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KILLEEN-TEMPLE
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ATAC

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

November 4, 2026

Agenda

Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization
Active Transportation Advisory Committee
Wednesday, November 4, 2026

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

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ITEM #4

Meeting Minutes

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9:30 AM

Regular Meeting
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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	Geary McCabe	*	
Cycling Representative	Keller Matthews	N	
Pedestrian Representative	Chair, Kara Escajeda	Y	
Running Representative	KD Hill	*	
Economic Development	Holly Owens	N	
Pedestrian	Parker Petersen	Y	
Equestrian	Vacant		
Youth	Lauren Morrell	*	
City of Belton	Joe Dyer	Y	
City of Copperas Cove	Jeff Stoddard	N	
City of Harker Heights	Amy Atkins	N	
Municipality	Vacant		
Municipality	Vacant		
City of Nolanville	Teresa Chandler	Y	
TxDOT – Waco	Daniel Davilla	*	
Fort Hood	Mario Perez	Y/A	Waleska Gonzalez-Rodriguez
HCTD	James Wickham	Y	
County	Vacant		
Other	Vacant		

NON-VOTING ATTENDEES			
Ona Trubee	Parrie Haynes Ranch Equestrian	*	N/A
STB	S2HC	Y	N/A
BAB	S2HC	Y	N/A
Robin Stallings	BikeTexas	*	N/A
Crystal Kazakos	City of Killeen	*	N/A
James Grant	City of Belton	Y	N/A
Uryan Nelson	CTCOG	*	N/A
Tay Floyd	KTMPO	Y	N/A
Kendra Coufal	KTMPO	Y	N/A
Anita Janke	KTMPO	Y	N/A

Meeting Minutes:

1. **Call to Order:** Joe Dyer called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M.

2. **Introductions.**

3. **Opportunity for Public Comment:** None.

4. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from the May 13, 2026, meeting.

   Joe Dyer made a motion to approve May 13, 2026, minutes, seconded by James Wickham; the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding the Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY27.

   Kara Escajeda, Texas Parks and Wildlife, provided an update regarding the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair for FY 2027, including the nomination process and voting procedures in accordance with ATAC bylaws.

   Blank made a motion to have Blank become the chair, seconded by Blank; the motion passed unanimously.

   Blank made a motion to have Blank become the vice-chair, seconded by blank; the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending approval of Resolution 2026-07 proclaiming October 2026 as National Pedestrian Safety Month and the addition of supporting activities.

Anita Janke, KTMPO Regional Planner, provided an overview of National Pedestrian Safety Month, highlighting pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries in the KTMPO region from 2021 to 2024. She emphasized the importance of pedestrian safety education, shared responsibility among all road users, and improvements to pedestrian infrastructure. She also presented Resolution 2026-07, recommending the proclamation of October 2026 as National Pedestrian Safety Month.

BLANK made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 2026-07 proclaiming October 2026 as National Pedestrian Safety Month and the addition of supporting activities, seconded by BLANK; the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Discussion Item:** Regarding recommending approval of Resolution 2026-08 proclaiming October 21, 2026 as Unplug Texas Day and the addition of supporting activities.

   Teresa Chandler, City of Nolanville, provided an overview of Unplug Texas Day, highlighting the statewide initiative encouraging residents to disconnect from electronic devices and participate in outdoor recreation, physical activity, and community engagement. She discussed the benefits of spending time in parks, on trails, and in recreational settings. She also presented Resolution 2026-08, recommending approval to proclaim October 21, 2026, as Unplug Texas Day.

   BLANK made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 2026-08 proclaiming October 21, 2026 as Unplug Texas Day and the addition of supporting activities, seconded by BLANK; the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Legislative Update on Electric Bicycles.

   Robin Stallings, BikeTexas Executive Director, provided an update on proposed 2027 e-bike legislation, including bicycle safety, consumer protections, and expanding access to state parks and trails for e-bikes.

9. **Discussion Item:** Regarding presentation on the 2026-2036 Beltron Parks, Recreation, Trails & Open Spaces Master Plan.

   James Grant, City of Belton Parks and Recreation Director,

10. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Active Transportation Lessons Learned, Safety Spotlight: Serving to Help Cyclists.

    Sean Beamesderfer, Cyclist Safety Advocate,

11. **Discussion Item:** Regarding upcoming Community Activities for the period of August-November 2026.

    James Wickham, Hill Country Transit District,

12. Discussion Item: Regarding recreation and local park grants.

Kara Escajeda

13. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through July 2026.

Anita Janke, KTMPO Public Engagement Practitioner,

14. Staff Update:

BLANK, KTMPO Regional Planner, provided an overview of upcoming meetings as well as the air quality rating for the month.

15. Member Comments

None

14. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 AM.

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

ATTEST:

_____ _____

Kara Escajeda, Chair Kendra Coufal, KTMPO Director

ITEM #5

New ATAC Membership Requests

New Membership

Background

The ATAC shall be comprised of governmental agency staff, non-governmental organizations and citizens in the KTMPO region who express an interest in active transportation. Membership should reflect the diversity of active transportation modes as outlined in Articles I and II of the Bylaws and the interests affected by transportation policy decisions, ensuring that planning considerations are approached from a comprehensive and inclusive perspective.

The ATAC voting membership consists of representatives from the following agencies, and active transportation interests. Membership will be limited to 20, and members may be individuals or represent a group. Eligible members must reside in Bell, Coryell or Lampasas County.

Bicycle	3 representatives
Walking	2 representatives
Equestrian	1 representative
Municipalities	6 representatives
County Government	1 representative
Fort Hood	1 representative
TxDOT Waco District	1 representative
Public Transit	1 representative
Youth	1 representative
Other Active Transportation Interests: • Trail Enthusiast • Tourism Boards • Chambers of Commerce • ADA Advocacy Group • Running Events • Paddle Craft	3 representatives

Nomination Process

The nomination process for ATAC membership will be as follows:

- Municipal and county representatives will be appointed in writing by the mayor, judge, or their designated representative.
- Organizations or individuals wishing to secure a voting position on the ATAC may submit a written request to the chairperson or KTMPO staff, outlining the individual they propose to represent their organization's transportation interests, what that interest is, and their potential contribution. The ATAC members will review each nomination and make a recommendation to the TPPB for approval.

November 4, 2026

Active Transportation Advisory Committee — Agenda Item # 5

Staff received a membership request from Sean Beamesderfer, a 15-year-old applicant whose letter of interest is included in the packet for review. While the committee's youth representative position is currently filled, the applicant has expressed a strong interest in active transportation and cycling and could serve as a representative of the cycling community. If appointed, he would be the youngest member serving on the committee.

Action Needed: Review the membership request, accompanying letter of interest and consider making a recommendation to the Policy Board regarding the appointment of Sean Beamesderfer, as a cycling representative at ATAC.

From: S2HC <info@servingtohelpcyclists.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2026 2:53 PM
To: Anita Janke <anita.janke@ctcog.org>
Subject: RE: ATAC Membership Interest

Mrs. Janke,

Thank you for this and here is my request.

My main interest in cycling is focused on safe roads. I enjoy being out on the roads and learning how traffic works, how drivers react, and how cyclists can stay protected. I have been part of discussions with the Nolanville Police PD and beginning conversations with Belton PD about improving road safety for riders, and I am learning how communication between cyclist and police departments can help prevent accidents. Safe roads matter to me because they help youth and families feel confident when riding.

I enjoy cycling because I like being on the roads and experiencing the freedom and confidence it gives me. I also enjoy helping the community understand the risks cyclists face and showing people simple ways to stay safer. Learning about traffic, hand signals, and safe riding habits is something I want to keep improving in, and I want to help others feel more comfortable and protected when they ride.

I have attended an ATAC meetings with my dad and learned how the committee works to improve safety and community engagement. Listening to discussions about local issues and upcoming projects has helped me understand how decisions are made and how youth riders can be part of the conversation. Being present has shown me how important it is for younger voices to be included in planning.

I bring a youth perspective to cycling and road safety. I see how kids ride, what they struggle with, and what they do not understand about traffic or safe routes. I can share what younger riders experience on the roads and help the committee understand how to reach youth more effectively. My perspective can help highlight issues that adults may not notice.

I can help by giving feedback on youth cycling programs, participating in safety demonstrations, and supporting community events. I also help with our low-level partnership with the Richardson Coalition, where we use their Bike Streets app to identify safety issues on local roads. I can be a link and “boots on the ground” for reporting hazards and helping riders understand how to use the app. I want to help make roads safer across Central Texas by sharing what youth riders see and experience and by supporting efforts to improve safety for everyone.

Sean Beamesderfer

Serving to Help Cyclists (S2HC)

254-213-3249

----- Original Message -----
From: Anita Janke [mailto:anita.janke@ctcog.org]
To: "info@servingtohelpcyclists.com" <info@servingtohelpcyclists.com>
Cc: Kara Escajeda <kara.escajeda@tpwd.texas.gov>, Kendra Coufal<kendra.coufal@ctcog.org>
Sent: Wed, 12 Aug 2026 21:40:32 +0000
Subject: ATAC Membership Interest

Hi Sean,

Thank you for your interest in serving on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC). It's always encouraging to see younger community members engaged in active transportation and interested in contributing to regional planning discussions.

Based on your interest and vacancies, you would likely be considered an **individual member representing a cycling interest**. I reviewed the ATAC bylaws and did not find any language establishing a cap on the number of members serving in that category, so your interest would not appear to be limited on that basis.

If you would like to be considered, please send me a brief written statement describing your interest in cycling, your involvement in the active transportation community, and the perspective or contributions you believe you would bring to the committee.

The ATAC will review your nomination at its next meeting (November 4, 2026) and, if supported, make a recommendation to the KTMPO Policy Board for final approval.

I appreciate your willingness to get involved and contribute your perspective. Please let me know if you have any questions about the committee, meeting expectations, or the nomination process.

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ITEM #6

Approval of Bylaws Amendment for Individual Members to Appoint Proxy

November 4, 2026

Active Transportation Advisory Committee **Agenda Item # 6**

Bylaws Amendment Allowing Individual Members to Appoint a Proxy

Background

The ATAC Bylaws currently allow members to designate a proxy in writing to attend meetings on their behalf. While this provision is straightforward for agency, municipal, county, and organizational representatives, its applicability to individual members is less clear. Because individual members represent a transportation interest rather than an organization, questions have arisen regarding whether they should be permitted to appoint a proxy.

After reviewing the issue, the committee supports allowing individual representatives to designate a proxy and is being asked to consider recommending a Bylaws Amendment to the Policy Board that would clarify proxy eligibility for individual members.

The ATAC Bylaws currently states the following regarding proxies:

Proxies

Members may designate in writing to KTMPO staff, a proxy to attend meetings in their place. Members unable to attend meetings are encouraged to designate a proxy or send someone in their place to assist with information exchange and activity coordination.

Action Needed: Review and consider recommendation of a Bylaws Amendment authorizing individual representatives to designate a proxy.

ITEM #7

2027 ATAC Meeting Schedule

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Background

The committee is asked to consider adoption of the 2027 meeting schedule. Consistent with the 2026 meeting schedule, ATAC meetings are proposed to occur on the second Wednesday of the second month of each calendar quarter. Maintaining a consistent meeting schedule supports member participation, meeting planning, and coordination with other KTMPO committees and board activities.

In November 2026, the regularly scheduled meeting date coincided with Veterans Day and was subsequently rescheduled. To minimize future scheduling conflicts while maintaining consistency, the committee may wish to review the proposed dates and identify any potential conflicts in advance.

The proposed 2027 meeting dates are:

- February 10, 2027
- May 12, 2027
- August 11, 2027
- November 10, 2027

The packet includes a portrait-oriented KTMPO meeting calendar for review.

Action Needed: Recommend approval of 2027 ATAC Meeting Schedule.

CY 2027

KTMPO Meeting Calendar

TAC typically 1st Wednesday of Month

ATAC typically 2nd Wednesday of 2nd Month of each Quarter

TPPB typically 3rd Wednesday of Month

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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
Holidays
AMPO Annual Conference
Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

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ITEM #8

2027 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule and Supporting Activities

November 4, 2026

Active Transportation Advisory Committee **Agenda Item # 8**

2027 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule and Supporting Activities

Background

According to the ATAC Bylaws, the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) informs the KTMPO Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on the planning and development of infrastructure, policies, and strategies that support active transportation throughout the region. This includes, but is not limited to, bicycling, walking, paddle craft, and equestrian activities, while ensuring that non-motorized and low-speed electric modes of travel are incorporated into broader transportation planning efforts.

One of the committee's key responsibilities is to promote public awareness and interest in active transportation, collaborate with local governments, agencies, advocacy groups, and community organizations, and encourage participation in regional events and initiatives that support safe and accessible mobility options.

The proposed **2027 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule** reflects the committee's ongoing commitment to public outreach, education, and regional collaboration. Through participation in events such as **Unplug Texas**, the **Ride of Silence**, **National Trails Day**, **National Bike Month**, and **National Pedestrian Safety Month**, ATAC and its partners help raise awareness of active transportation opportunities, strengthen regional partnerships, and support the integration of walking, bicycling, and other active transportation modes into the region's transportation network. Through these efforts, the committee continues to advance its mission of promoting safer, more connected, and more accessible transportation options throughout the KTMPO region.

