sponsor, host, or actively participate in scheduled events to promote regional awareness and engagement in active transportation initiatives.

2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule

Date	Activity	Stakeholder Lead	Date Resolution Presented to TAC/PB	Resources
February	Love the Bus Month – School Bus	KTMPO – Social		NAPT
April 1, 2026	National Walking Day	KTMPO - Social		U.S. DOT National Walking Day in 2026 | Calendar Labs
April 6 – 13, 2026	Distracted Driving Awareness Month to include Put the Phone Away or Pay	KTMPO – TAC/PB	March	National Safety Council, US.DOT NHTSA
May May 3 May 15 May 11 May 20 Pending Pending May 9	National Bike Safety Month Ride a Bike Day Bike to Work Day Bike to Work Week Annual Ride of Silence Walk, Bike & Roll to School BSWH McLane's Bike Rodeo Adaptive Bike Rodeo	KTMPO - ATAC Opportunity Opportunity Opportunity Opportunity Opportunity McLane's Children City of Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation Department	April	The League of American Bicyclists | League of American Bicyclists Ride of Silence

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June 6	National Trails Day	KTMPO – ATAC Opportunity	May	
September 26, 2026	National Car Seat Check Saturday	KTMPO – Social Opportunity		Jolie.person@txdot.org - CAR SEAT CHECKUPS AND EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS
October	Pedestrian Safety Month	KTMPO – ATAC	September	NHTSA
October Date	Unplug Texas Day	KTMPO – ATAC	September	Unplug Texas – Texas Recreation and Park Society
November 15	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	KTMPO - Social		National Safety Council Vision Zero Network World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
December	Holiday Season Drunk Driving Campaign	KTMPO – Social		National Safety Council Traffic Safety Marketing | NHTSA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING NATIONAL BIKE MONTH (MAY 2026) AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS

WHEREAS; National Bike Month is celebrated annually to encourage and promote cycling as a healthy, sustainable, and environmentally friendly mode of transportation; and

WHEREAS; bicycle commuting is an effective means to reduce air pollution caused by vehicular emissions, conserve energy, and promotes the "livability" of communities by reducing traffic, noise, and congestion in Central Texas; 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; The League of American Bicyclists has declared the month of May 2026, as National Bike Month; May 3, 2026 as Ride a Bike Day; May 11 - May 17, 2026 as Bike to Work Week; and May 15, 2026 as Bike to Work Day; and May 20, 2026 as Annual Ride of Silence Event; and

WHEREAS; the UNC Highway Safety Research Center has promoted Walk Bike & Roll to School Day since 2012. The 2026 Walk Bike & Roll to School Day will occur on May xx, 2026; and

WHEREAS; the City of Copperas Cove, Parks and Recreation will host the inaugural Adaptive Bike Rodeo at the Ogletree Gap Preserve on May 9, 2026, from xx am – xxpm; and

WHEREAS; the Safe Kids Mid-Texas and McLane Children's Baylor Scott & White Medical Center hosts the Annual Safe Kids Day and Bike Rodeo on May xx, 2026, from 10 am – 1pm; and

WHEREAS; the Ride of Silence is an annual event dedicated to honoring and remembering cyclists who have been injured or killed while riding on public roadways. Promoting awareness of traffic safety and advocating for safer roadways for cyclists, pedestrians, and all individuals is a shared responsibility. The Ride of Silence provides an opportunity for communities to raise awareness about cyclist safety and the importance of sharing the road with all users. The City of Nolanville will host the 2026 Ride of Silence on May 20, 2025, from 6:30-8pm; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby recognizes the month of May 2026, as National Bike Month; May 3, 2026 as Ride a Bike Day; May 11 - May 17, 2026 as Bike to Work Week; and May 15, 2026 as Bike to Work Day; and May 20, 2026 as Annual Ride of Silence Event; 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 16th day of April 2026, 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:

Councilmember Susan Long,
KTMPO TPPB Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING THE FIRST SATURDAY IN JUNE AS THE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

WHEREAS; The American Hiking Society has declared Saturday, June 6, 2026 as National Trails Day; and

WHEREAS; Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization celebrates trails and encourages outdoor activities that strengthen community ties through trail clean-ups, biking, walking, paddle crafts, and horseback riding; and

WHEREAS; contribute to the region by enhancing connectivity and promoting regional tourism; and

WHEREAS; recognizes that trails promote active lifestyles, recreation, and an opportunity to experience nature; and

WHEREAS; the benefits trails contribute to the overall social and physical well-being of our community and the natural environment; and

WHEREAS; supports the stewardship of existing trail infrastructure by encouraging a variety of outdoor activities, while promoting safety: Sun Country Cycling will lead a Beginner Mountain Bike Ride at Dana Peak Park at 7 a.m.; Tablerock Amphitheater will host a Trail Cleanup at the Amphitheater Trails in Salado at 8 a.m.; the City of Copperas Cove and the Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the opening of trails at Ogletree Gap Preserves at 9 a.m.; and Barrow Brewing Co. will host SUP Salado Paddle Board on Salado Creek at 6 p.m.; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning hereby recognizes Saturday, June 6, 2026, as National Trails Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization supports the stewardship of existing trail infrastructure, the integration of trails and active transportation into daily life, the enhancement of regional connectivity for the future, and recognizes the economic benefits of tourism driven by active transportation and outdoor recreation; and

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 21st day of May 2026 at a regular meeting of the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Policy

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Board, which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, 511.001, *et seq.*, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

ATTEST:

Commissioner Bobby Whitson, KTMPO TPPB Chair	Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2026 AS NATIONAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH

WHEREAS; the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has designated October 2026 as National Pedestrian Safety Month; and

WHEREAS; October 2026 is also recognized as International Walk to School Month, with October 8, 2026, designated as National Walk and Roll to School Day; and

WHEREAS; these designations emphasize the critical importance of protecting our most vulnerable road users by encouraging safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly forms of active transportation; and

WHEREAS; between 2020 and 2023, there were 39 fatal crashes and 88 serious injury crashes involving pedestrians reported in the KTMPO region. That means 127 people—our neighbors, family members, and friends—were killed or seriously injured simply while walking in our communities. This unacceptable toll demands immediate attention; and

WHEREAS; National Pedestrian Safety Month and International Walk to School Month highlight the urgent need for safer roads, lower vehicle speeds, safer vehicles, more effective post-crash care, and improved infrastructure to reduce injuries and fatalities among pedestrians; and

