



Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

**March 8, 2023
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Agenda



**Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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

Regular Meeting: 9:30 A.M.

Virtual Meeting Link: [KTMP O BPAC Meeting](#)

Call in Number: [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](#)

Access Code: 756-809-085

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for Public Comment.
3. Staff Update: *(pg.6-7)*
 - a) KTMP O Meetings;
 - b) Other Updates;
 - c) Air Quality.
4. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from the December 14, 2022, meeting. *(pg.10-12.)*
5. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending approval of Resolution 2023-04 National Distracted Driving Month April 2023. *(pg.14-15)*
6. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending approval of Resolution 2023-05 National Bike Month May 2023. *(pg.18-19)*
7. **Discussion Item:** Regarding the ADA and the Built Environment Presentation. *(pg.22)*
8. **Discussion Item:** Regarding the Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail Marker Project. *(pg.24-26)*
9. **Discussion Item:** Regarding update on the Collaborative Community Page. *(pg.28)*
10. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Local Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities. *(pg.30-32)*
11. **Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through February 2023. *(pg.34-36)*
12. Member comments.
13. Next Meeting: June 14, 2023 at 9:30am
14. Adjourn.

Item 3:

Staff Update

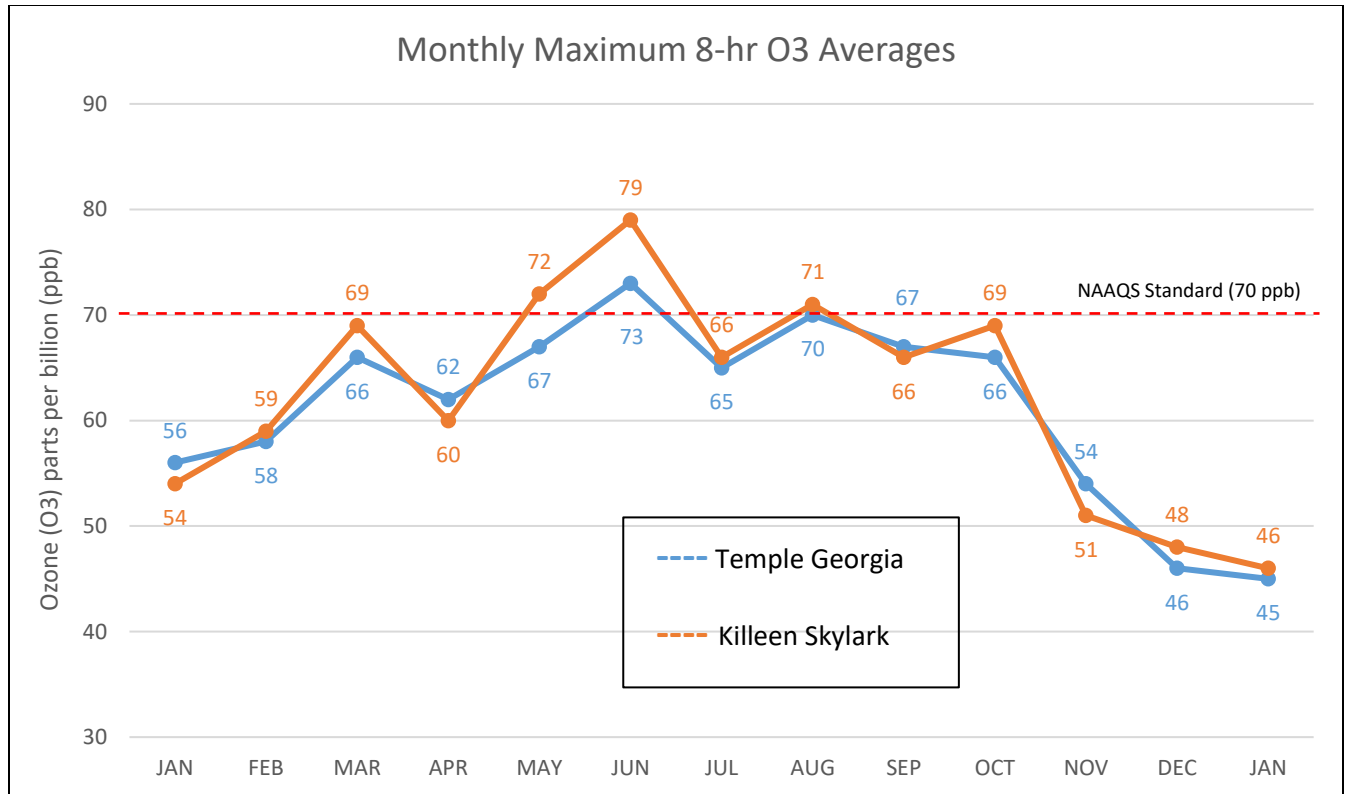
Staff Update

- Listed below are the upcoming KTMPO meetings:
 - April 12, 2023 – Technical Advisory Committee
 - April 19, 2023 – Transportation Planning Policy Board
 - *April 27, 2023 – Freight Advisory Committee @2:30p.m.*
 - May 3, 2023 – Technical Advisory Committee
 - May 17, 2023 – Transportation Planning Policy Board
 - June 7, 2023 – Technical Advisory Committee
 - June 14, 2023 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

All meetings are scheduled for 9:30am at the Central Texas Council of Governments offices in Belton, Texas, unless otherwise noted (ie – electronic meeting).

- Other Updates
 - TxDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee January 27, 2023 ([Agenda Packet Link](#))
 - Connecting Texas 2050 ([Link](#))
 - TxDOT's District Bike Plan pilot program ([Link](#))
 - TxDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan – Update
 - Next meeting is on April 24, 2023
 - TxDOT Bicycle Tourism Trail Study ([Link](#))
 - FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) website ([Link](#)) and ([Fact Sheets](#)).
 - FHWA HEP Virtual Booth ([Link](#))

- Air Quality



Compliance with EPA Ozone Standard: 4th Highest Annual Value				3-year average (Calculated on March 1, 2022)
	2020	2021	2023*	
Temple	67	67	46	60
Killeen	70	69	47	62

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

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Item 4:

Meeting Minutes



KILLEEN TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPPO)
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

Wednesday, December 14, 2022
2:00 PM

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)