Several observances and activities included in the schedule may be supported through KTMPO Policy Board and/or CTCOG Executive Committee resolutions when there is an opportunity to advance the purpose of the observance through a specific activity, campaign, proclamation, or outreach effort. Formal recognition can help amplify the message of the activity, promote its intended purpose, and increase public awareness and engagement. The schedule provides a framework for these opportunities while maintaining flexibility to support partner-led initiatives throughout the year.

The packet includes the 2027 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule for review.

Action Needed: Recommend approval of the 2027 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.

2027 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule

Date	Activity	Stakeholder Lead	Date Resolution Presented to TAC/PB	Resources
February	Love the Bus Month – School Bus	KTMPO – Social	N/A	**TAPT** **Texas Association of Pupil Transportation**
April 7, 2027	National Walking Day	KTMPO - Social	N/A	**American Heart Association**
April 5-12, 2027	Distracted Driving Awareness Month to include Put the Phone Away or Pay	KTMPO – TAC/PB Let's Get Creative!	March	National Safety Council, US.DOT **NHTSA**
May May 2 May 17-23 May 21 May 19 May 5 May 1	National Bike Safety Month Ride a Bike Day Bike to Work Week Bike to Work Day Annual Ride of Silence Walk, Bike & Roll to School Adaptive Bike Rodeo	KTMPO - ATAC Opportunity Opportunity Opportunity Opportunity Opportunity City of Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation Department	April	**The League of American Bicyclists | League of American Bicyclists** **Ride of Silence**
June 5	National Trails Day	KTMPO – ATAC Opportunity	May	**TPWD**

October 29, 2026

September 25	National Car Seat Check Saturday	KTMPO – Social Opportunity		**Jolie.person@txdot.org** **National Child Passenger Safety Board**
October	Pedestrian Safety Month	KTMPO – ATAC	September	**NHTSA**
October 21	Unplug Texas Day	KTMPO – ATAC	September	**Unplug Texas – Texas Recreation and Park Society**
November 21	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	KTMPO - Social		National Safety Council Vision Zero Network **World Day of Remembrance**
December	Holiday Season Drunk Driving Campaign	KTMPO – Social		**National Safety Council** **Traffic Safety Marketing | NHTSA**

ITEM #9

Presentation on Best Practices for Conducting a Regional Active Transportation Connectivity Study

Presentation on Best Practices for Conducting a Regional Active Transportation Connectivity Study

Background

The KTMPO Policy Board adopted the **Regional Active Transportation Plan** in May 2026. One of the first implementation actions identified in the plan is the development of a **Regional Active Transportation Connectivity Study** to help identify opportunities for improving regional connectivity and advancing the plan's long-term vision.

The following presentation will highlight best practices and key considerations for conducting a regional active transportation connectivity study and how those practices may be applied within the KTMPO region.

Kevin Kokes is a Program Manager within the Land Use and Mobility Options Team of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation Department. The Team is responsible for preparing and implementing programs and projects that integrate land use, transportation, and air quality policy of **Mobility 2050**, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the 12-county Dallas – Fort Worth metropolitan area. These activities include increasing accommodation and planning for active transportation throughout the region, as well as transit-oriented development initiatives. Kevin manages active transportation efforts including planning for regional bicycle and pedestrian facilities, safety, funding, and education programs.

Kevin oversees the MPO Transportation Alternatives Program call for projects and special plans and projects including the regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and the regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan. With funding awarded by the USDOT through the Safe Streets and Roadways for All (SS4A) program, Kevin serves as the Project Manager for the regional effort to conduct thirty roadway safety audits and twenty Safe Routes to School Plans for priority areas to improve safety designated in the NCTCOG Regional Safety Plans.

Action Needed: No action needed, for discussion only.



Regional Transportation Council

North Central Texas
Metropolitan Planning Organization

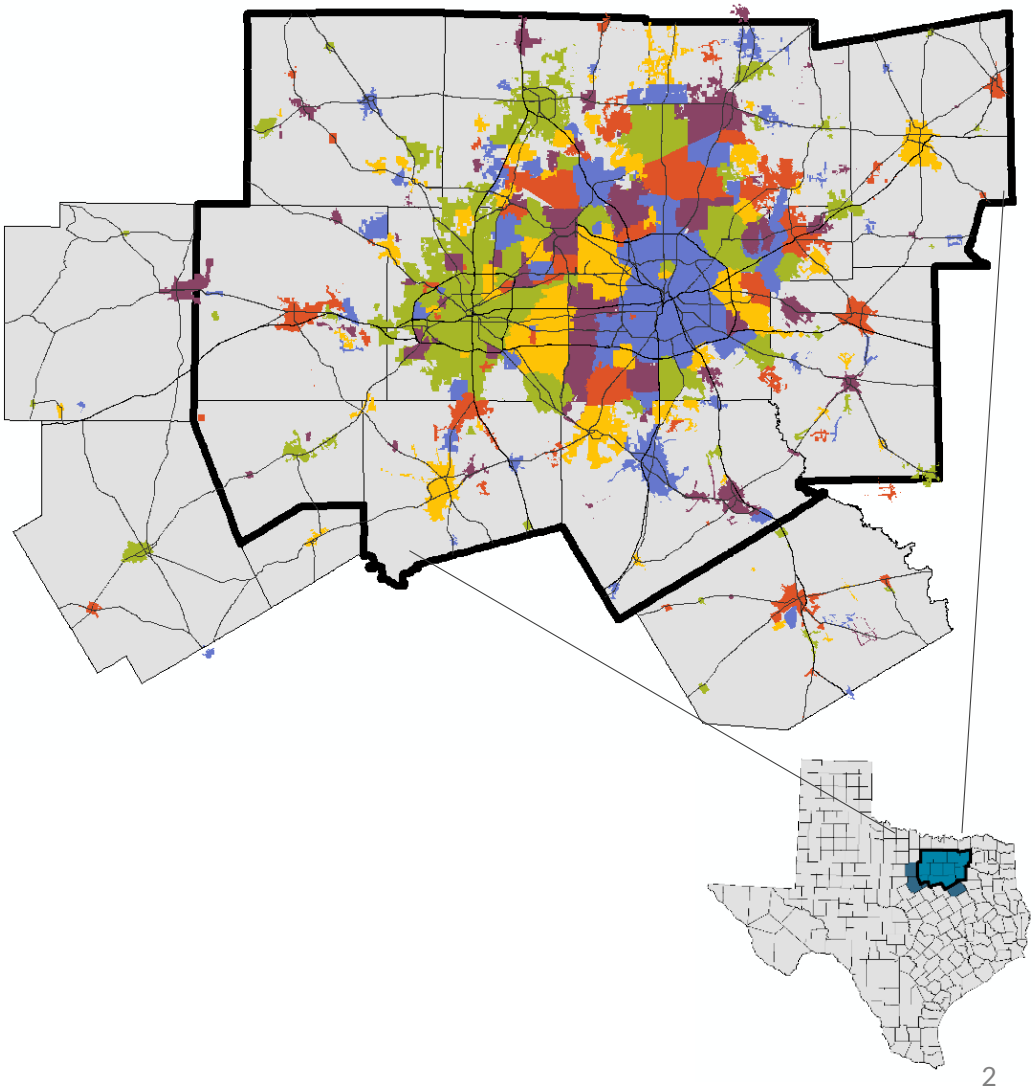
Regional Trails and Bikeways Planning in North Texas

Kevin Kokes
Program Manager,
Land Use and Mobility Options

Presentation for:
Killeen-Temple MPO Active Transportation Advisory Committee
11.04.2026

Regional Transportation Council

MPO for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region



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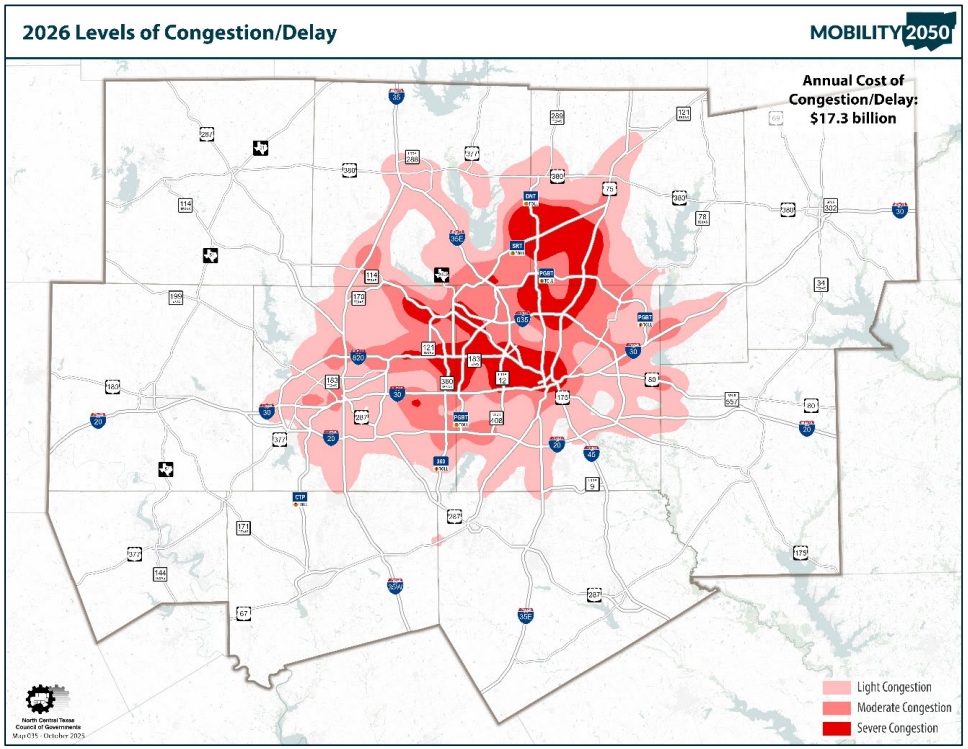
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13 cities larger than 100,000 pop.