WHEREAS; the availability of safe, accessible, and well-maintained pedestrian infrastructure, including trails, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, and traffic calming measures, is essential for reducing crashes involving pedestrians and promoting more active transportation in our communities; and

WHEREAS; pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility that requires the commitment of all road users and policymakers to ensure our streets are safe for everyone; and

WHEREAS; the promotion of pedestrian safety education—especially in schools—is vital to fostering safe habits among children and youth, empowering the next generation to navigate streets safely and to become advocates for safer, more walkable communities; and

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WHEREAS; KTMPO is committed to supporting and promoting these educational initiatives in collaboration with local jurisdictions, school systems, and community partners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby declares October 2026 as National Pedestrian Safety Month in the KTMPO region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization supports efforts to improve pedestrian infrastructure and encourages all road users to be vigilant, obey traffic laws, and actively work to create a safer environment for pedestrians.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10th day of September 2026 at a regular meeting of the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Policy Board, which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, 511.001, *et seq.*, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

ATTEST:

Bobby Whitson, KTMPO TPPB Chair
Bell County Commissioner

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director
Planning and Regional Services Division Director
Central Texas Council of Governments

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION DECLARING OCTOBER XX, 2026 AS UNPLUG TEXAS DAY

WHEREAS, Unplug Texas Day was created by the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) and adopted by the Texas Legislature through Senate Bill 2232, authored by Senator Adam Hinojosa and sponsored by Representative Ben Bumgarner; and

WHEREAS, Unplug Texas Day encourages residents to disconnect from digital devices and engage in outdoor play, recreation, and community activities offered by local parks and recreation agencies; and

WHEREAS, on average, Americans spend over seven hours per day in front of screens, contributing to rising rates of inactivity, poor mental health, and sleep disruption; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation facilities such as trails, open spaces, pools, and recreation centers provide safe and accessible places for people of all ages to unplug, be active, and connect with nature and one another; and

WHEREAS, research shows that time spent outdoors improves mental clarity, reduces stress, increases physical activity, and fosters strong community bonds; and

WHEREAS, that KTMPO affirms its commitment to supporting and promoting educational and outreach initiatives that advance active transportation throughout the region.

WHEREAS, KTMPO will continue to collaborate with local jurisdictions, school systems, and community partners to encourage public participation in Unplug Texas Day, which invites residents to engage in screen-free recreation, explore local parks, and enjoy active play with family, friends, and neighbors.

WHEREAS, KTMPO encourages residents to participate in Unplug Texas Day by visiting local parks, engaging in screen-free play, and enjoying recreational activities with family, friends, and neighbors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby declares October XX, 2026 as Unplug Texas Day in the KTMPO region.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization supports and encourage all residents to celebrate by unplugging from technology and plugging into Texas' abundant parks, trails, and recreation opportunities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10th day of September 2026 at a regular meeting of the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Policy Board, which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, 511.001, *et seq.*, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

ATTEST:

Bobby Whitson, KTMPO TPPB Chair
Bell County Commissioner

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director
Planning and Regional Services Division Director
Central Texas Council of Governments

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Item #5

Presentation by Kindra Greene with the Elizabeth River Trail Foundation

Regarding a Presentation on "Exploring the Intersection of Active Transportation and Trail Tourism as a Strategy for Sustainable Regional Development"

Background

According to the ATAC Bylaws, ATAC shall advise the KTMPO TPPB and TAC on planning and developing infrastructure, policies, and strategies that prioritize and encourage active transportation in the region, including, but not limited to biking, walking, paddle craft, and equestrian activities. ATAC will ensure that both non-motorized and low-speed electric modes of travel are integrated into broader transportation strategies. One of the ways the committee does this is by Identifying and providing education and technical assistance on funding options that support active transportation projects.

To support ATAC's responsibility of identifying and providing education and technical assistance on funding options for active transportation projects, a philanthropic leader has been invited to present to the committee, offering insights into potential funding partnerships and strategies that align with the committee's goals and regional priorities.

Kindra Greene

Kindra Greene is the Executive Director of the Elizabeth River Trail Foundation. She has a BA from Virginia Wesleyan University and an MFA from Queens University of Charlotte. She served in Americorps' Virginia Service Conservation Corps as a Natural Resource Ranger and has held multiple roles in non-profit leadership focused on community building and economic development. She has been an educator and professional writer for nearly two decades. She is a Certified Interpretive Guide and a Tidewater Master Naturalist and co-chair of the Tidewater Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists. She believes that everyone deserves safe access to green space and that trails can transform communities.

Elizabeth River Trail Foundation

Action Needed: No action needed, for discussion only.

PRESENTER:
KINDRA GREENE

INNOVATIVE FUNDING APPROACHES BEYOND TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SOURCES

- Nonprofit partnerships
- Corporate sponsorships
- Community-driven adopt-a-trail programs
- Employer matching donation programs that amplify individual giving and engage local workforce support



LEARN MORE About the Elizabeth River Trail

Wednesday, 12th November 2025
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Item #6

City of Temple’s Rails to Trails Project

Update to the City of Temple's Rails to Trails Project

The City of Temple's Rails to Trails project is made possible through railbanking—a federal program that allows communities to preserve unused rail corridors for future transportation use while repurposing them as public trails. In this process, local government, acting as a trail sponsor, works with the railroad to acquire the corridor and engages residents in designing and building the trail. Railbanking ensures these corridors remain intact and available for future rail service, while providing immediate recreational and mobility benefits to the community. This approach has been successfully used across the country for over four decades and is supported by longstanding legal precedent.

Jason Deckman is the Principal Planner within the Planning and Development Department for the City of Temple and will provide the update.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

National Headquarters
2445 M Street, NW, Suite 650
Washington, DC 20037
202-331-9696

Understanding Railbanking and the Impact of the "Rails to Trails Landowner Rights Act" (H.R.4924)

WHAT IS RAILBANKING?

Railbanking, established in 1983 as an amendment to the National Trails System Act, is a popular and effective tool to preserve unused rail corridors for future transportation needs while allowing interim use as recreational trails. Through this innovative statute, Congress has safeguarded a tremendous national asset: America's rail corridors, ensuring that they remain available for potential rail reactivation while providing communities with trails for walking, biking and being active outside. Today, there are thousands of miles of railbanked corridors traversing 162 Congressional districts spanning 43 states and Washington, D.C., and more than 9,000 miles of future rail-trail ready to be developed—delivering an essential resource for quality of life, transportation and economic development.