2180 North Main Street
Belton, TX 76513

BPAC Voting Members Present

Chair Jason Deckman – City of Temple	Jeff Achèe – City of Harker Heights
Vice Chair Kara Escajeda – City of Nolanville	Gene Roberts – Fort Hood
James Grant for Vice Chair Matt Bates – City of Belton*	Geary McCabe – Sun Country Cycling

Others Present

Kelly T Atkinson – City of Temple	Garry Merritt – Great Springs Project
Belinda Garcia – City of Temple	Kenny Skrobanek – Great Springs Project
Nancy Glover – City of Temple	David Bemporad – Great Springs Project
John Gallen – Copperas Cove Historical Society*	Kristi Shepperson – Great Springs Project*
Yvonne Sanchez – Citizen Representative	James McGill – KTMPPO
Lyda Creus Molanphy – Citizen Representative*	Hope Geiger – KTMPPO
Andre Avots – McLane Children’s Medical Center*	Anita Janke – KTMPPO
	Anna Barge – CTCOG*

**Denotes online attendee*

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Jason Deckman called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

2. Public Comment: No comments were made from the public.

3. Staff Update: KTMPPO Meetings; Other Updates; Air Quality

Hope Davis notified the group of upcoming KTMPPO meetings through March. Ms. Davis shared information from the October TxDOT BPAC meeting highlighting their Strategic Direction Report and other links to various FHWA and TxDOT resources and grant information. Ms. Davis also noted that TxDOT FY23 Transportation Alternative Call for Projects is open now and closes January 27, 2023. Air quality for the month of November was 54 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 51 ppb at the Killeen station.

4. Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting.

Kara Escajeda made a motion to approve the September 14, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Gene Roberts the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Item: Regarding Great Springs Project Presentation

Garry Merritt, Kenny Skrobanek, and David Bemporad presented on the work they are doing on the Great Springs Project. The presentation covered how the project got started, how they made community connections along the way, leveraging funding, and potential strategies that could be implemented here for trail development.

Jason Deckman and others discussed ways this could be beneficial for our area and ways to get the conversation started for trail development.

6. Discussion Item: Regarding update on the Trail Highlight Series project.

Hope Davis provided an update on the current trail highlight series page on the KTMPO website. Ms. Davis informed the BPAC of staff's desire to change the page to Collaborative Community Trail Page, and to continue Trail of the Month as a highlight series on the KTMPO Facebook page.

Kara Escajeda made a comment on adding a KTMPO region wide trail map to the website.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding Local Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities.

Anita Janke presented how community and BPAC members can stay informed about local events. Ms. Janke presented the monthly recurring events and KMTPO's social media schedule for posting about local events and topics related to the BPAC.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through November 2022.