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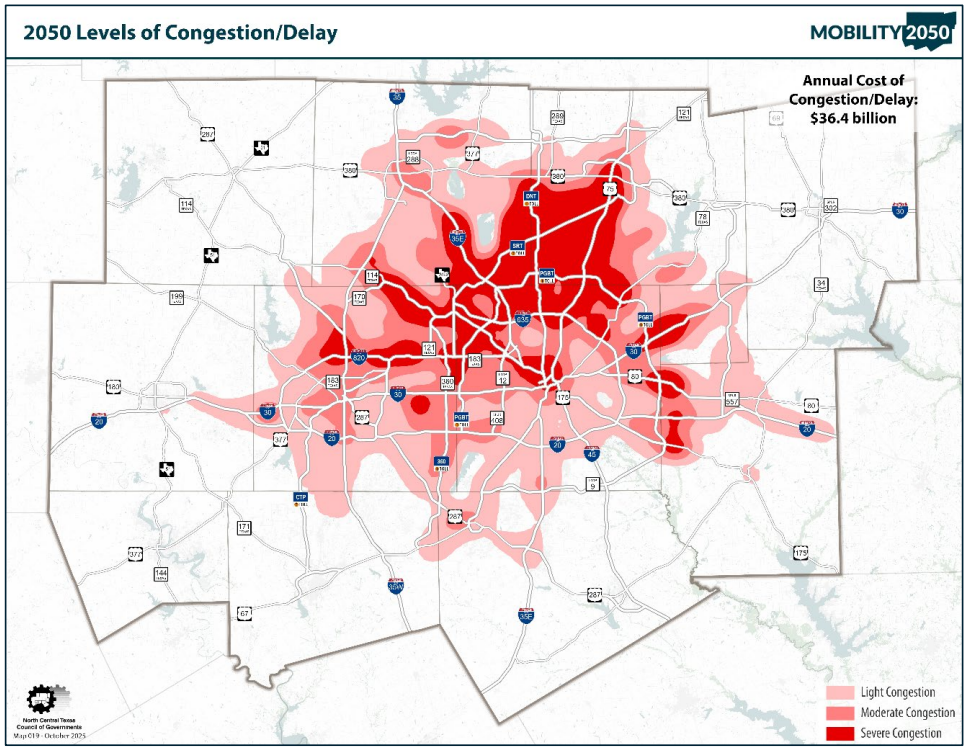
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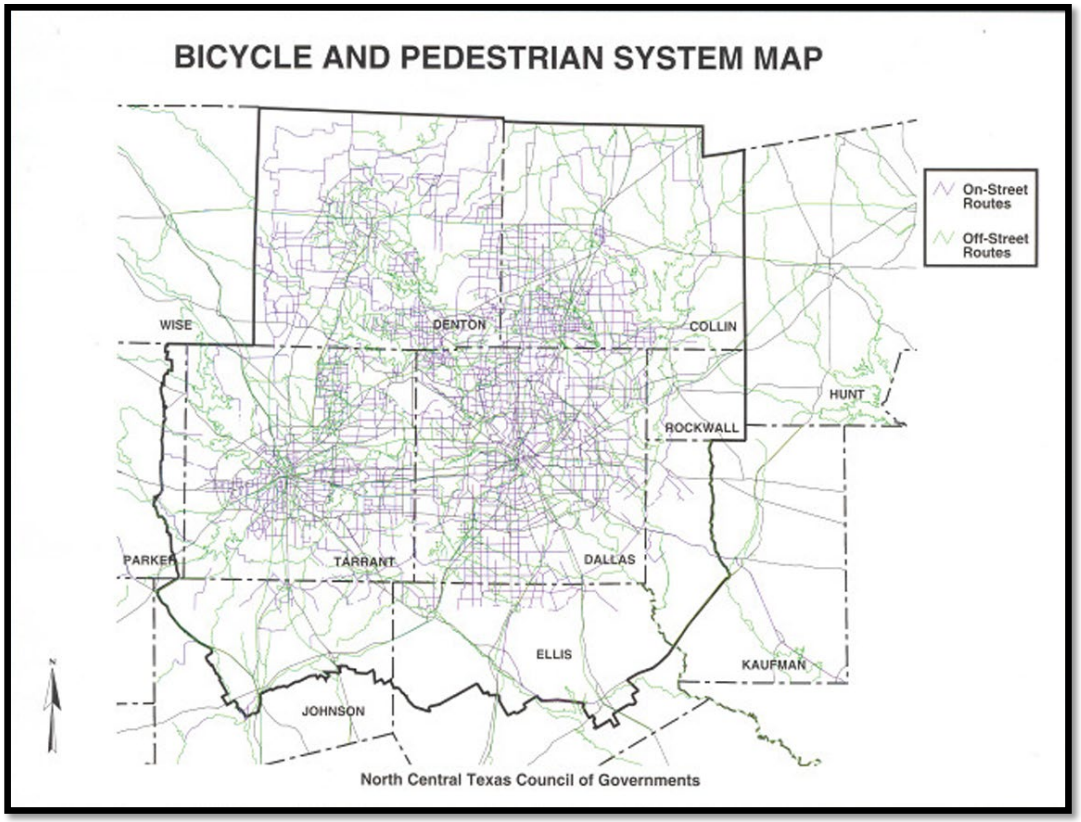
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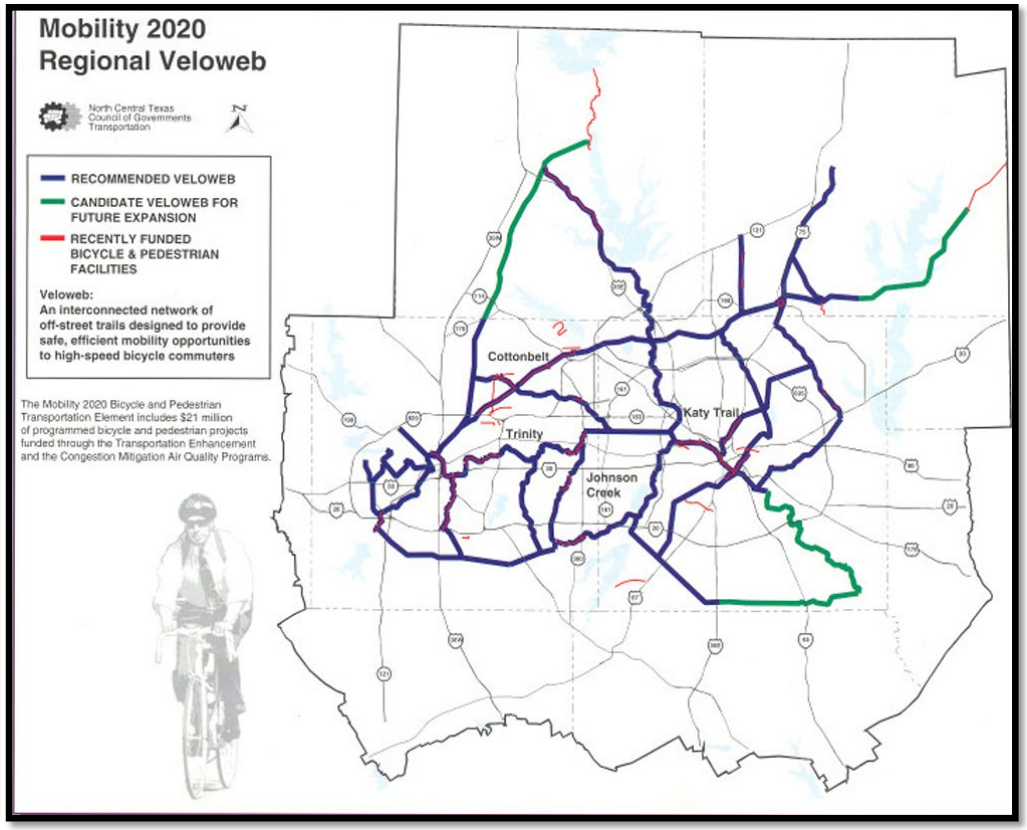
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Our Regional Active Transportation Planning Began 30+ Years Ago



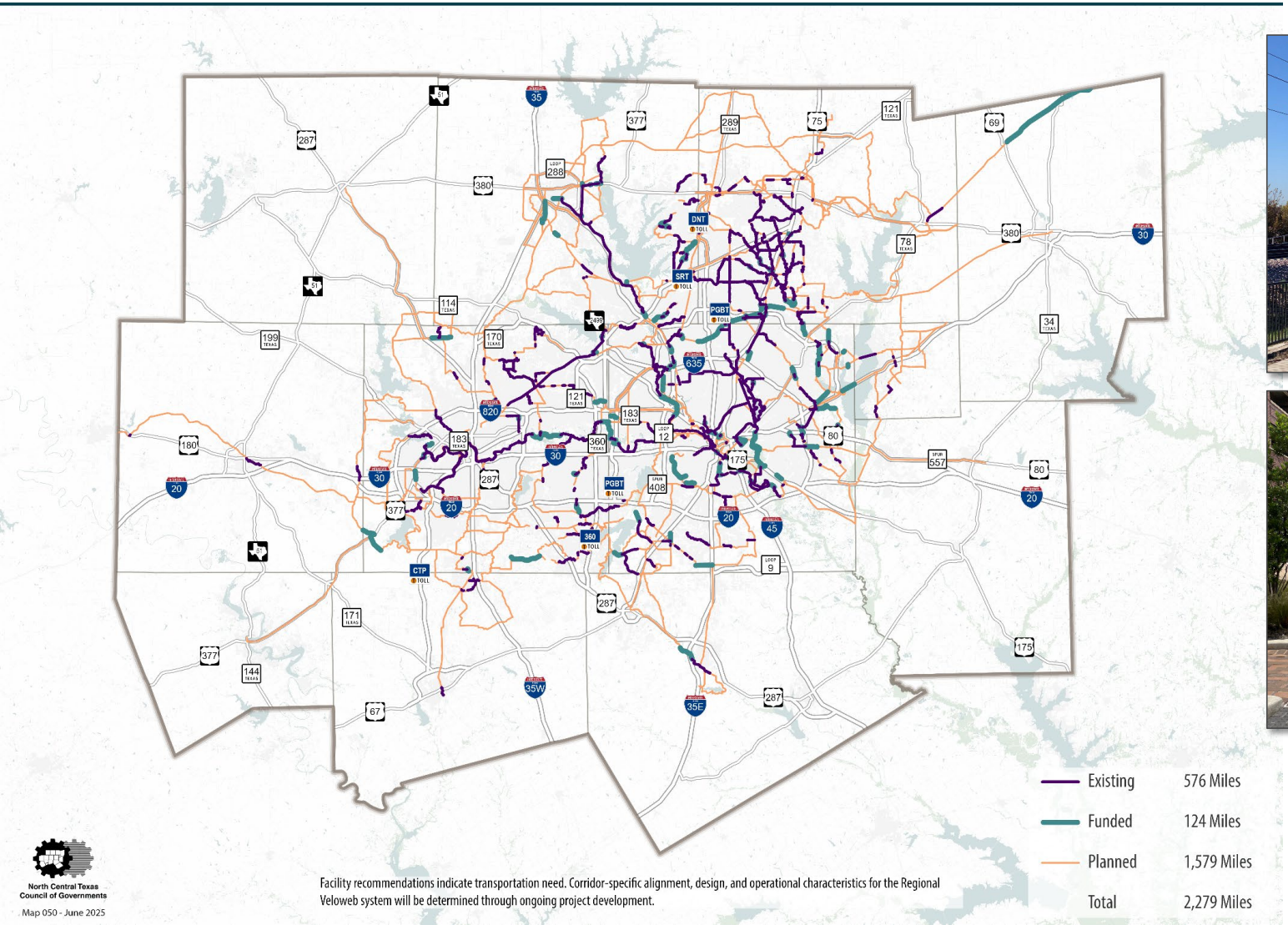
Mobility 2010 Update (adopted 1993)



Mobility 2020 Update (adopted 1996)

Regional Veloweb

MOBILITY 2050







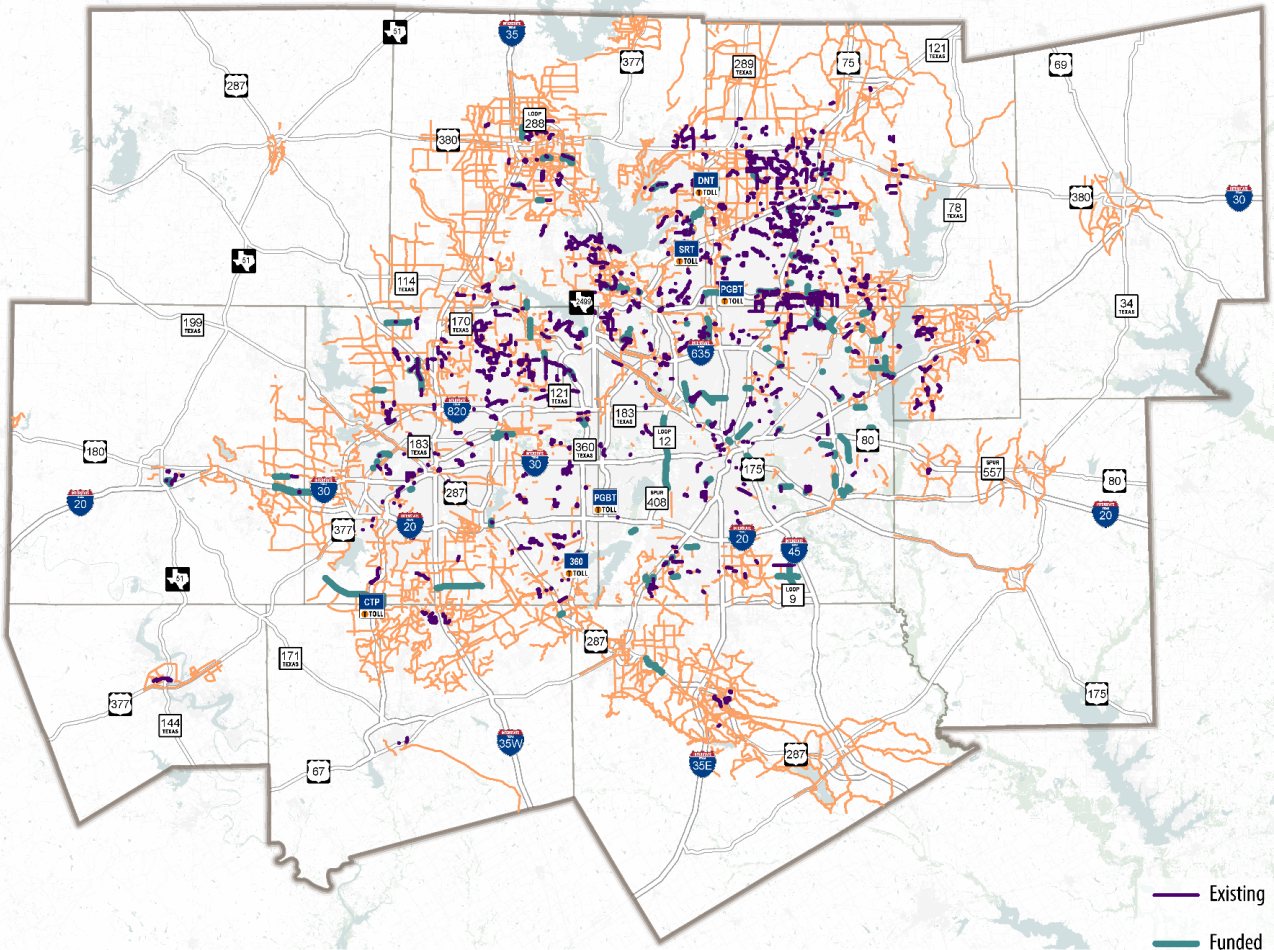
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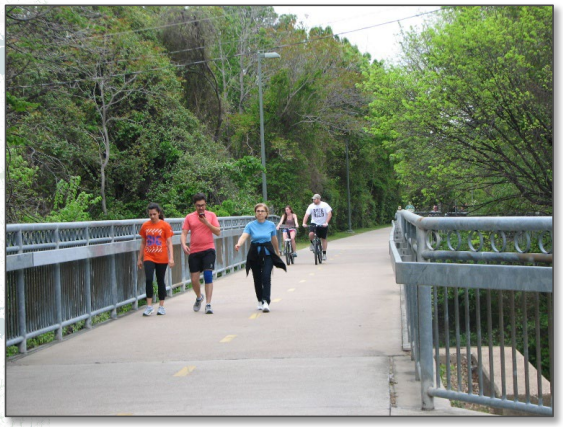
Map 050 - June 2025

Facility recommendations indicate transportation need. Corridor-specific alignment, design, and operational characteristics for the Regional Veloweb system will be determined through ongoing project development.