When a corridor is railbanked, a "trail sponsor," such as a local government, negotiates with the railroad to acquire the right of way and works with residents to design and build the trail. Through railbanking, corridors are preserved by the federal government, which is responsible for compensating landowners if a legal property interest has been taken. Over more than four decades, railbanking has been upheld by the Supreme Court and is widely used by rural, urban, and suburban communities to keep unused rail corridors intact while providing an essential service to people and places nationwide.



Pictured Above: The 240-mile Katy Trail State Park in Missouri was one of the first railbanked rail-trails in the country. The trail was completed in 2011 and is a shining national example of rural trail tourism. Photo by Ned Boyle.

KEY FEATURES OF RAILBANKING

- **Interim Trail Use:** The corridor is converted into a public-use trail, providing community benefits while maintaining the corridor's structural integrity should it be reactivated in the future for rail service.
- **Voluntary Agreements:** Railbanking occurs through mutual consent between the railroad owner and a trail sponsor, such as a government agency or nonprofit organization.
- **Preservation of Corridors:** Railbanking protects rail corridors, preventing them from being dismantled or sold in fragments, ensuring they remain viable for future rail and transportation projects.

BENEFITS OF RAILBANKING

- **Future Rail Conservation:** Rail corridors remain intact, preserving the right and opportunity to reinstate rail service, creating efficiency and saving costs.
- **Community Enhancement:** Trails improve quality of life, promote mobility and recreation, and create economic opportunities through tourism and local business growth.
- **Environmental Protection:** Preserved corridors foster biodiversity, conserve green spaces, and mitigate urban sprawl.
- **Public Health Benefits:** Trails promote physical activity and provide safe transportation alternatives.

Learn more about railbanking at **RailstoTrails.org/Railbanking**.



The 52-mile Cedar Valley Nature Trail was among the nation's first railbanked trails, opening in 1984 as Iowa's first completed rail-trail. Today, it is part of the cross-country Great American Rail-Trail®. Photo by Liz Zabel, courtesy GO Cedar Rapids.

HOW THE "RAILS TO TRAILS LANDOWNER RIGHTS ACT" (H.R.4924) THREATENS RAILBANKING

The "Rails to Trails Landowner Rights Act" (H.R.4924) effectively destroys the viability of railbanking, undercutting the law at the foundation of the nation's decades-long movement to preserve unused railroad corridors as multiuse trails. ***The bill is an unconstitutional attack on railbanking, violating Fifth Amendment rights, masquerading as a series of process improvements that are anything but.*** It introduces exceedingly burdensome and unworkable changes to railbanking, outlined below, that threaten future and existing rail-trails and risk causing irreparable harm to the nation's rail corridors.

- The bill would unconstitutionally shift financial liability from the federal government to trail sponsors, most often **local governments, to compensate adjacent landowners for all "costs"** claimed to be associated with trail use, regardless of whether there is a property interest justifying compensation.
- Trail sponsor must obtain, within 30 days of filing a statement of willingness to railbank, signed written approval of **every adjacent landowner** as a condition of railbanking. Lack of affirmative consent from even a single landowner would preclude railbanking, leaving these corridors irreparably fragmented or lost.
- Trail sponsors must assume **lifetime responsibility for maintaining the corridor** until it is reactivated for rail service, creating long-term liabilities even for short-term trail sponsors, discouraging anyone from stepping in to save a corridor pending identification of a permanent trail sponsor.
- The trail sponsor will be required to **conduct and pay for unnecessary cost-benefit analysis** addressing impacts on security, bio security, food security, and other irrelevant issues. This and other new, unnecessary administrative requirements could **delay the railbanking process and add greater expense**, discouraging trail sponsors like local governments from protecting rail corridors.
- The Surface Transportation Board (STB) will be required to **review all existing railbanked corridors then provide** recommendations to Congress for maintenance requirements of trail sponsors, which could encourage unnecessary and impractical federal control of local roles, and consider requests to narrow the width of corridors to match future railroad needs, but such needs are not known prior to reinstatement of rail service.

These draconian changes exceed the capacity of the STB to manage and will result in lost opportunities to invest in America's rural areas and cities, alongside the loss of transportation corridors, green spaces, historic sites and public trails that provide invaluable quality of life and economic development opportunities for communities nationwide.

The full text of the bill is available at **rtc.li/antirailtrailbill**.