The KTMPO staff received one public comment in the last month. This comment is regarding the low numbers of ridership on the HOP buses. Darrell Burtner from Hill County Transit District addresses this comment in the Policy Board meeting on December 14, 2022 at 9:30a.m.

9. Member Comments.

Jeff Achèe updated on Harker Heights efforts to promote "Get Outdoors", to encourage people to take advantage of the parks and recreation in the Harker Heights area.

10. Next Meeting: March 8, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

11. Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

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

Jason Deckman, BPAC Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

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Item 5:

**National Distracted
Driving Month April 2023**

Resolution 2023-04 National Distracted Driving Month April 2023

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in partnership with the US Department of Transportation (DOT), state DOT's, and other national safety organizations promotes April as National Distracted Driving Month.

Distracted driving has become a major issue since the turn of the century driven mostly by the increase in prevalence of cell phones. This issue has quickly become one of the most dangerous traffic safety hazards in the country creating a need to be frequently addressed and combatted against however possible.

For more information: [NHTSA - Distracted Driving](#)

Attached to this meeting packet is a resolution supporting National Distracted Driving Month and the safe operation of vehicles in Texas. KTMPO encourages area cities to also support and promote National Distracted Driving Month as deemed appropriate in accordance with city and county orders.

Resolution 2023-04, supporting April 2023 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month is included in the meeting packet for review.

Action Needed: Recommend approval of Resolution 2023-04 National Distracted Driving Month April 2023.



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SUPPORTING APRIL 2023 AS NATIONAL DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH**

- WHEREAS;** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has declared the month of April 2023 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS;** distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including talking or texting on your phone, eating and drinking, talking to people in your vehicle, adjusting the entertainment or navigation system; and
- WHEREAS;** you cannot drive safely unless the task of driving has your full attention and any non-driving activity is a potential distraction and increases your risk of crashing; and
- WHEREAS;** distracted driving is the No. 2 reason for traffic related crashes on Texas roadways causing nearly 1 in 5 crashes in 2021 in which 431 people died and 2,934 were seriously injured; and
- WHEREAS;** since September 1, 2017 it has been illegal to read, write, or send a text while driving in Texas, with fines of up to \$200 for violators; and
- WHEREAS;** the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is fully committed to ending all traffic related deaths on Texas roads and is reminding all Texans to put their phones down and give driving their full attention whenever they are behind the wheel;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby recognizes and supports the month of April 2023 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization urges all motorists to put down their phones and focus solely on the task of driving while operating a vehicle for their safety and the safety of those around them.
- PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 19th day of April 2023 at a regular meeting of the KTMPO Policy Board, which was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, 551.001, *et seq.*, and at which a quorum was present and voting.

ATTEST:

Judge Roger Miller, Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

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Item 6:
National Bike Month
May 2023

May 2023 as National Bike Month

May is National Bike Month in America. Established in 1965, National Bike Month is promoted by the League of American Bicyclists. It provides an opportunity to promote and show all of the benefits of biking in America, as well as encourage individuals to try biking. The Center for Safe Routes to School also partners with the League of American Bicyclists each year to host National Bike to School Day in May.

National Bike Month dates include:

- Ride a Bike Day – Sunday, May 7th
- Bike to School Day – Wednesday, May 3rd
- Bike to Work Week – May 15th – 19th
- Bike to Work Day – Friday, May 19th

For more information and ideas on planning safe bike-friendly events, visit the League of American Bicyclists' [Bike Month page](#) or the Center for Safe Routes to School [Walk & Bike to School page](#).

A resolution declaring May 2023 as National Bike Month is included in your meeting packet. KTMPO encourages area cities to support and promote National Bike Month as deemed appropriate in accordance with city and county orders.

Action Needed: Recommend approval of Resolution 2023-04 National Bike Month May 2023.



RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SUPPORTING NATIONAL BIKE MONTH (MAY 2023) AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS AND DATES

WHEREAS; The League of American Bicyclists has declared the month of May 2023 as National Bike Month; May 7, 2023 as Ride a Bike Day; May 15 - May 19, 2023 as Bike to Work Week; and May 19, 2023 as Bike to Work Day; and

WHEREAS; the National Center for Safe Routes to School hosts National Bike to School Day, which will occur on May 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS; biking is a healthy, safe, and environmentally-friendly form of transportation and an excellent form of recreation; and

WHEREAS; bicycle commuting is an effective means to reduce air pollution, conserve energy, and promotes the "livability" of communities by reducing traffic, noise, and congestion; 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; National Bike Month promotions encourage citizens to ride their bicycles, thereby reducing vehicular emissions in Central Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby recognizes and supports the month of May 2023 as National Bike Month; May 7, 2023 as Ride a Bike Day; May 3, 2023 as Bike to School Day; May 15 through May 21, 2023 as Bike to Work Week; and May 19, 2023 as Bike to Work Day; 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 19th day of April 2023 at a regular meeting of the KTMP O 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:

Judge Roger Miller, Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMP O Director

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Item 7:
**ADA and the Built
Environment Presentation**

ADA and the Built Environment Presentation

Tara Klein from Four and One Landscape Architecture will be giving a presentation covering what landscape architecture encompasses and how design can have a lasting impact on our community.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Item 8:
Nolan Creek Hike & Bike
Trail Marker Project

Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail Marker Project

Kelly Atkinson is the Senior Neighborhood Planner and Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Temple, Texas who will be giving a presentation on the Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail Marker Project.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail Marker Project

Kelly T Atkinson, Senior Neighborhood Planner
BPAC – March 9th, 2023



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Project Purpose

- Increase safety and location awareness along the Hike & Bike Trail system
- Fully integrated within the E911 mapping system to help pinpoint locations along the trails
- Uniquely numbered – response geography
- Placed every 10th mile so trail-goers can track their distance if they'd like
- Sponsored by local businesses for promotion and community support

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Belton P.D. & F.D



- The **Belton Police Department** became the first law enforcement agency in Bell County to be commissioned as an **"Accredited Law Enforcement Agency."**
- The recognition program evaluates compliance with more than 150 Best Practices for Texas Law Enforcement.



- The **Belton Fire Department** received the award and designation of **"Recognized Best Practices Fire Department"** from the Texas Fire Chiefs Association Best Practices Recognition Program.
- Belton FD is one of the first ten departments in the state of Texas to receive this award.

[Source: City of Belton Website and Belton PD.]

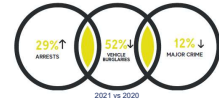
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Belton Crime Stats



MAJOR CRIME REPORT

Crime	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Murder	1	0	2	2	2
Sexual Assault	6	16	22	16	21
Robbery	10	14	9	7	0
Aggravated Assault	13	15	13	17	14
Burglary/Residence	43	34	31	30	30
Burglary/Building	46	44	26	26	34
Theft/Larceny	464	412	366	456	395
Auto Theft/ST/ATV	5	18	9	29	29
Total	588	553	476	583	511

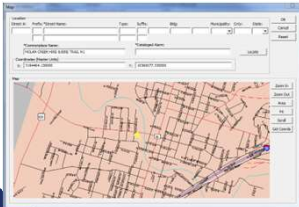


[Source: Belton PD, February 2023]

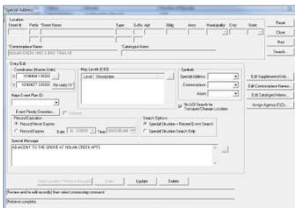
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Project Sustainability

All signs were geolocated and this information was integrated into the E911 dispatch system at Bell County Communications Center.



Belton PD performed field work and navigated to each sign location adding additional information for dispatchers to disseminate to first responders.



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Stages of Construction



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Project Sustainability

This project was designed for easy expansion into new hike and bike trail segments.

- Signs installed on 1.26 miles of trail (Liberty Park – MLK Jr. Ave)
- Additional trail segments since initial installation:
 - Phase IV 1.49 Miles (2020) University Drive from MLK to Crusader Way – University to Loop 121
 - Phase V 0.99 Miles (2022) Liberty Park under and along I35 to Holland Road

Belton Parks and Recreation is responsible for the maintenance of the signs and oversight of future project expansions.

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Future Expansion and Coordination

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Thank you!

Questions or Comments?

Kelly T Atkinson
Senior Neighborhood Planner
Historic Preservation Officer

Katkinson@templetx.gov

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Item 9:
Collaborative Community
Page Update

Update on Collaborative Community Page

KTMPO is working on creating a useful Collaborative Community Page. For citizens to be able to utilize and explore what our region has to offer in active transportation or leisure activities.

