



Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (KTMP O)
Transportation Planning Policy Board

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

9:30 AM

Regular Meeting

2180 North Main Street

Belton, TX 76513

Representing	Member	Attended	Alternate Attended
City of Belton	Mayor David Leigh	Y	
City of Copperas Cove	Councilmember Dale Treadway	Y	
City of Harker Heights	Mayor Michael Blomquist	Y	
City of Killeen	Councilmember Ramon Alvarez	N	
City of Killeen	Councilmember Riakos Adams	Y	
City of Killeen	Councilmember Joseph Solomon	N	
City of Temple	Mayor Tim Davis	Y	
City of Temple	Chair, Councilmember Susan Long	Y/A	James Billeck
City of Temple	Councilmember Mike Pilkington	Y	
HCTD	Raymon Suarez	Y/A	Darrell Burtner
Bell County	Judge David Blackburn	N	
Bell County	Vice Chair, Commissioner Bobby Whitson	Y	
Coryell County	Judge Roger Miller	Y	
Lampasas County	Commissioner Bobby Carroll	N	
TxDOT – Waco	Stan Swiatek, PE	Y	
TxDOT – Brownwood	Greg Cedillo, PE	Y*	

Y= Attended Y/A= Alternate Attended N=Did not attend

*denotes online attendance

Meeting Minutes:

- 1. Call to Order:** Commissioner Bobby Whitson called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.
- 2. Opportunity for Public Comment:** No comments were made by the public.
- 3. Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from the February 19, 2025, meeting.

Mayor Tim Davis made a motion to approve the February 19, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Michael Blomquist; the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding approval of Resolution 2025-05 recognizing April 2025 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

Callie Tullos presented Resolution 2025-05 to recognize the month of April as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month and provided regional automobile accident statistics, including trend charts on motor vehicle fatalities and serious injuries.

Councilmember Riakos Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 recognizing April 2025 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, seconded by Darrell Burtner; the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending approval of Resolution 2025-06 supporting the 2025 Transit Asset Management (TAM) performance targets established by Hill Country Transit District (HCTD).

Callie Tullos presented the proposal to recommend the approval of Resolution 2025-06, supporting the Transit Asset Management Plan. The plan aims to assess the condition of regional transit networks and phase out vehicles that have exceeded their useful life benchmark.

Darrell Burtner explained that a major transition within the Hill Country Transit District (HCTD) had resulted in the agency retaining twice the usual number of vehicles. He noted that the performance target figures were skewed due to the expanded inventory but stated that next year's numbers would better reflect HCTD's reduced scope as it shifts from serving nine counties to only four.

Councilmember Riakos Adams made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-06 supporting the 2025 Transit Asset Management (TAM) performance targets established by Hill Country Transit District (HCTD), seconded by Mayor David Leigh; the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending approval of Resolution 2025-07 supporting the 2025 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) performance targets established by Hill Country Transit District (HCTD).

Callie Tullos presented the proposal to recommend approval of Resolution 2025-07, supporting the Hill Country Transit District's (HCTD) safety performance targets. Darrell Burtner explained that the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) is a federally mandated safety program.

Judge Roger Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07 supporting the 2025 Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) performance targets

established by Hill Country Transit District (HCTD), seconded by Councilmember Riakos Adams; the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding the draft of the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Uryan Nelson presented the 2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program timeline and provided an update on staff's progress in revising the document. He noted that while the narrative may be subject to change, the numerical data is expected to remain largely unchanged.

Bobby Whitson and David Blackburn mentioned the changing priorities by the state of Texas regarding DEI-related language and asked whether this would affect funding to the MPO. James McGill noted that the use of such language in the UPWP was minimal, and Uryan Nelson said that funding would likely not be impacted at all.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding draft ILA for speed sign loaner program.

Sam Agha presented the draft ILA for the speed sign loaner program. Uryan Nelson explained that the MPO was awarded \$50,000 from the state for safety-related activities, so the MPO purchased ten speed signs that could be loaned out to any member jurisdiction for the purpose of data collection.

Jason Deckman asked if member jurisdictions would be responsible for any damage towards the speed signs if it happened during a roadside accident. Roger Miller asked if staff had any sort of distribution plan, noting that speed signs would be more useful to smaller cities without speed signs for themselves against larger cities that already have speed signs. Mr. Miller also asked about the type of data being collected by the speed signs.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding amendments to the FY25-28 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for projects.

James McGill provided an update of changing being made to the FY25-28 TIP and 2050 MTP. He provided several planning and administrative amendments to be made as well as a timeline for approval of the amendments.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding an update on the Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) Grant.

Uryan Nelson provided an update on the SS4A grant, noting that it is nearing completion. Mr. Nelson reminded TAC members to submit their in-kind tracking forms via DocuSign.

11. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through February 2025.

Anita Janke summarized public comments received through email, the MPO website, social media, and public engagement events. She highlighted concerns about Chapparral Road.

12. Director's Update:

Uryan Nelson provided the schedule for the upcoming KTMPO meetings. Mr. Nelson addressed the federal government's review of discretionary programs, explaining that other MPOs across the country had similar concerns but had not yet experienced any issues with continued funding. Mr. Nelson provided an update on the upcoming TEMPO and AMPO meeting. Mr. Nelson provided an update on the reallocation of transportation funds given to the state of Texas. Mr. Nelson provided an update on possible funding reallocation from TxDOT. Mr. Nelson notified the TPPB of two departures from KTMPO: James McGill and Dominic Elizondo. The maximum ozone air quality readings for January were 53 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 52 ppb at the Killeen station.

13. Member Comments:

Greta Buccellato from Fort Cavazos requested that the committee add a future agenda item regarding continuing HOP operations on Fort Cavazos through a fare system. Ms. Buccellato explained that for the prior year, Fort Cavazos had funded HOP microtransit on the base through federal funding, but that said federal funding would be pulled. Darrell Burtner said that the HOP would support that action.

14. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 am.

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

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ATTEST:

Councilmember Susan Long, Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director