Updated September 9, 2025

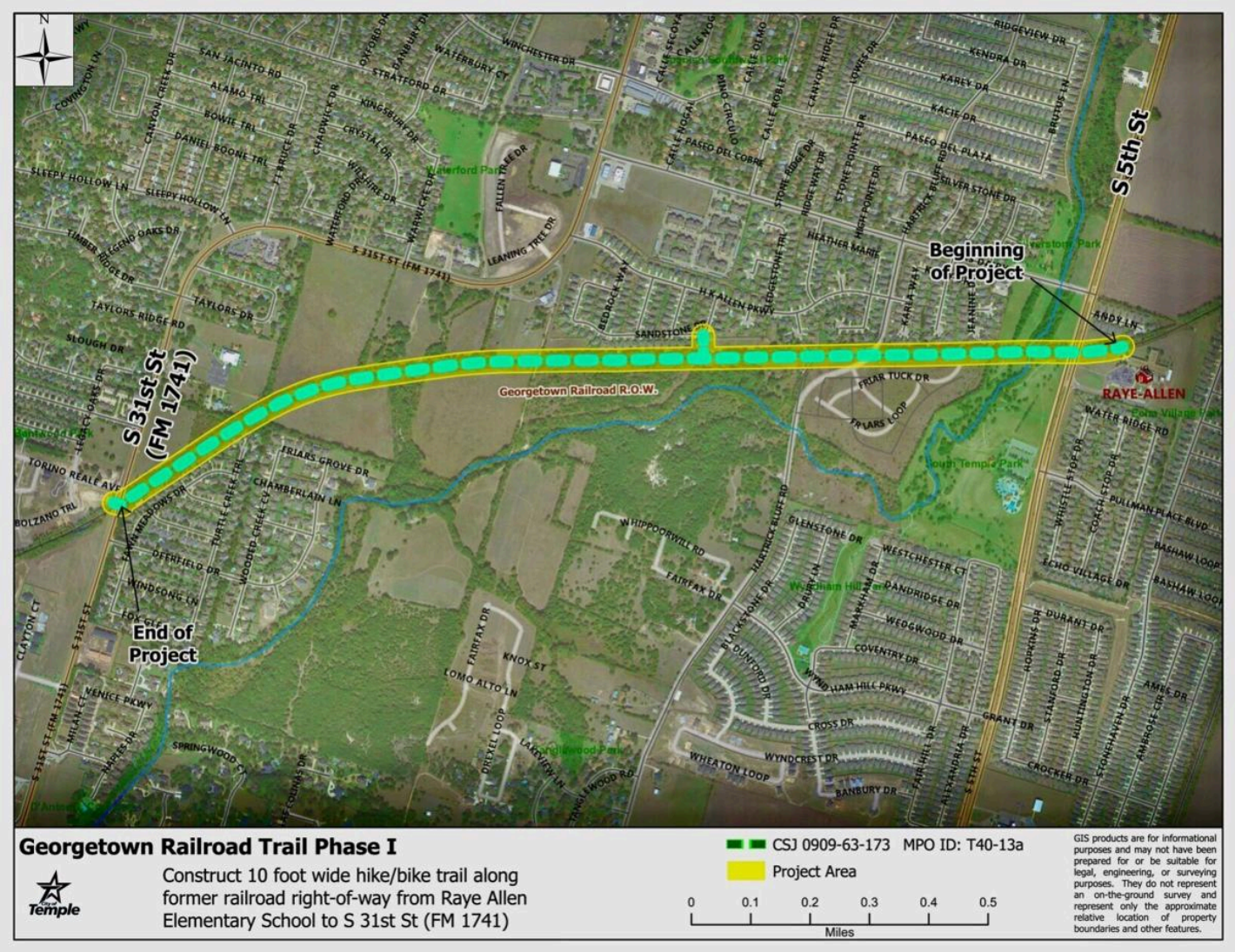
RAILS TO Trails conservancy

https://www.tdtnews.com/news/central_texas_news/article_0612e13b-fedc-4419-8fc6-4ca64bf71207.html

WIRE

New year, new construction: $3M Rails to Trails project begins January

BY IAN CAMACHO | TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER
Oct 28, 2025



Phase I of the proposed Georgetown Railroad Trail set to begin January.

Courtesy

Temple's long-delayed Georgetown Railroad conversion project finally has an official construction start date.

According to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, Georgetown-based engineers Kasberg Patrick and Associates will begin construction on the $3-million, eight-month "Rails to Trails Improvement Project" on Jan. 15, with completion scheduled for Sept. 15.

The scope of the work will include installing 8,000 linear feet of 10-foot-wide (80,000-square-foot) accessible trails, including lighting, pedestrian ramps, a high-intensity activated crosswalk signal, and crosswalks along the Old Georgetown Railroad from South 31st Street to east of South Fifth Street near the Raye-Allen Elementary School.

The trail will provide a direct connection between Raye-Allen Elementary School and the Deerfield, Stonegate, Bentwood and Bella Terra neighborhoods. It will also connect to South Temple Park, Lion's Junction Water Park, and the mixed-use Legacy Ranch development near FM 93.

The city of Temple purchased the railroad right of way in 2010.

In 2020, the city attorney's office applied for "railbanking" — federal approval allowing the conversion of inactive railroads into trails — although Temple must maintain the right of way in case future needs require railroad reconstruction.

In May 2021, the federal Surface Transportation Board approved the conversion of the inactive rail line into a hike-and-bike trail. The trail includes MK&T Railroad Bridge, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The city first announced construction funding through the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization in May 2024, although the press release had claimed construction would begin this fall.

The 2024 announcement also stated the organization allocated another $3.5 million for the construction of Phase II of the Georgetown Railroad Trail project.

Phase two will create a path from South 31st Street to the bridge over the Leon River in Belton, connecting the nearby cities as the railroad did years ago.

The city of Temple's mobility projects website states this project will help provide a safe alternative transportation route, connect neighborhoods, and bridge a gap between Temple and Belton.

The city anticipates completing Phase II designs by the spring of 2026, according to spokesperson Megan Price.

There are plans for a possible phase three, which would be an extension of the 10-foot concrete hike-and-bike trail from the railroad right of way on the Belton side of the Leon River from the Historic MK&T Truss bridge, across Taylors Valley Road and the Leon River to connect with the Bend of the River Park.

"Each phase has its own dedicated funding source and construction schedule, which reflects our ongoing commitment to expanding Temple's trail system and improving multimodal connectivity for residents and visitors alike," Price wrote.

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Item #7

Update to the Regional Active Transportation Plan

KTMPO Regional Active Transportation Plan Update

KTMPO adopted the Regional Multimodal Plan (RMP) on September 20, 2018. The plan explored ways to adapt to evolving transportation modes by shifting the focus to a broader approach that included biking, walking, and public transit.

In 2020, The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) began the Texas Active Transportation Plan Inventory. In the Fall of 2023, TxDOT conducted a combined outreach effort for the Statewide Active Transportation Plan and the Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan. The Existing State of Active Transportation Report was made available in February 2025.

During the September 11, 2024, BPAC meeting, KTMPO staff recommended developing a Regional Active Transportation Plan that identifies opportunities for multi-jurisdictional trail connections and to promote innovative strategies that support walking, cycling, and other forms of active transportation. The plan will focus on integrating safe routes to school, sidewalks, bike paths, transit stops, parks, and shared-use paths across the region.

Objective

Develop a comprehensive GIS-based inventory to support the creation of a Regional Active Transportation Plan, prioritizing safety, sidewalk infrastructure around schools, and neighborhood connectivity, while also identifying opportunities for trail development, park access, and economic growth through enhanced mobility and recreational infrastructure. The inventory will identify existing infrastructure, gaps, and opportunities for walking, biking, and rolling (micromobility), with a focus on creating safe, accessible, and convenient routes for children, families, and individuals commuting to work and higher education facilities.

- The Regional Active Transportation Plan will support healthier lifestyles, reduce traffic congestion near schools, and foster stronger, more connected communities.
- Utilize stakeholder and public engagement, TAC/PB and ATAC to prioritize desired connectivity in the development of the regional Active Transportation Plan.
- The plan demonstrates planning readiness, improves grant competitiveness, will help prioritize projects and encourages multimodal integration.

Schedule Update

As the first round of public engagement concluded, it became evident that the schedule underestimated the time required for data collection, processing, and analysis, and did not fully account for the level of detail and coordination involved.

- GIS Limitations.

- Some communities involved in the project have limited GIS infrastructure, which has slowed progress on spatial analysis. Additionally, we are in the process of transitioning to a new GIS platform, which will enhance our capabilities, but the full switch is expected to occur within the next six months. Until then, mapping and analysis will remain constrained.
- Mapping and Data Interpretation Challenges
- To streamline the process, staff combined two plans into a single survey. While this approach aimed to increase efficiency, it ultimately resulted in less clarity. Although we received over 70 responses, many lacked specific location data (such as intersections), making them difficult to map accurately. As a result, a significant portion of the feedback is open to interpretation.
- The revised schedule is included in the packet.