Community Shared-Use Paths

MOBILITY 2050







- Community Shared-Use Paths supplement the Regional Veloweb network. These paths do not include recreational paths/loops, private paths, equestrian or nature trails, or wide sidewalks less than 10 feet in width.
- Facility recommendations indicate transportation need. Corridor-specific alignment, design, and operational characteristics will be determined through ongoing project development.
- Community Path facility mileages are based on linear miles.

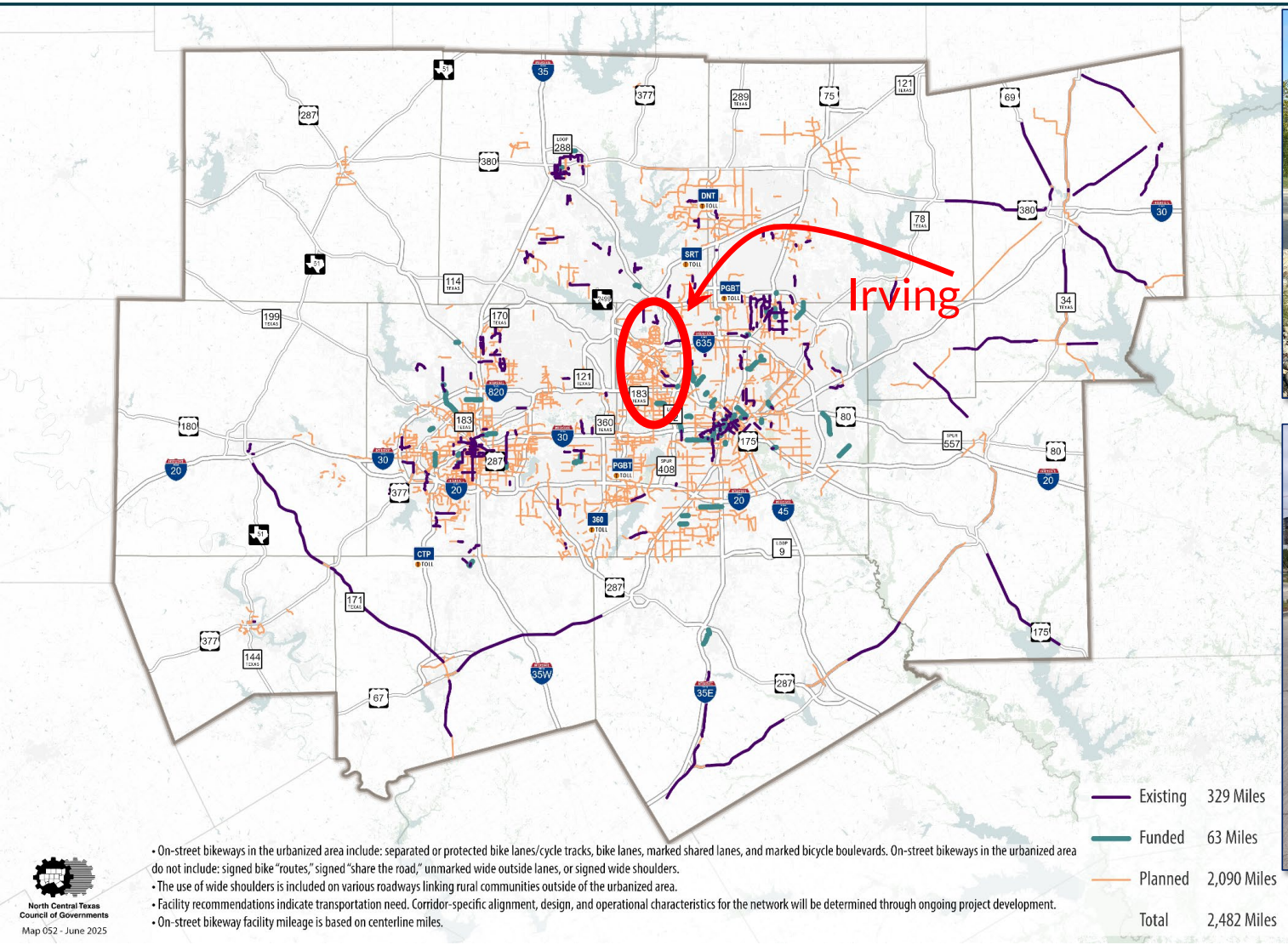
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Map 051 - June 2025

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On-Street Bikeway Network

MOBILITY 2050





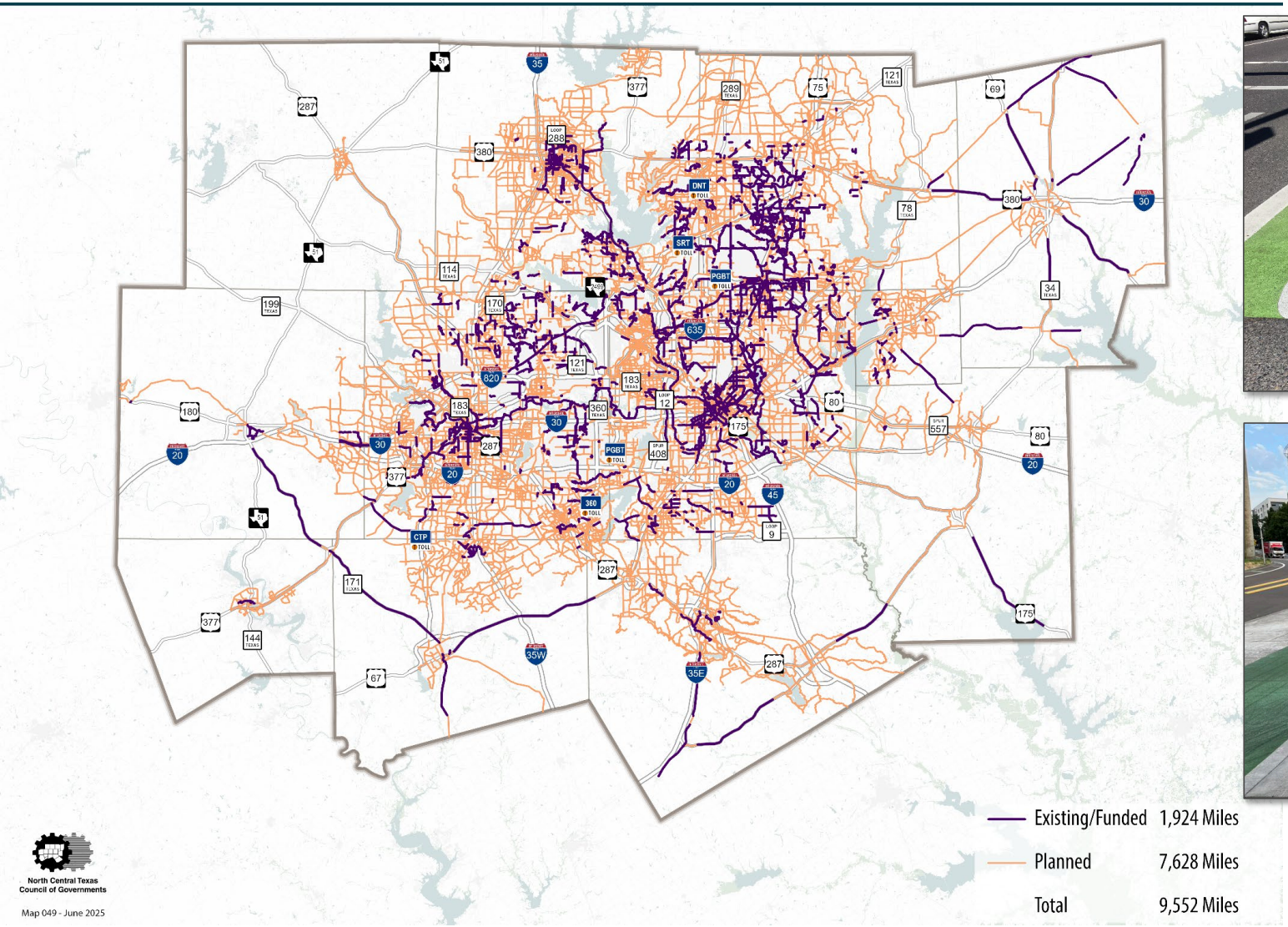


- On-street bikeways in the urbanized area include: separated or protected bike lanes/cycle tracks, bike lanes, marked shared lanes, and marked bicycle boulevards. On-street bikeways in the urbanized area do not include: signed bike "routes," signed "share the road," unmarked wide outside lanes, or signed wide shoulders.
- The use of wide shoulders is included on various roadways linking rural communities outside of the urbanized area.
- Facility recommendations indicate transportation need. Corridor-specific alignment, design, and operational characteristics for the network will be determined through ongoing project development.
- On-street bikeway facility mileage is based on centerline miles.

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Map 052 - June 2025

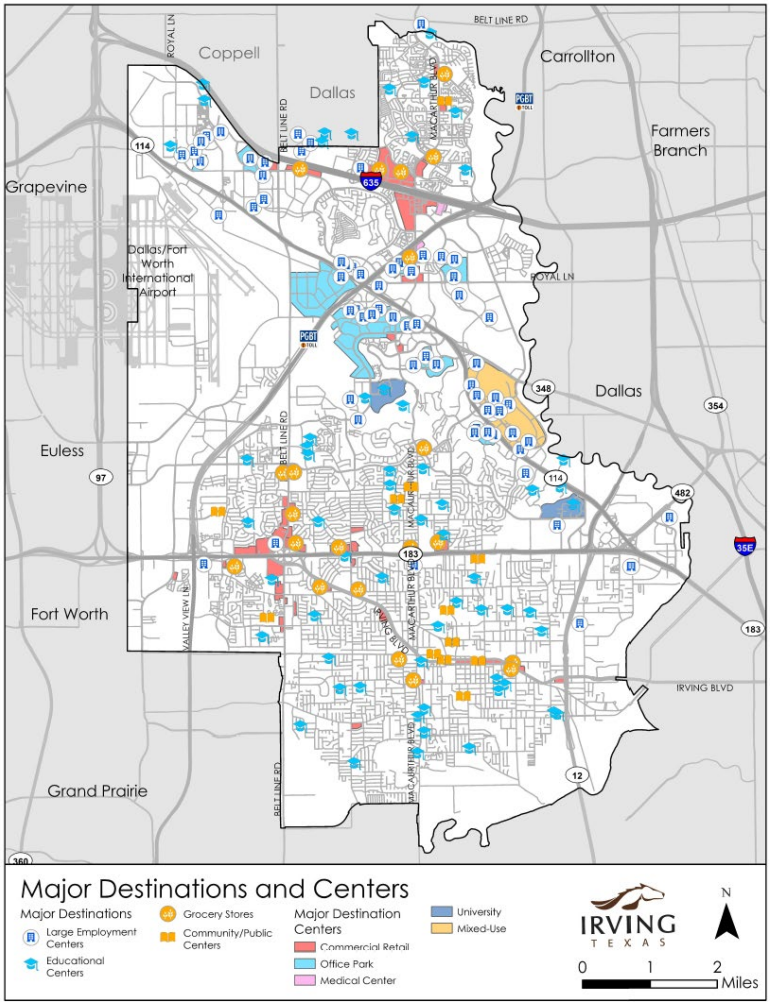
Combined Regional Veloweb, Community Paths, and On-Street Bikeway Network MOBILITY 2050

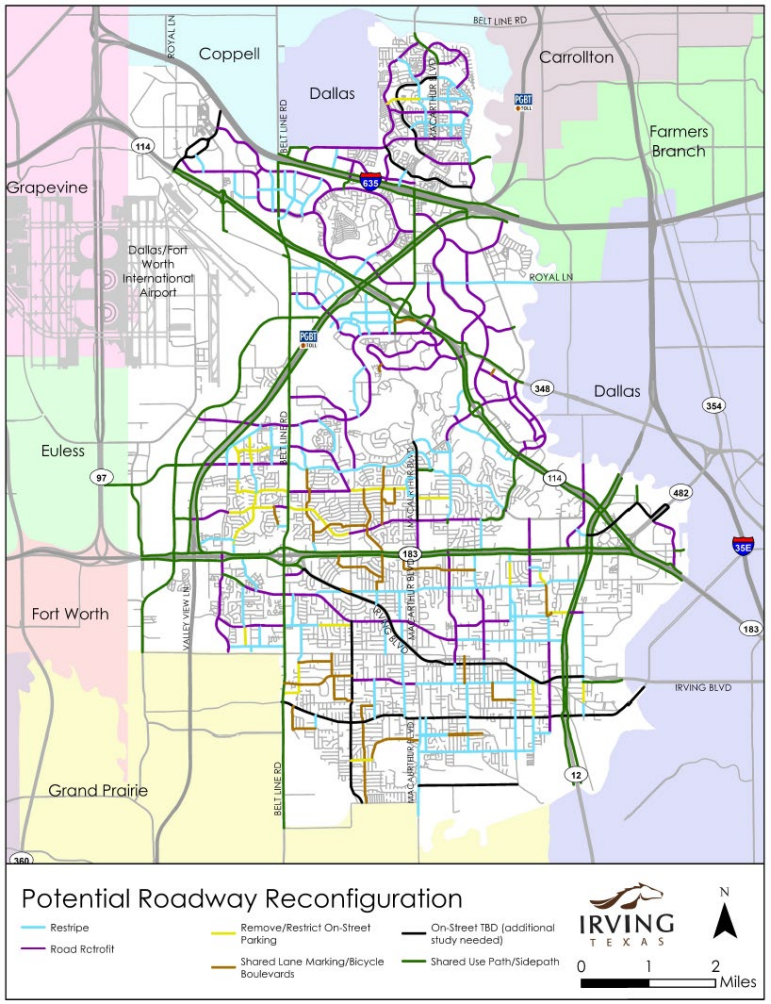




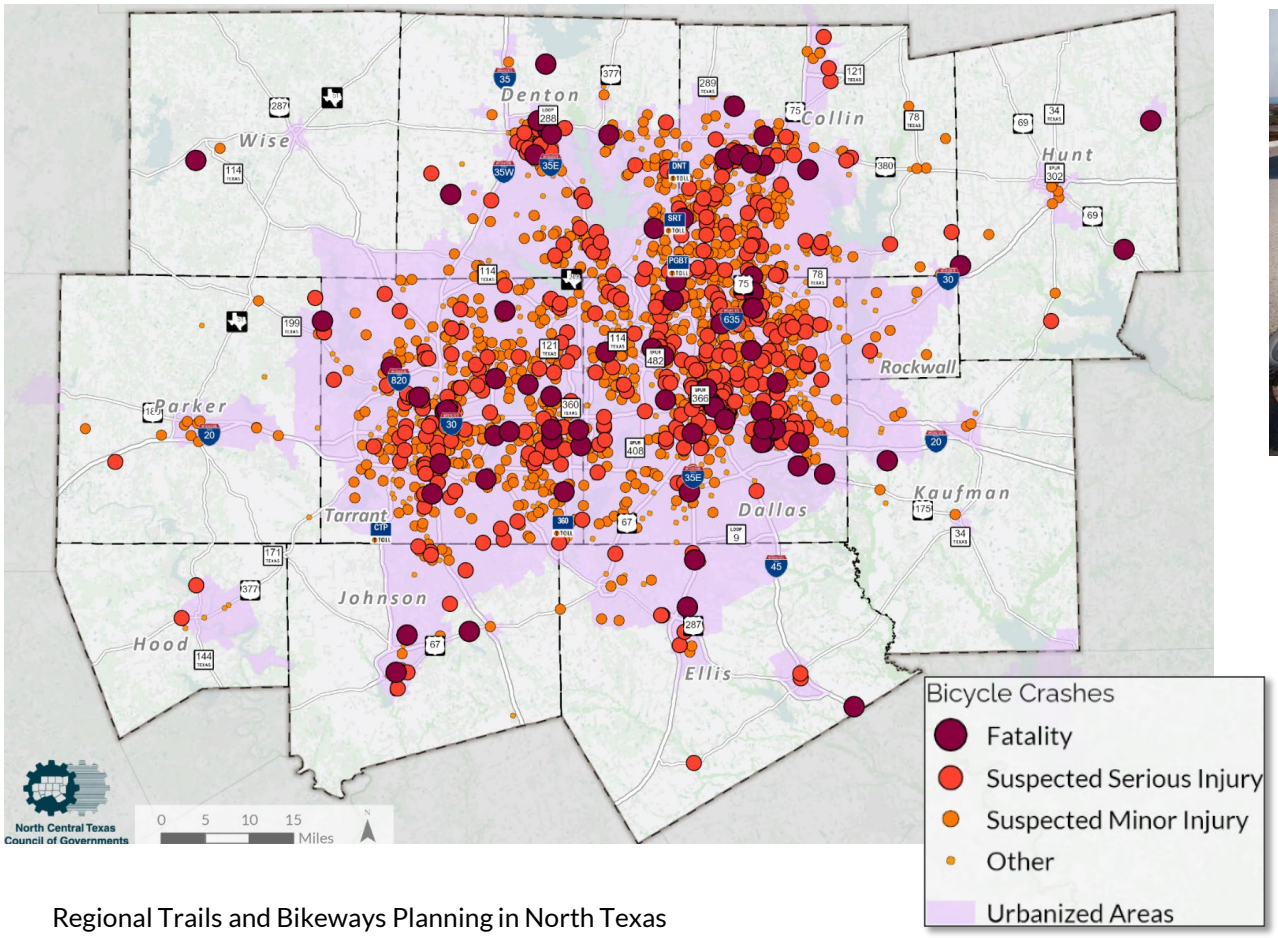


Identify Destinations and Corridors of Opportunity





Bicyclist Crashes in the MPA (2019 – 2023)





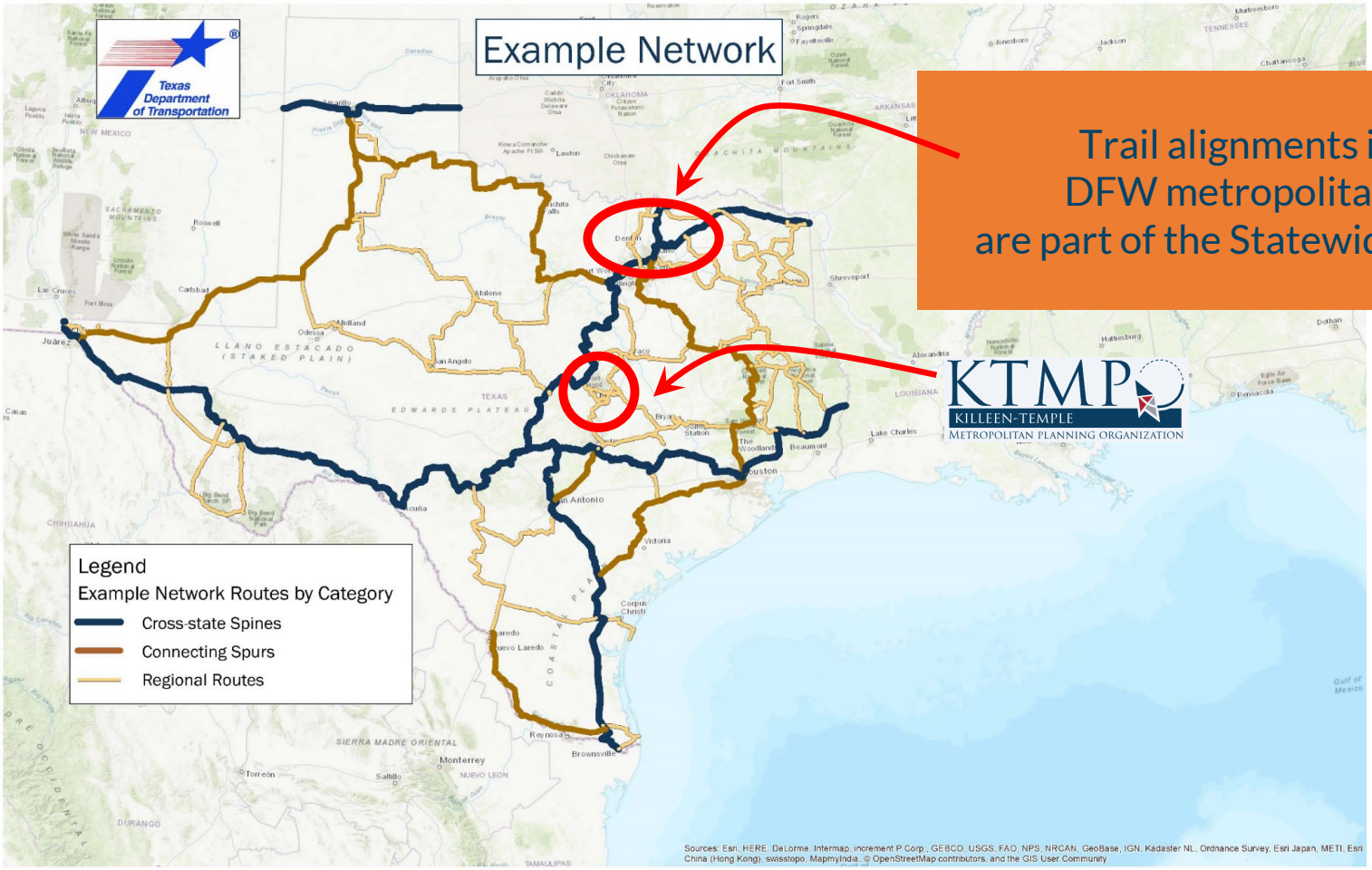
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of all bicycle crashes occurred at

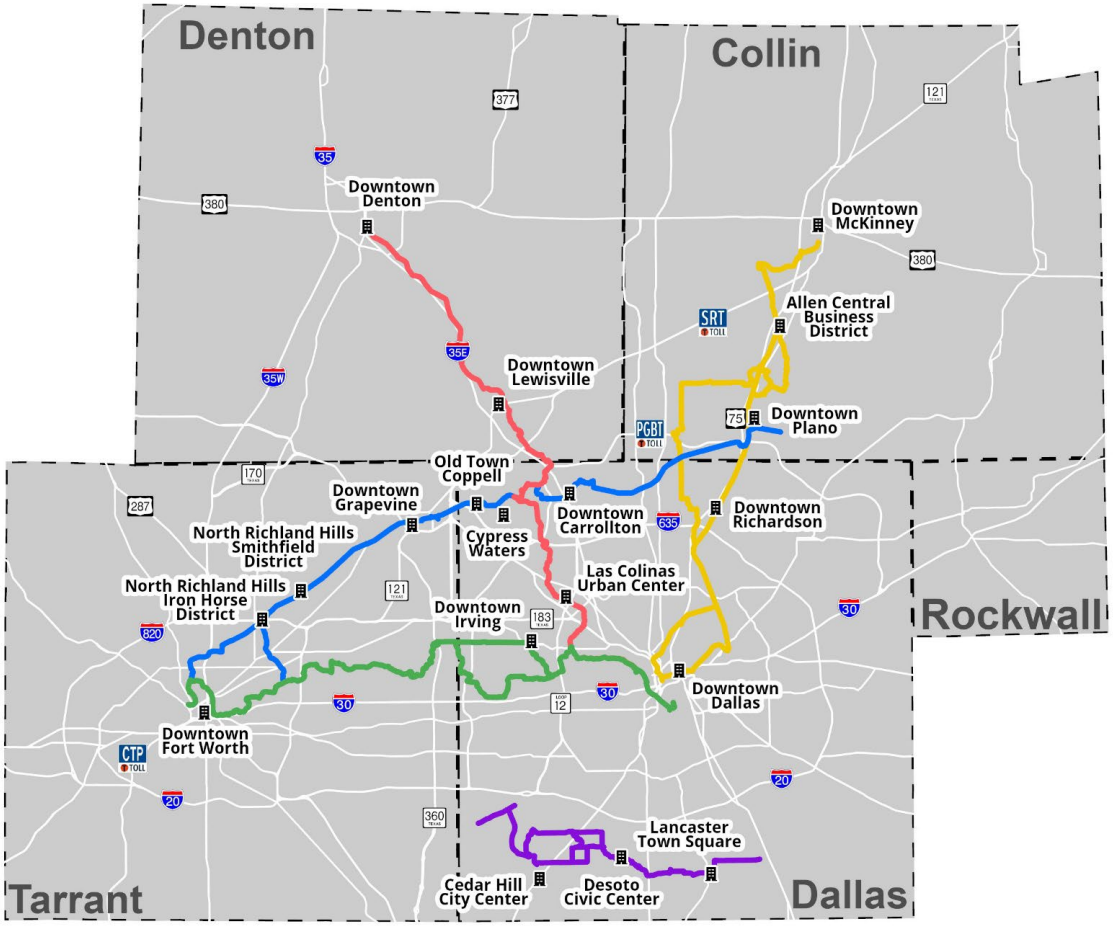
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Source: TxDOT's Crash Records Information System (CRIS) for MPA region from 2019-2023