Digital Map

The digital map now reflects the initial round of public feedback and incorporates pedestrian and bicycling icons that are sourced directly from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) map.

Digital Map Link

Drafting the Content

The next phase of the Regional Active Transportation Plan involves drafting the content that will guide future infrastructure, policy, and program decisions across the region. Once the initial draft is complete, it will be shared with ATAC members via email for review and feedback prior to launching public engagement activities. Input from the committee and the public will be incorporated through a collaborative stakeholder review and editing process, leading to final approval by the TAC and TPPB.

The packet includes the draft Table of Contents and beginning narrative for the Regional Active Transportation Plan, providing an initial framework for review and discussion.

Project Scoring

Providing input to TAC and TPPB during the evaluation of active transportation projects submitted to KTMPO for funding consideration, with the understanding that the project scoring process is currently under review. ATAC's involvement would be amended to align with any revised project scoring process the Policy Board selects.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Regional Active Transportation Plan Update Schedule

Dates	Task
June 23 – July 21, 2025	45-day Public Comment Period – Inventory Map Layers
June 23 – July 21, 2025	Comments may be received in any of the following ways: Email: ktmpo@ctcog.org Phone: 254-770-2364 U.S. Postal Service: Killeen-Temple MPO C/O Anita Janke, RATP P.O. Box 729, Belton, TX 76523 Comments must be received or postmarked by Monday July 21, 2025 to be included in the official record of public meeting.
June 26, 2025 **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**	Helping Hands Ministry of Belton 2210 Holland Rd. Belton, TX 76513
June 26, 2025 **2:00pm-3:00 AM**	Virtual Meeting Join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. https://meet.goto.com/938515829 *Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:* https://meet.goto.com/install You can also dial in using your phone. Telephone Number: +1 (224) 501-3412 Access Code: 938-515-829
June 28, 2025 **10:00 AM-1:00 PM**	Copperas Cove Public Library 501 S. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522
June 27, 2025 **6:30 – 7:30 PM**	City of Killeen Parks & Recreation Bike Rodeo 2201 East Veterans Memorial Blvd., Killeen, TX 76543
July 5, 2025 **9:00 AM-12:00 PM**	**CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER** Barrow Brewing at the Farmer's Market 108 Royal St., Salado, TX 76571
August 13, 2025	ATAC Mtg Update
November 12, 2025	ATAC Mtg Update
December 10, 2025	ATAC Review via Email Begins
December 15, 2025 – **January 12, 2026**	30-day Final Public Comment Period

December 15, 2025 – January 12, 2026	Comments may be received in any of the following ways: Email: ktmpo@ctcog.org Phone: 254-770-2364 U.S. Postal Service: Killeen-Temple MPO C/O Anita Janke, RATP P.O. Box 729, Belton, TX 76523 Comments must be received or postmarked by Monday January 12, 2026 to be included in the official record of public meeting.
TBD	Meet-and-Greet / Open House Style – In Person
TBD	Formal Meeting Followed by Open House – In Person
December 16, 2025 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Virtual Meeting Join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. https://meet.goto.com/938515829 *Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:* https://meet.goto.com/install You can also dial in using your phone. Telephone Number: +1 (224) 501-3412 Access Code: 938-515-829
January 7 & 21, 2026	TAC/PB Reviews Plan
February 11, 2026	ATAC recommends adoption, pending any amendments resulting from public or stakeholder feedback received during the public engagement and review process.
February 4 & 18, 2026	TAC/PB Recommend Plan Adoption

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Section 1: Regional Active Transportation Background & History

Chapter Title: Where the Trails Begin: A Look Back at the Roads That Shaped Our Region

- Policy
- Introduction of MPO Jurisdictions, Fort Hood, Belton Lake, Still House Lake, Lampasas River
- ATAC Bylaws

Section 2: Insights from Surveys and Parks and Recreation Master Plans

Chapter Title: Gathering the Grit: Local Wisdom from the Heart of Texans

- SS4A Engagement Summary
- 2017 Survey Reflections
- Current Survey Highlights
- Parks & Recreation Master Plan Integration

Section 3: Best Practices in Regional Active Transportation

Chapter Title: Blazing New Trails for Central Texas

Section 4: Collaboration & Funding

Chapter Title: Harnessing the Herd: Trails as Catalysts for Health and Outdoor Investment Strategies

- Policy & Community Support – Resolutions & Proclamations Supporting Active Living (CTCOG & KTMPO)
  - Texas Trails Day
  - Unplug Texas
  - Pedestrian Safety Month
  - National Bike Month
  - Distracted Driving Awareness Month
  - National Public Health Week
  - Park and Recreation Month
  - Vision Zero
  - Local Government Resolutions – Examples of city or county proclamations supporting active transportation, health, and safety.

- Health Integration & Wellness Partnerships
  - Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) - How transportation and outdoor access impact physical, mental, and community health in rural areas.
  - Blue Zones Principles - Opportunities to align with walkability, community design, and longevity strategies.
  - Health Initiatives Promoting Outdoor Space
    - RACES (Regional Active Community Engagement Strategies)
    - Local health department programs
    - School-based wellness initiatives
    - Hospital and clinic partnerships for trail prescriptions

- Federal & State Grants
- SS4A (Safe Streets and Roads for All)
- RAISE Grants
- TA Set-Aside (Transportation Alternatives)
- CDC's Active People, Healthy Nation
- TPWD Recreational Trails Program
- REPI
- Regional Partnerships
  - MPO-member jurisdictions
  - Parks & Recreation departments
  - Public health agencies
  - School districts and universities
  - Nonprofits and advocacy groups

- Trail Tourism & Economic Development
  - Trails as destinations: (Great Springs Project & Redline Initiative) linking parks, historic sites, and town centers
  - Agritourism and eco-tourism tie-ins (e.g., ranch trails, nature preserves, birding routes)
  - Regional branding: "Ride, Walk, Explore Central Texas" campaigns
  - Collaboration with tourism boards, Main Street programs, and regional development councils