TxDOT Bicycle Tourism Trails Study



Highlighted Regional Trail Corridors



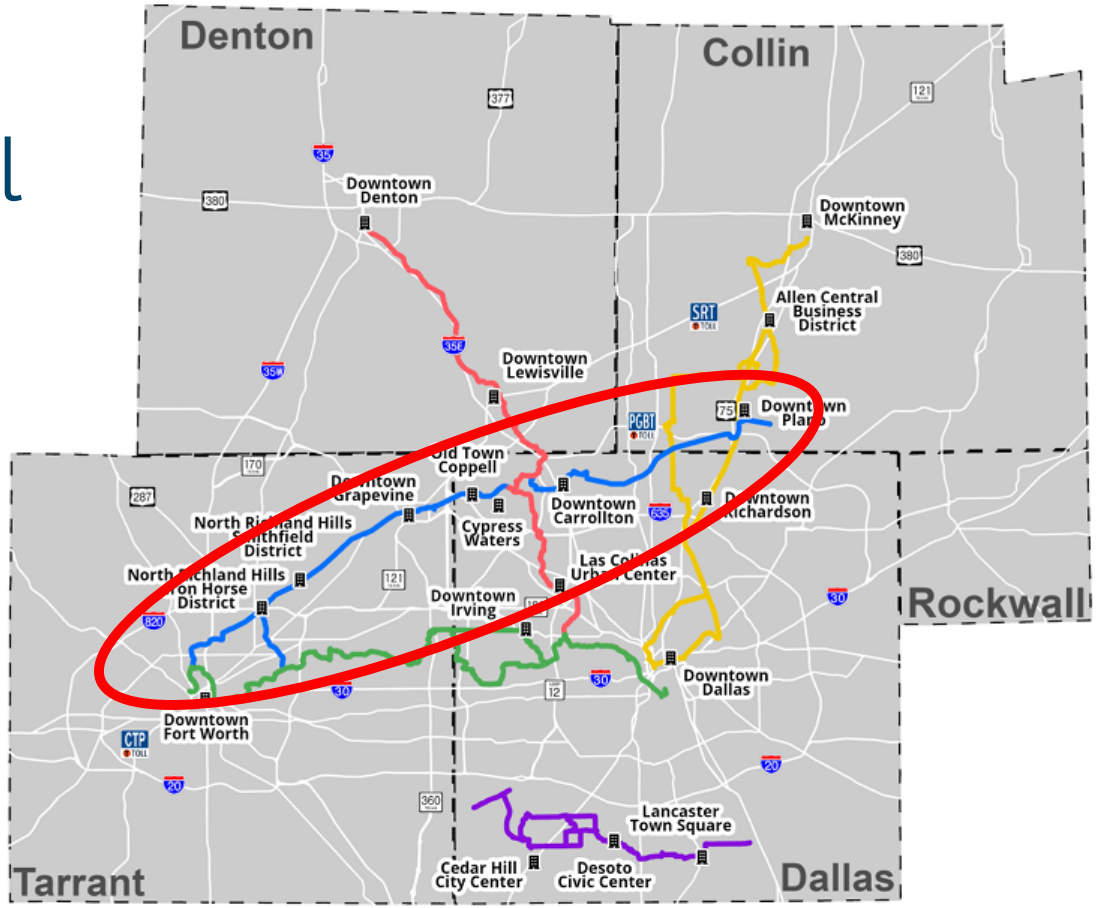
	Existing/Funded	Planned	Total
DFW Discovery Trail	62 miles	2 miles	64 miles
Denton to Dallas Regional Trail Corridor	47 miles	5 miles	52 miles
McKinney to Dallas Regional Trail Corridor	70 miles	12 miles	82 miles
Cotton Belt Regional Trail Corridor	35 miles	16 miles	51 miles
Southern Dallas County Regional Trail Corridor	19 miles	19 miles	38 miles

Highlighted Regional Trail Corridors

Cotton Belt Regional Trail



Downtown Grapevine



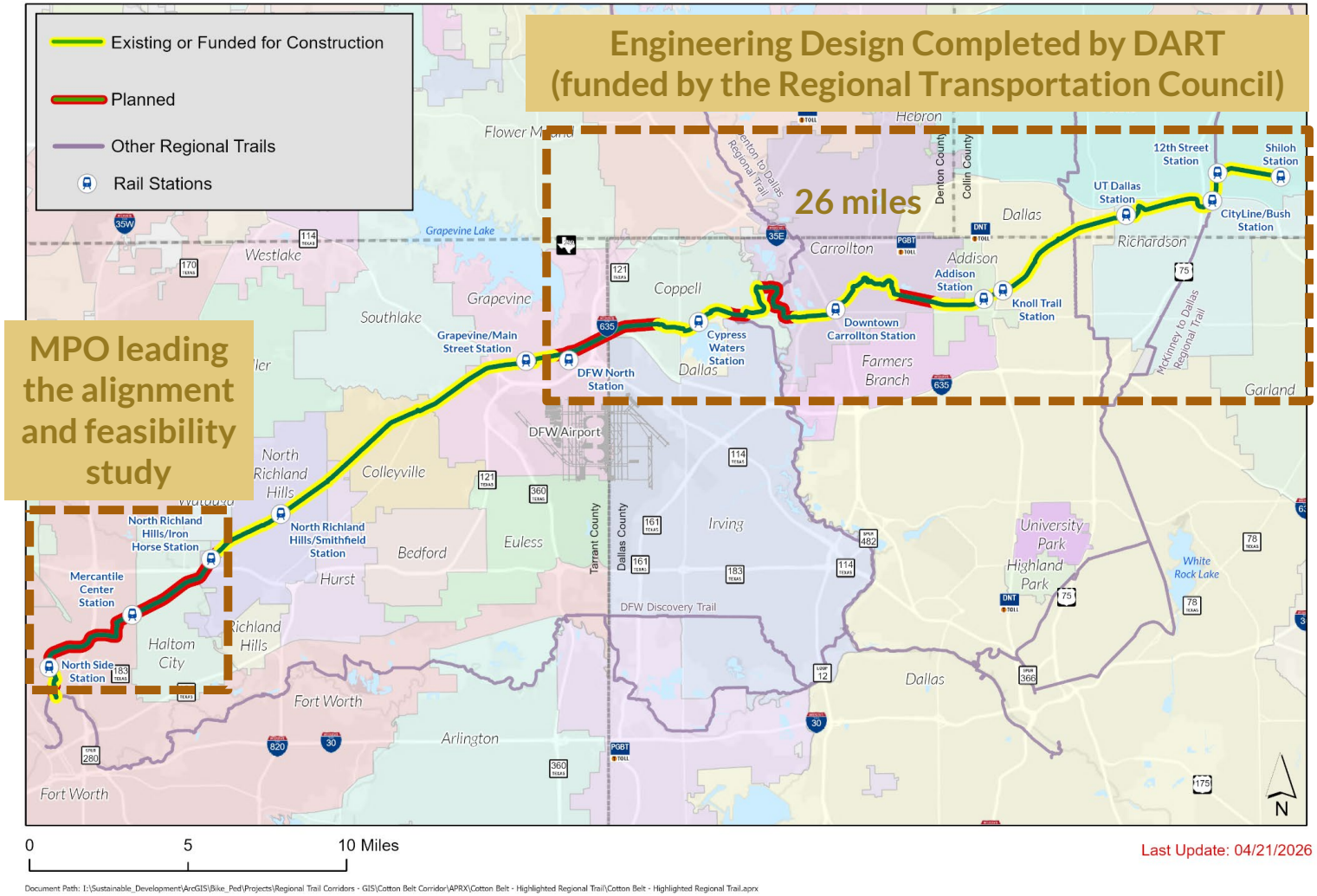
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Cotton Belt Rails-with-Trail

nctcog.org/CottonBeltTrail

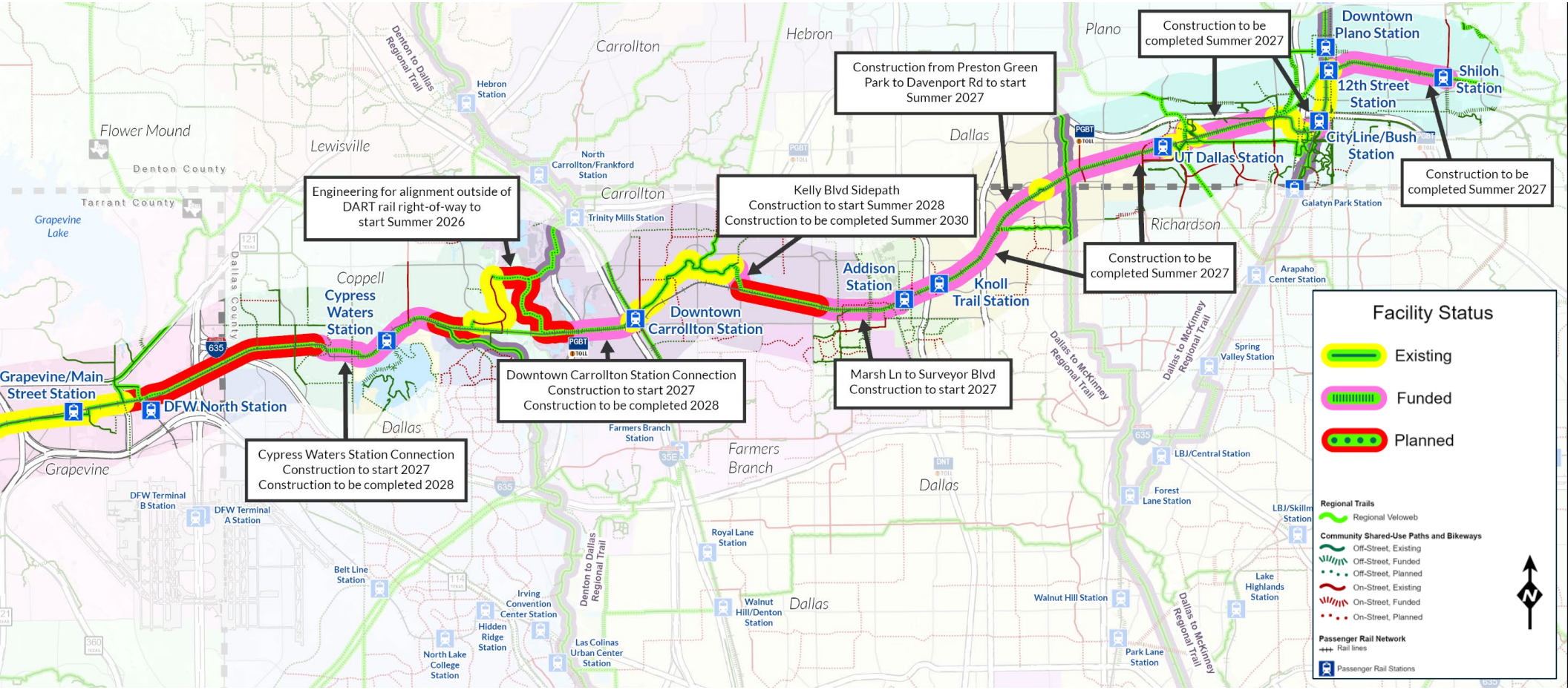
Project Area	51 miles
Counties	3
Cities	11
TEXRail Stations	5
DART Silver Line Stations	9
Existing Trail	19 miles
Funded Trail	16 miles
Planned Trail	16 miles



Cotton Belt Trail Construction Phasing

DFW Airport to Plano

nctcog.org/CottonBeltTrail



Cotton Belt Trail (Downtown Carrollton Silver Line Station)



Cotton Belt Trail (Downtown Carrollton Silver Line Station)



Cotton Belt Trail (Trail Bridge at Midway Rd)




Cotton Belt Trail
(View West toward Downtown Grapevine TEXRail Station)

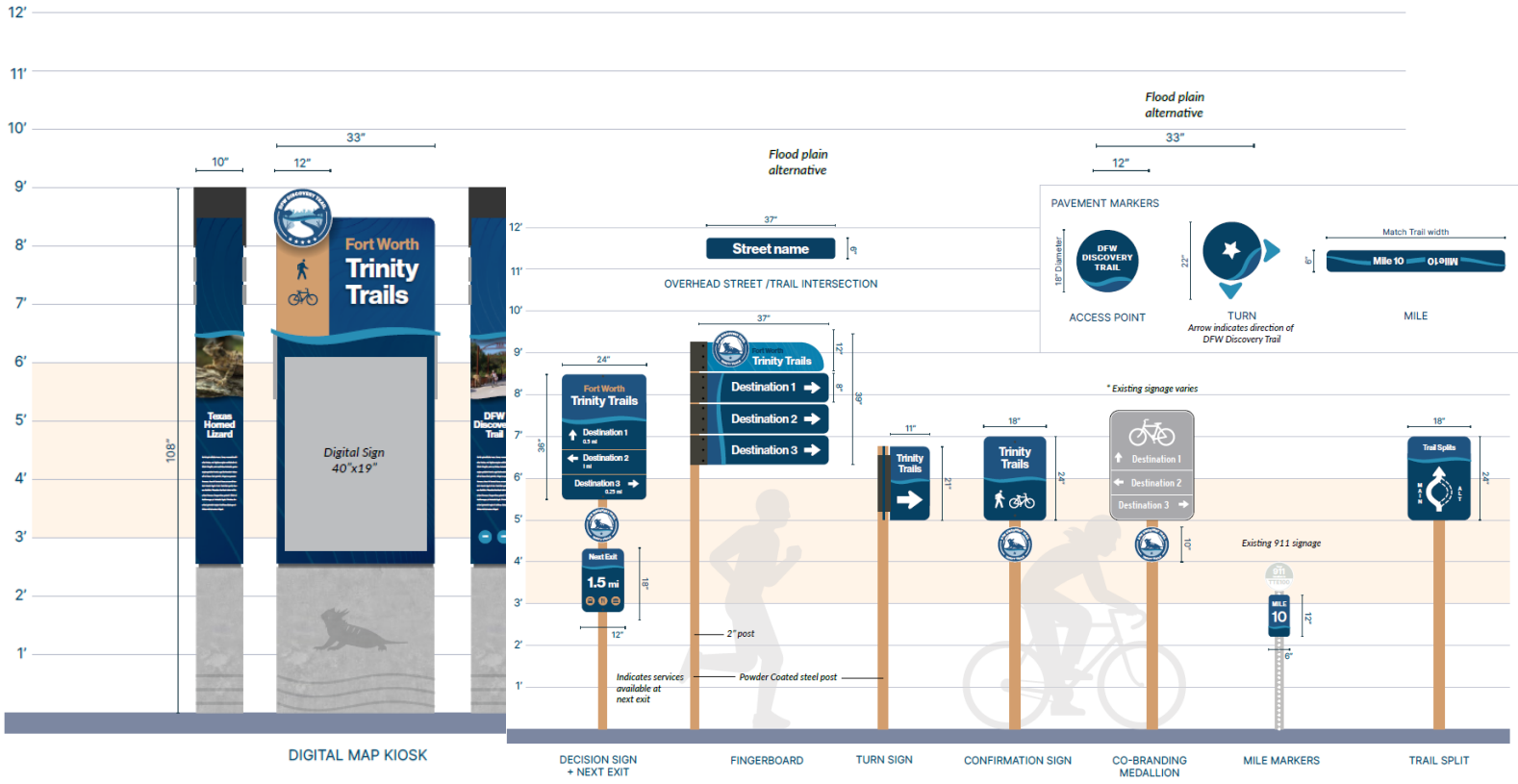
Regional Trail Wayfinding Signage

DFW Discovery Trail (Fort Worth to Dallas)

Access Elements

Functional and Enhanced Navigational Signs

Informational Kiosks



DFW Airport to Plano

Planning/Designing for All Ages and Abilities
(Ages 8 to 80)

Bike





Texas Roadway Design Manual

Roll



Walk





Commute



Fitness



Lessons Learned

Evaluate Route Alternatives

- Connectivity
- Safety
- ROW availability
- Environmental constraints
- Cost
- Consider various facility types

Stakeholder and Public Engagement

- Interactive mapping
- Technical committees
- Agency meetings
- Advocates and stakeholders
- Public meetings



Key Feasibility Considerations

- Utilities
- Rail and highway crossings
- Drainage
- Water crossings
- Property ownership
- Maintenance responsibilities

Implementation Roadmap

<u>Prioritize Corridors for Implementation</u>

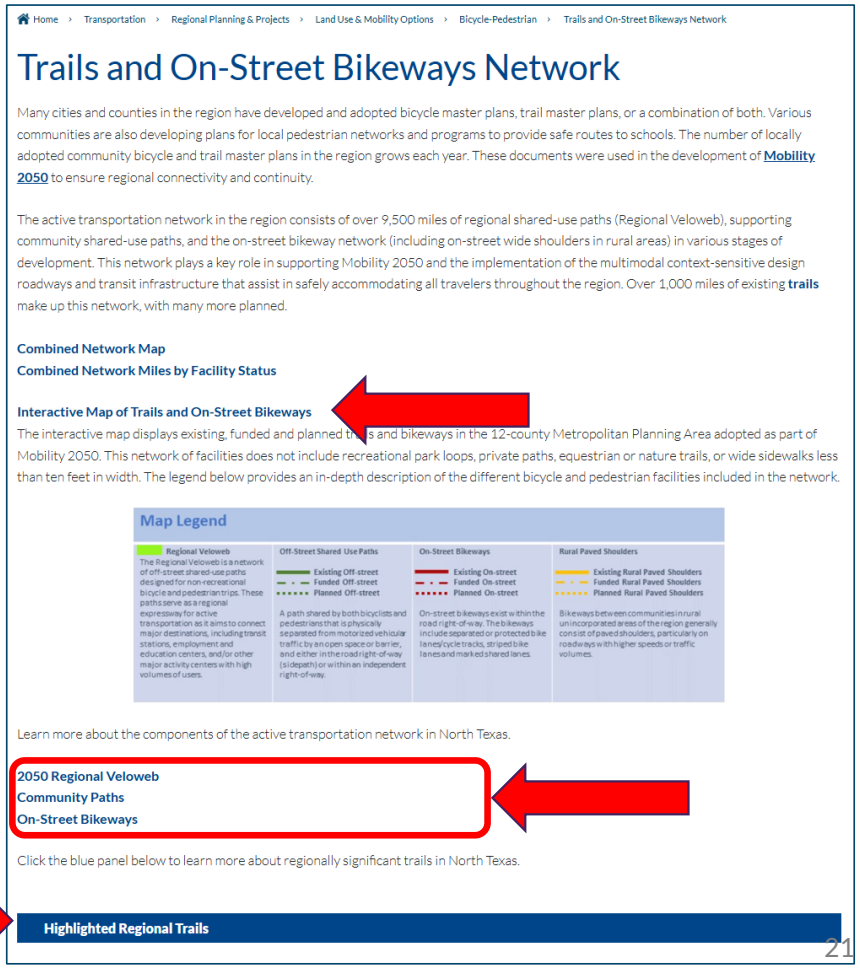
- 0-5 Years: environmental and preliminary engineering
- 5-10 Years: design and acquisition
- 10+ Years: phased construction

Regional Network

nctcog.org/Veloweb



Regional Trails and Bikeways Planning in North Texas



Home › Transportation › Regional Planning & Projects › Land Use & Mobility Options › Bicycle-Pedestrian › Trails and On-Street Bikeways Network

Trails and On-Street Bikeways Network

Many cities and counties in the region have developed and adopted bicycle master plans, trail master plans, or a combination of both. Various communities are also developing plans for local pedestrian networks and programs to provide safe routes to schools. The number of locally adopted community bicycle and trail master plans in the region grows each year. These documents were used in the development of **Mobility 2050** to ensure regional connectivity and continuity.

The active transportation network in the region consists of over 9,500 miles of regional shared-use paths (Regional Veloweb), supporting community shared-use paths, and the on-street bikeway network (including on-street wide shoulders in rural areas) in various stages of development. This network plays a key role in supporting Mobility 2050 and the implementation of the multimodal context-sensitive design roadways and transit infrastructure that assist in safely accommodating all travelers throughout the region. Over 1,000 miles of existing **trails** make up this network, with many more planned.

Combined Network Map
Combined Network Miles by Facility Status

Interactive Map of Trails and On-Street Bikeways
The interactive map displays existing, funded and planned trails and bikeways in the 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area adopted as part of Mobility 2050. This network of facilities does not include recreational park loops, private paths, equestrian or nature trails, or wide sidewalks less than ten feet in width. The legend below provides an in-depth description of the different bicycle and pedestrian facilities included in the network.

Learn more about the components of the active transportation network in North Texas.

2050 Regional Veloweb
Community Paths
On-Street Bikeways

Click the blue panel below to learn more about regionally significant trails in North Texas.

Highlighted Regional Trails

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ITEM #10

Consideration of Funding Allocation for Task 3.3 – Regional Active Transportation Connectivity Study

November 4, 2026

Active Transportation Advisory Committee **Agenda Item # 10**

Consideration of a Recommendation to the KTMPO Policy Board to Allocating Funding to Task 3.3 for a Regional Active Transportation Connectivity Study

Background

The KTMPO Policy Board adopted the Regional Active Transportation Plan in May 2026. As part of the plan's implementation strategy, a Regional Active Transportation Connectivity Study was identified as a priority action to help move the region from planning to implementation.

The need for this effort was further reinforced through the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan, which identified opportunities to improve connectivity, accessibility, and safety for people walking, bicycling, and rolling throughout the region.

To begin implementation, funding is needed under Task 3.3 to support the initial phase of the study. The study is anticipated to be conducted in phases, beginning with an assessment of regional destinations, existing and planned facilities, connectivity gaps, and opportunities to strengthen connections between communities and key destinations. Future phases may focus on project prioritization, feasibility, and implementation strategies.

The committee is being asked to consider recommending that the KTMPO Policy Board allocate funding under Task 3.3 to support staff time and resources necessary to coordinate stakeholder engagement, conduct outreach, facilitate regional collaboration, and advance the next phase of this implementation effort. Funding would support activities that move recommendations identified in both the Regional Active Transportation Plan and the SS4A Safety Action Plan toward implementation while ensuring continued stakeholder involvement throughout the study process

Action Needed: Recommend that the KTMPO Policy Board consider allocating funding under Task 3.3 to support staff time and resources necessary to coordinate the study.

ITEM #11

Regional Active Transportation Connectivity Study: Destination Identification and Prioritization Exercise

Destination Identification and Prioritization Exercise

Background

The KTMPO Regional Active Transportation Plan, adopted in May 2026, identifies the need for a regional active transportation connectivity study as a key implementation action. Before evaluating potential corridors and connections, it is important to understand where people want and need to travel throughout the region.

The **Destination Identification and Prioritization Exercise** is the first step in that process. The exercise is designed to help communities identify important destinations, travel patterns, connectivity needs, and desired regional connections. Input gathered from local jurisdictions and partners will help establish a shared understanding of regional priorities and provide a foundation for future discussions regarding trails, shared-use paths, bicycle facilities, sidewalks, and other active transportation improvements.

The exercise is intentionally designed to be a user-friendly, non-technical planning tool that can be completed by local staff without extensive data collection or analysis. Despite its simplicity, the exercise is expected to provide valuable insight into community priorities, regional travel patterns, and opportunities to improve active transportation connectivity throughout the KTMPO region.

Jurisdictions are encouraged to complete and return the exercise by **December 21, 2026**. Responses will be compiled and used to help inform the scope and direction of future regional connectivity efforts, ensuring that subsequent planning activities reflect locally identified needs and regional priorities.

The Destination Identification and Prioritization Exercise QR code is included in the PowerPoint.

Action Needed: No action needed, for discussion only.

ITEM #12

Barrow Brewing Company Volks Bike Ride report and event highlights

Barrow Brewing Company Volks Bike Ride Report Highlights

Background

Barrow Brewing Company hosted the 7th Annual Volksride on October 17, 2026, in Salado, Texas. The family-friendly cycling event brought together riders from across Central Texas and offered 16-mile, 32-mile, and 100K route options through scenic portions of the region, including areas between Salado, Holland, and Belton. The event also served as a fundraiser benefiting the Salado Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD).

The Volksride promotes bicycling as a recreational and active transportation activity while highlighting the region's rural roads, communities, and outdoor recreation assets. Events such as the Volksride support KTMPO's goals of encouraging active lifestyles, increasing awareness of bicycling opportunities, and fostering partnerships among local governments, businesses, community organizations, and cycling enthusiasts.

The event concluded with Barrow Brewing Company's Oktoberfest celebration, creating an opportunity to combine cycling, community engagement, tourism, and economic activity while showcasing the quality-of-life amenities available throughout the region.

Action Needed: No action needed, for discussion only.

ITEM #13

Unplug Texas Day report and event highlights

Unplug Texas Event Highlights

Background

The City of Killeen Parks & Recreation Department participated in Unplug Texas Day 2026 by hosting a community event at Long Branch Park on October 21, 2026. The event encouraged residents to disconnect from digital devices and reconnect with family, friends, neighbors, and the outdoors through a free community painting activity in partnership with Painting with a Twist.

Unplug Texas Day is a statewide initiative led by the Texas Recreation and Park Society (TRAPS) that promotes outdoor recreation, community engagement, health, and wellness by encouraging Texans to spend time in parks, trails, open spaces, and recreational facilities. The City of Killeen's event supported these goals by providing a technology-free environment that fostered social interaction, creativity, and community connection.

Activities such as Unplug Texas Day support KTMPO's efforts to promote active living, outdoor recreation, and public awareness of the region's parks, trails, and community resources while encouraging residents to engage in healthy, connected lifestyles.

Action Needed: No action needed, for discussion only.

ITEM #14

Update on Serving to Help Cyclists

Serving to Help Cyclist

Background

Sean is a dedicated youth cycling safety trainee and emerging instructor with Serving to Help Cyclists. At 15, he brings strong discipline, calm decision-making, and a natural ability to connect with younger riders. In addition to supporting community cycling events and assisting with route safety, Sean contributes directly to the organization's growth by tailoring the nonprofit's website and developing its social media platform to expand youth engagement and community outreach.



Sean Beamesderfer and Brett Beamesderfer

Updates

[Lions on the Leon Captain "D" Dash for "Sight" 5K Run/Walk]





Offer Monthly Kids' Ride
Belton Parks & Rec



Belton Lions' Club Tribute Ride

https://www.kwtx.com/2026/09/10/teen-rides-friends-turns-hardship-into-nonprofit/





Future Events

- November: Monthly ride for kids @ Liberty Park in Belton
- March 2027: Ride Beyond The Battle Fort Cavazos to Camp Mabry to Fort Sam Houston (Father and Son Ride)
- April 2027 First Annual Veterans' Ride (50k Bike Ride)
- April or May 2027 Potential BISD Bike-A-Thon
- September 2027 Potential KISD Bike-A-Thon
- September 2027 Potential Metric Century (place tbd)
- Various “Safety & Awareness Courses” to be conducted
- Working with Communities in School (CIS) at Nolan Middle School (Potential Safety & Awareness Presentations for students)

ITEM #15

Upcoming community activities for the period of November 2026 – January, 2027

November 4, 2026

Active Transportation Advisory Committee **Agenda Item # 15**

Upcoming Community Activities for the period of November – January 2027

Community activities throughout the Killeen-Temple MPO region, including walking and running events, cycling events, outdoor expos, and other recreational programs, help promote healthy lifestyles, strengthen community connections, and showcase the region's parks, trails, and outdoor amenities. These events encourage active transportation, support local organizations and charitable causes, attract visitors, and contribute to trail tourism and local economic activity by generating spending at restaurants, hotels, retail businesses, and other community destinations.