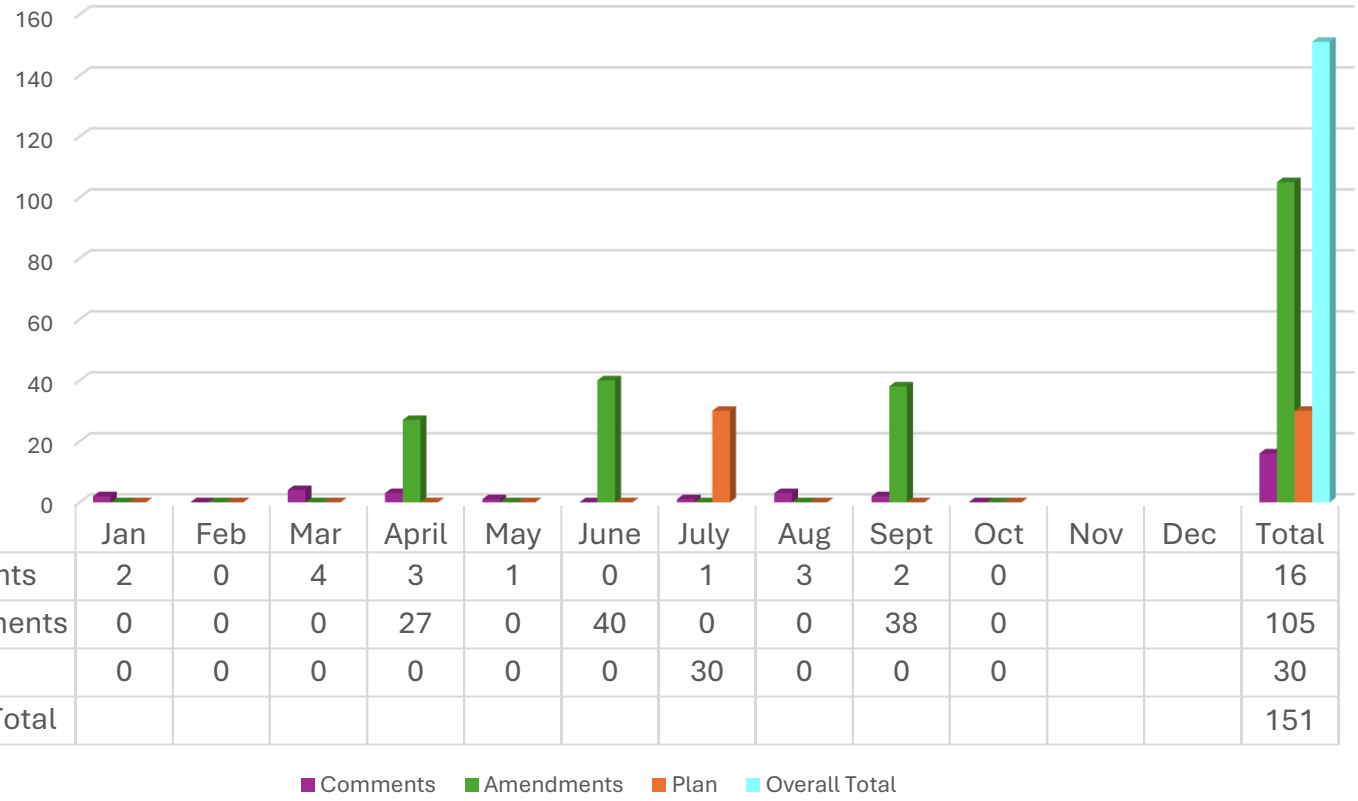
- Private & Philanthropic Support
  - Health systems and insurers: promoting active lifestyles and preventive care
  - Local businesses and chambers: trailhead amenities, sponsorships, events
  - Foundations focused on rural health and mobility: supporting equity, mental health, and community resilience

- Public Transit & Mobility Integration
  - Rural Transit Partnerships: Highlight collaboration with regional transit providers (e.g., Hill Country Transit District) to connect trails, parks, and community hubs.
  - First-Mile/Last-Mile Strategies: Explore how active transportation infrastructure (sidewalks, bike paths) supports transit access, especially for seniors, youth, and people with disabilities.
  - Transit-Linked Health Access: Showcase how transit routes can improve access to health services, outdoor spaces, and wellness programs.
  - Funding Synergies: Identify opportunities to combine transit and active transportation funding (e.g., FTA Section 5311, TA Set-Aside, SS4A).
  - Multimodal Planning: Emphasize the importance of integrating transit stops with trailheads, parks, and pedestrian-friendly zones.

Item #8

Public Input

PUBLIC COMMENTS BY THE NUMBERS



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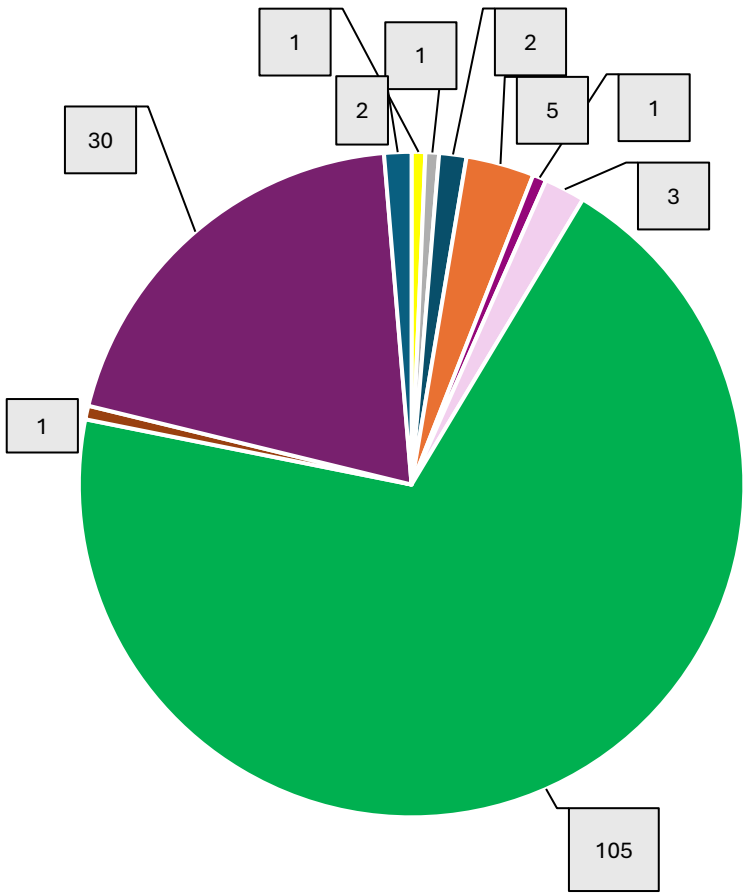
Comments	2	0	4	3	1	0	1	3	2	0			16
Amendments	0	0	0	27	0	40	0	0	38	0			105
Plan	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0			30
Overall Total													151