Supporting these activities advances shared regional goals related to health, wellness, recreation, economic development, and community engagement while increasing awareness and use of transportation and recreational assets across the MPO planning area.

The community activities are included in the packet.

Action Needed: No action needed, for discussion only.

KTMPO
KILLEEN-TEMPLE
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

HEALTH & WELLNESS UPDATE

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION | STRONGER COMMUNITIES | HEALTHIER PEOPLE

November 4, 2026 Meeting | November 4 – 30 Outlook

WALK BIKE RUCK RUN EXPLORE



WED NOV 4

KTMPO MEETING

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

- 9:30 – 11:00 AM
- Central Texas Council of Governments 2180 N Main St, Belton, TX
- Virtual Option Available



SAT NOV 7

RUCKS ON MAIN

Veterans Day Ruck March

- ~ 6 Miles
- 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Santa Fe Plaza Temple, TX
- $45 Registration



SAT NOV 7

KILLEEN TURKEY TROT 5K

Benefiting Killeen Food Care Center

- 5K Run/Walk
- 8:00 AM
- Stonetree Golf Club Killeen, TX
- $30 Registration



SAT NOV 14

SALADO BAND MUSTACHE DASH 5K

- 5K Run/Walk
- Time TBA
- Salado, TX
- Registration TBD



SAT NOV 21

WALK WITH A DOC

Community Walking Program

- All Ages & Paces Welcome
- 9:00 AM
- Miller Park Temple, TX
- Recurring Third Saturday



THU NOV 26

TEMPLE THANKSGIVING DAY TURKEY TROT 5K

- 5K Run/Walk
- Time TBA
- Temple, TX
- Registration TBD (verify details)

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION BUILDS STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Healthier People | Safer Streets | Connected Communities | Active Lifestyles | Stronger Local Economy



KEY KTMPO PRIORITIES

- Safer pedestrian and bicycle routes
- Better connections to schools, parks, shopping and workplaces
- More opportunities for all ages and abilities
- Partnerships with local organizations
- Support for community wellness events

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KILLEEN-TEMPLE
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

HEALTH & WELLNESS UPDATE

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION | STRONGER COMMUNITIES | HEALTHIER PEOPLE

DECEMBER 2026 – JANUARY 2027

WALK BIKE RUCK RUN EXPLORE



SAT DEC 5

JINGLE BELL DASH 5K

Get in the holiday spirit and keep moving!

- 5K Run/Walk
- 8:00 AM
- Andy K. Wells Hike & Bike Trail Killeen, TX
- All Ages Welcome



MON DEC 7

TEMPLE CHRISTMAS PARADE

A holiday tradition that brings our community together!

- Pedestrian Friendly
- 6:30 PM
- Downtown Temple, TX
- Enjoy the parade and support local businesses safely on foot.



DEC 11 – JAN 3

RINK ON THE RAILS

Outdoor seasonal fun for the whole family!

- Ice Skating
- Various Hours (December 11 – January 3)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Festival Grounds Temple, TX
- Family Friendly All Ages



SAT DEC 12

SANTA'S LITTLE YELPER'S 5K

Run, walk and bring your furry friends!

- 5K Run/Walk (Dog Friendly)
- Time TBA (verify details)
- Temple, TX
- All Ages & Paces Welcome



SAT DEC 19

KILLEEN HALF MARAFUN

Half Marathon, 10K & 5K on a scenic trail!

- Half Marathon, 10K & 5K
- 8:00 AM
- Purser Heritage Hike & Bike Trail Killeen, TX
- All Fitness Levels Welcome



JANUARY 2027

NEW YEAR, MORE MOVEMENT

A community initiative to start the year healthy, active and connected!

- Walking, Cycling & Trail Use Initiative
- Community Participation Opportunity (Not a Scheduled Event)
- Explore Local Trails
  Support Active Lifestyles
  Make 2027 Your Healthiest Year!

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KEY KTMPO PRIORITIES

- Safer pedestrian and bicycle routes
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- More opportunities for all ages and abilities
- Partnerships with local organizations
- Winter visibility and safety
- Support for community wellness events

ITEM #16

Recreation and Local Parks Grants

Recreation and Local Parks Grants

Background

In preparation for the anticipated opening of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 2027 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Projects on **January 8, 2027,** TxDOT is offering informational webinars and technical assistance to prospective applicants. Webinar topics include funding eligibility, project types, application requirements, schedules, funding amounts, and application development strategies.

The remaining webinar opportunity is scheduled for November 9, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Communities interested in pursuing trail, sidewalk, bicycle, pedestrian, and other active transportation projects are encouraged to participate and begin preparing competitive applications.

Grant Program	Funding Focus	Award Amount	Match Requirement	Due Date	Status
🚴 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program TxDOT	Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects	Approximately $60 Million available statewide	20% Local Match	Anticipated 2027 Call for Projects	🟢 11/9/2026 webinar
💙 Blue Impact Grants Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas	Community Transportation & Health Initiatives	Up to $75,000	Not Confirmed	January 29, 2027	🟡 Monitoring
🌲 Recreational Trails Program Texas Parks and Wildlife Department	Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trail Projects	Varies by Project	20% Local Match	February 2, 2027	🟢 Eligible

Action Needed: No action needed, for discussion only.

ITEM #17

Public Input Received through Previous Month

Public Input Received to Date

KTMPO collects public input through a variety of channels, including online submissions, email, public meetings, workshops, community events, social media, and interactive web maps. Staff review and research comments received, collaborate with partner agencies, and coordinate with relevant stakeholders to address concerns and gather information. When contact information is available, staff also follow up directly with commenters to provide updates or additional information.

Public input is regularly shared with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Transportation Policy Board (TPPB), Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC), and Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) to ensure awareness of community concerns, promote transparency, and provide opportunities for discussion and consideration.

Public comments received during the previous month are included in the meeting packet and documented in the Public Engagement Log.

Current Public Comment Period: None at this time.

The public comment log is included in the packet.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

ITEM #18

Staff Update

Staff Update

Listed below are the upcoming KTMPO meetings:

Date	Meeting
January 6, 2027	Technical Advisory Committee
January 20, 2027	Transportation Planning Policy Board
February 3, 2027	Technical Advisory Committee
February 17, 2027	Transportation Planning Policy Board
February 10, 2027	Active Transportation 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).

Conference

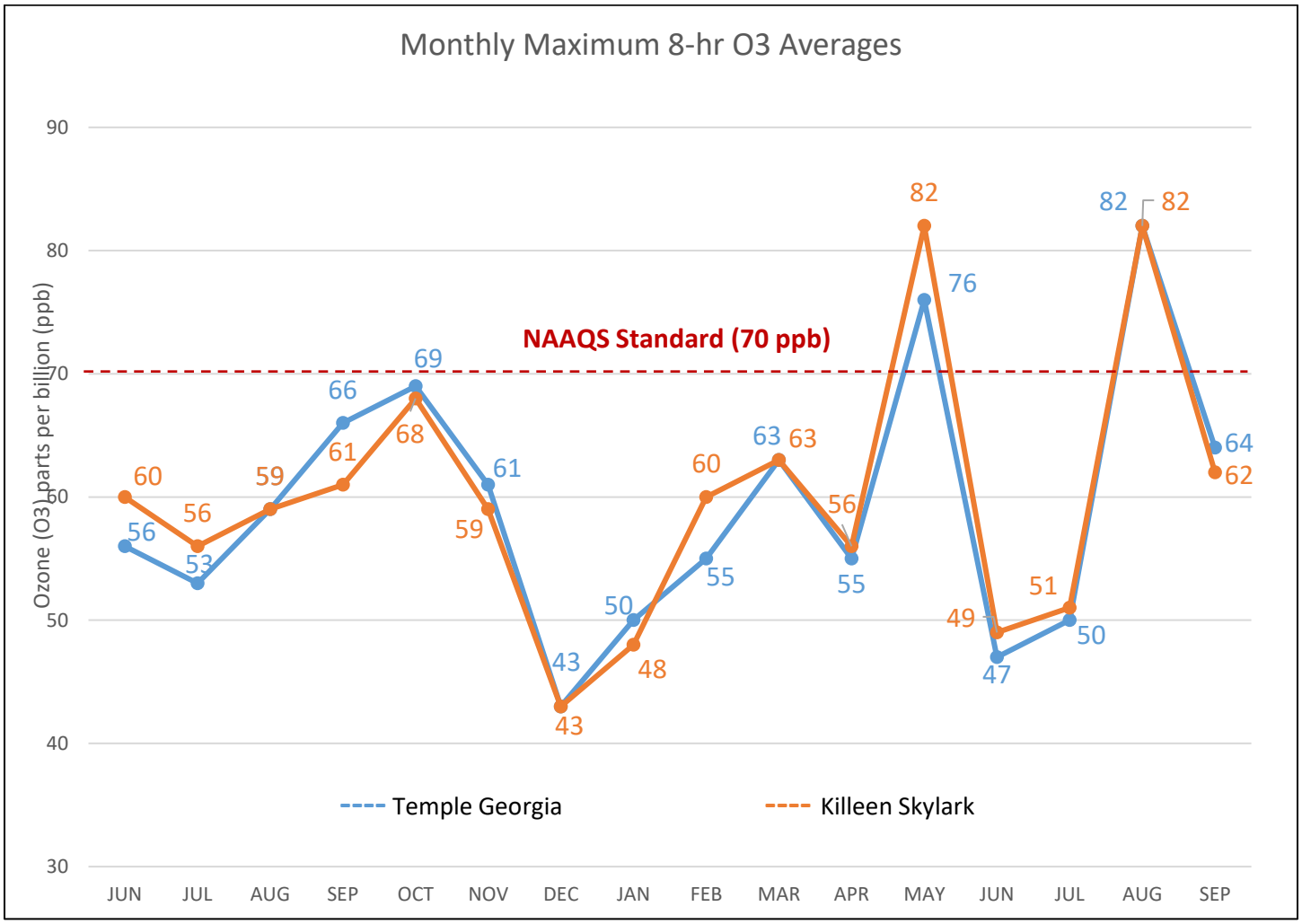
Trail Connect VIII
Date: November 5, 2026
Location: Capital Venue Austin, TX 78747, 10401 Old Lockhart Road, Austin, Texas 78747
Registration: Great Springs Project

Trail Connect is an annual conference dedicated to exploring regional trail development and the vital role of land conservation across Central Texas and over the Edwards Aquifer. The event brings together more than 300 community leaders, developers, conservationists, planners, and advocacy organizations to engage in meaningful conversations around balancing regional growth with environmental stewardship.

Texas Trails and Active Transportation Conference (TTAT) 2026
Date: November 11 – 13, 2026
Location: Centered around the conference hub at 900 Springdale Road, Austin TX
Registration: TTAT

The conference is being designed as an immersive active transportation experience, allowing attendees to experience multimodal travel options firsthand, including walking, bicycling, bike share, micromobility, pedicabs, and other emerging transportation technologies.

Air Quality



2026

Compliance with EPA Ozone Standard: 4th Highest Annual Value

3-year average (Calculated on August 6, 2026)

	2024	2025	2026*	
Temple	61	68	71	67
Killeen	71	71	64	69

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

ITEM #19

Member Comments

Member Comments

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

KTMPO Meeting Attendance

ATAC Meeting Membership Attendance for FY24-FY26										
Entity | Interest	**Name**	**Date Appointed**	**2/12/2025**	**5/14/2025**	**8/13/2025**	**11/12/2025**	**2/11/2026**	**5/13/2026**	**8/12/2026**	**11/4/2026**
Pedestrian Interest	Kara Escajeda, Chair (11/2025)	Sep-25	-	M	M	M	M	-	M	
City of Belton	Joe Dyer, Vice Chair (6/24)	Nov-23	M	-	M	M	-	M	M	
Cycling Interest	Geary McCabe	Dec-23	M	M	M	M	P	M	O	
Cycling Interest	Keller Matthews	Dec-23	M	M	M	M	-	-	-	
City of Temple	Vacant	Mar-21	M	M	-	M	M	N/A	N/A	
City of Copperas Cove	Jeff Stoddard	Dec-23	M	M	-	-	-	O	-	
City of Nolanville	Tersa Chandler	Jun-24	O	O	-	O	P	M	M	
Fort Hood	Mario Perez	Dec-23	M	O	O	-	-	-	P	
Hill Country Transit District	James Wickham	Dec-24	O	O	O	O	O	P	M	
TxDOT Waco District	Daniel Davilla	Feb-25	O	O	O	M	M	O	O	
City of Harker Heights	Amy Atkins	Feb-25	-	O	O	O	P	O	-	
Other: Running Events	KD Hill w/Barrow Brewing	Feb-25	M	O	O	-	O	O	-	
Other: Economic Development	Holly Owens	Feb-25	M	-	O	-	O	-	-	
Youth Interest	Lauren Morrell	May-25	N/A	N/A	M	-	M	O	O	
Pedestrian Interest	Parker Petersen	May-26	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	M	
Equestrian Interest	Vacant		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	
County	Vacant		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	
Cycling Interest	Vacant		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	-

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