PUBLIC COMMENTS BY TOPICS



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Date Received	**Source**	**Topic**	**Jurisdiction**	**Comment**	**Is the Project in the 2050 MTP?**	**KTMPO Response**	**Name**
9/23/2025	Outreach Activity	Public Transit	HCTD	Regarding using Texas Relay for hearing impaired to schedule services.	No	Thank you for your question on the process for utilizing Texas Relay services in connection with Hill Country Transit District (HOP) services. While public transit scheduling procedures are outside of KTMPO's jurisdiction, we appreciate you taking the time to speak with us about the challenges and advocating for your friend. In the spirit of collaboration and supporting regional transportation efforts, we are sharing your comment with the Hill Country Transit District (HOP) team. Please note that your comment is also part of public record. We value your engagement and encourage you to continue providing feedback on transportation issues in our region. Thank you for helping us improve transportation in our region.	Tonjua Coleman
9/23/2025	Outreach Activity	Public Transit	HCTD	Requesting information on public transit from Main Street in Troy to Walmart and other locations in Temple	No	Thank you for your comment/question regarding public transit services from Main Street, Troy to Walmart and other locations in Temple. While public transit schedules fall outside of KTMPO's jurisdiction, we appreciate you taking the time to speak with us about the challenges and advocate for your friend. In the spirit of collaboration and supporting regional transportation efforts, we are sharing your comment with the Hill Country Transit District (HOP) team and the City of Troy administrator, so they are aware of your friends' transportation needs. Please note that your comment is also part of public record. We value your engagement and encourage you to continue providing feedback on transportation issues in our region. Thank you for helping us improve transportation in our region.	Carol Kelley
8/24/2024	Social Media	Bike/Ped	Multi	I wish we could get a full network of hike and bike trails/shared paths along as much of Nolan creek connecting killeen to heights and then nolanville to belton.	No	Thank you for sharing your idea! We truly appreciate creative and forward-thinking input like this. While Phase One of the public comment period for the Active Transportation Plan is now closed, your comment has been noted and will be shared with our member jurisdictions, the Policy Board, and the Technical Advisory Committee for consideration. Stay tuned — Phase Two of the comment period opens on December 15, 2025, and will run for two weeks. We encourage you to participate again and share additional feedback!	Joseph LaMotte
8/13/2025	Social Media	Road/Highway Project	City of Harker Heights	In response to a December 2024 post about construction on Warriors Path Phase 2: "Any update to completion schedule?"	Yes	Update received from City of Harker Heights: The City of Harker Heights let us know that the scheduled completion date for the project is January 2026 —thanks for your patience and interest!	Gilbert Rascon
8/13/2025	Email | Phone | Website	Bike/Ped	City of Belton	Requesting information on a county or city-sponsored rebate or incentive programs that support e-bike business.	N/A	Staff conducted research and the City of Nolanville expressed an interest in exploring the idea. Staff left voice mesages on 8/14/2025, 8/20/2025 and 8/29/2025. The request is no longer being pursued.	Chad Dillard
7/13/2025	Social Media	Idea	City of Killeen	This would be a good event to make use of the skateparks in Killeen and to help out the lees fortunate people in our community. *Referring to the 4DWN EXPERIENCE by BAM MARGERA Pro-Skater & TV Personality *	N/A	Thank you for sharing your idea! We really appreciate creative and forward-thinking input like this. Your comment has been noted and will be shared with the member jurisdiction, Policy Board, and Technical Advisory Committee for consideration.	Christopher Turner

Public Input Received through the Previous Month

KTMPO has been collecting public comments received online, via emails, public meetings, workshops, community activities, 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 through the previous month is included in the meeting packet.

Additionally, public comments were received for the proposed Amendments to the FY25–28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Project Listing. All comments are documented in the Public Engagement Log.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Item #9

Staff Update

Staff Update

a) Meeting Schedule;
Listed below are the upcoming KTMPO meetings:

Date	Meeting
January 7, 2026	Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
January 21, 2026	Transportation Planning Policy Board Meeting
February 4, 2026	Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
February 11, 2026	Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
February 18, 2026	Transportation Planning Policy Board Meeting

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) Federal Updates;
c) Webinars and Other Updates;

CY 2026

KTMPO Meeting Calendar

TAC typically 1st Wednesday of Month

TPPB typically 3rd Wednesday of

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**If a meeting is needed in the months of August, November, or December, the Policy Board Chair will call a special meeting.*

TAC
TPPB
ATAC
Holidays
AMPO Annual Conference

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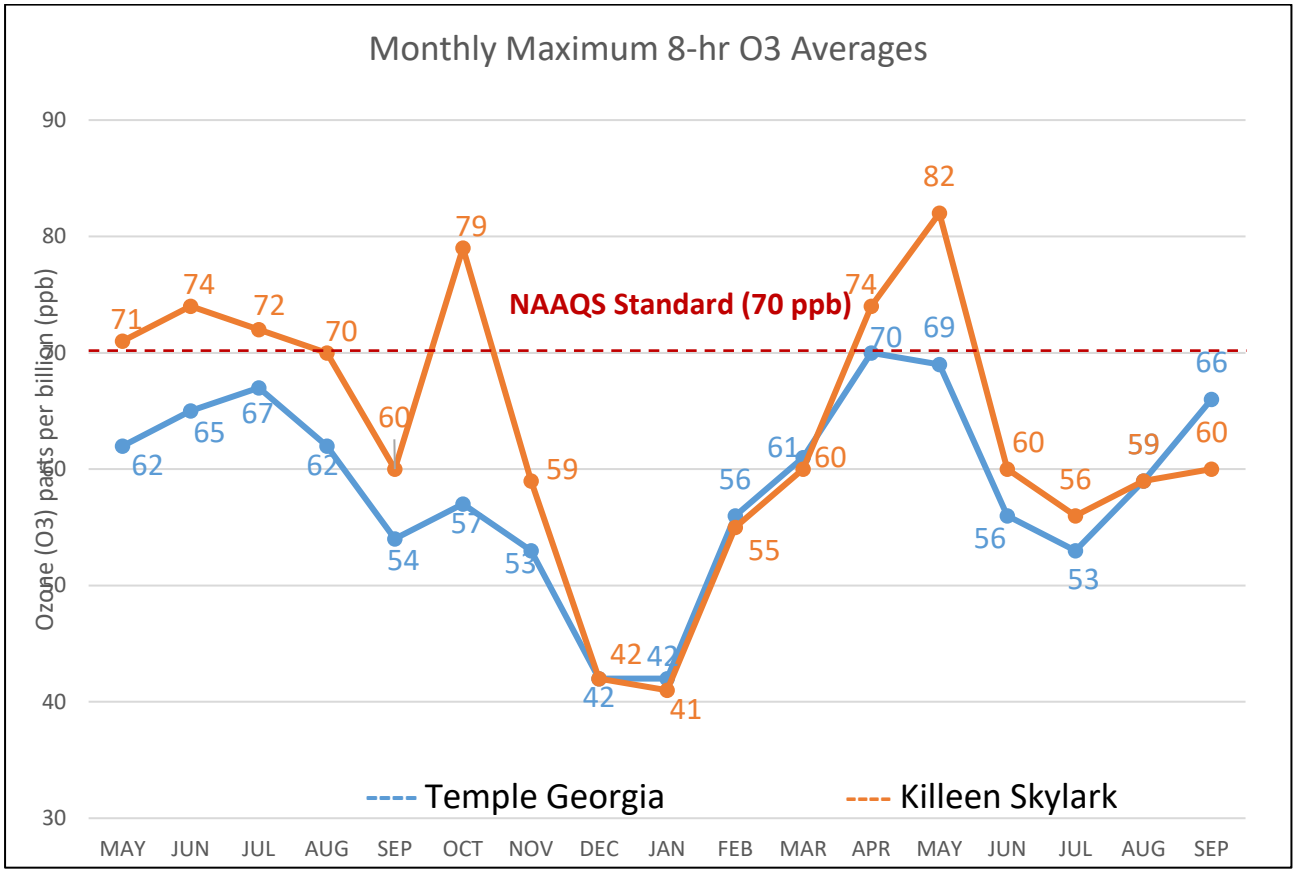
d) Air Quality



Compliance with EPA Ozone Standard: 4th Highest Annual Value	**2023**	**2024**	**2025***	3-year average (Calculated on September 25, 2025)
Temple	76	61	66	**68**
Killeen	76	71	71	**73**

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Item #10

Member Comments

Member Comments and Updates on Community Activities

As we transition into winter and adjust to shorter days with the recent time change, activity across the region continues to grow. This season offers a timely opportunity to spotlight and support the work of ATAC members who are actively promoting community wellness through organized runs, bike races, and recreational events. These gatherings not only encourage active transportation and healthy lifestyles but also provide meaningful platforms to engage the public in conversations about mobility, safety, and accessibility, especially as families seek ways to stay active during the holiday season.

The committee recognizes and appreciates the efforts of members who lead and host these events, as they directly contribute to ATAC's mission by fostering community connections and raising awareness of active transportation goals. Continued support for these initiatives through participation, promotion, and alignment with planning efforts helps strengthen the impact of ATAC's work across the region.

Meeting Attendance

ATAC Meeting Membership Attendance for FY24-FY25

Entity | Interest	Name	Date Appointed	12/13/2023	3/13/2024	6/12/2024	9/11/2024	12/11/2024	2/12/2025	5/14/2025	8/13/2025	11/12/2025
Pedestrian Interest	Kara Escajeda, Chair (11/12/2025)	Sep-24	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	M	-	M	M	
City of Belton	Joe Dyer, Vice Chair (6/24)	Nov-23	M	M	M	M	-	M	-	M	
Cycling Interest	Geary McCabe	Dec-23	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	
Cycling Interest	Keller Matthews	Dec-23	-	M	-	M	M	M	M	M	
Cycling Interet	Chad Welch	Dec-23	-	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	
Pedestrian Interest	Kara Escajeda	Sep-24	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	M	-	M	M	
City of Temple	Jason Deckman	Mar-21	M	M	O	O	M	M	M	-	
City of Copperas Cove	Jeff Stoddard	Dec-23	-	-	-	M	-	M	M	-	
City of Nolanville	Tersa Chandler	Jun-24	M	-	O	O	M	O	O	-	
Fort Hood	Gene Roberts	Dec-23	M	M	M	M	-	M	O	O	
Hill Country Transit District	James Wickham	Dec-24	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	O	O	O	
TxDOT Waco District	Racheal Perry	Feb-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	O	O	O	
City of Harker Heights	Amy Atkins	Feb-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	O	O	
Other: Running Events	KD Hill w/Barrow Brewing	Feb-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	O	O	
Other: Economic Development	Holly Owens	Feb-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	-	O	
Youth Interest	Lauren Morrell	May-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	
Equestrian Interest	Vacant		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Pedestrian Interest	Vacant		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Municipality	Vacant		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
County	Vacant		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Other	Vacant		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Attendance Legend	
Member	M
Proxy	P
Online	O
Provided Advanced Notice	-
Not Present	-

KTMPO Contacts, Acronyms, and Terms

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Municipality	VACANT	VACANT		
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Municipality	City of Temple	Jason Deckman	(254) 298-5668	jdeckman@templetx.gov
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Pedestrian	VACANT	VACANT		
Equestrian	VACANT	VACANT		
Youth	Citizen Rep.	Lauren Morrell	(315) 405-2504	laurenmorrell84@gmail.com
Other: Economic Development	City of Gatesville	Holly Owens	(254) 290-0545	howens@gatesvilletx.com
Other: Running Events	Barrow Brewing	KD Hill	(254) 947-3544	kd@barrowbrewing.com
Other	VACANT	VACANT		

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Commonly Used Transportation Related Acronyms and Terms

Organizations	Terms
KTMPO	**TMA**
Killeen – Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization	Transportation Management Area
TPPB (KTMPO)	**MAP - 21**
Transportation Planning Policy Board	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (legislation replaced SAFETEA-LU in July 2012)
TAC (KTMPO)	**SAFETEA – LU**
Technical Advisory Committee	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act
FHWA	**MPO**
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration	Metropolitan Planning Organization
FTA	**UPWP**
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration	Unified Planning Work Program
TxDOT	**MTP**
Texas Department of Transportation	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
TCEQ	**TIP**
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Transportation Improvement Program
TTI	**STIP**
Texas A&M Transportation Institute	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
CTCOG	**STP-MM**
Central Texas Council of Governments	Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility
HCTD or "The HOP"	**TAP**
Hill Country Transit District	Transportation Alternatives Program
CTRTAG	**UTP**
Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group	Unified Transportation Program
BPAC	**CMAQ**
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
	UA or UZA
	Urbanized Area
	EJ or "Title VI"
	Environmental Justice
	CMP
	Congestion Management Process
	ITS
	Intelligent Transportation Systems
	NAAQS
	National Ambient Air Quality Standards

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