2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas 76513 (254) 770-2200 ktmpo@ctcog.org Translate: [Flags]

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Collaborative Community Page

HOME → COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY PAGE

The Central Texas region offers trail opportunities for all abilities and interests. The purpose of this page is to highlight the community's different forms of active transportation available in the Killeen-Temple metropolitan area, from winding paths traversing municipalities to walking loops around City parks.

The KTMPO has an available dashboard to view an active transportation map of the region.

KTMPO Facebook Page

To see activities and information about active Transportation check out the KTMPO Facebook page.
For trail highlights check out the KTMPO Terrific Trail Tuesday posts!

Facebook Page

Below is cities in the KTMPO region that have park and recreations pages on their city website. Click the city logo below to be taken to their page.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Item 10:
**Local Update on Bicycle
and Pedestrian Activities**

Local Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities

Local updates on bicycle and pedestrian activities are a standing item for staff and BPAC members to discuss and share information regarding recent local and regional Bicycle and Pedestrian events, activities, news, etc.

Due to the ever-changing landscape of bicycling and pedestrian activities and to provide consistent, up-to-date information, KTMPO staff recommends utilizing various social media channels, primarily KTMPO Facebook ([Link](#)) to highlight local and regional Bicycle and Pedestrian events, activities, and news, etc.

KTMPO staff will continue to organically promote community partners and stakeholders via Facebook according to the schedule (schedule page 29).

- Bell County Outdoor Adventures ([Link](#));
- Sun Country Cycling Calendar ([Link](#));
- CENTEX Race Series ([Link](#));
- Walk with a Doc ([Link](#));
- Parrie Haynes Equestrian Center Events ([Link](#))
- Parrie Haynes Equestrian Center ([Link](#))

It should be noted that social media is ever evolving and KTMPO staff will analyze posts and trends and adjust scheduling accordingly.

For this document, “Shareable” is defined as sharing a post that a community partner or stakeholder has posted on their Facebook page and “Create” is defined as marketing content that has been created by KTMPO staff.

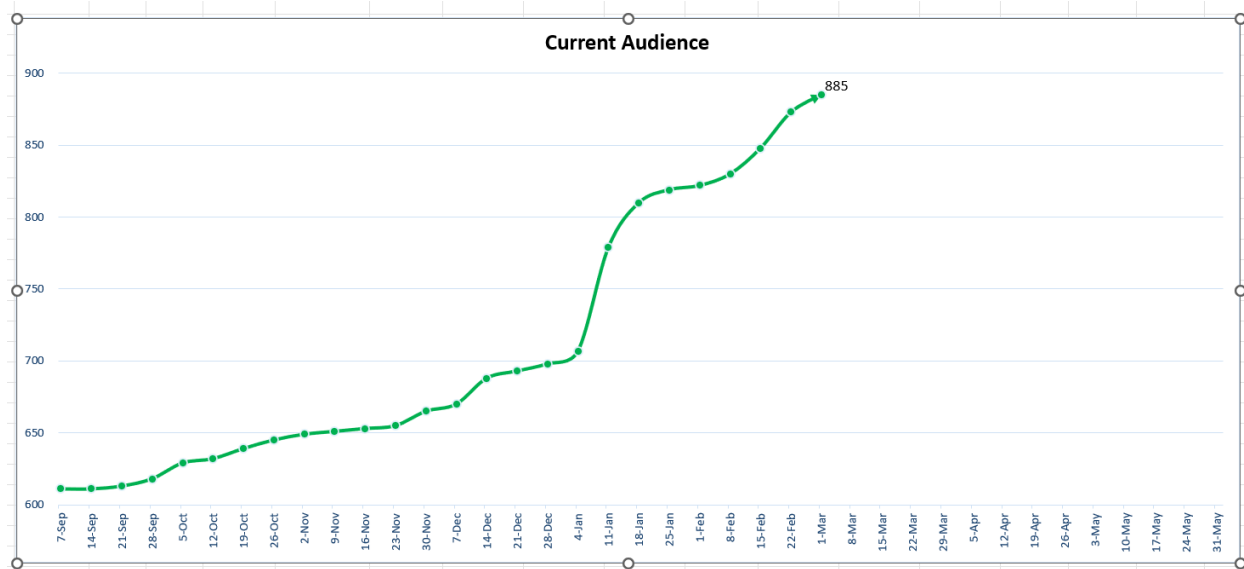
*BPAC Strategy is highlighted in the table.

Social Media Schedule

Day	Title	Content	Shareable /Create	Strategy Focus
Sunday	Shout Out Sunday	Highlighting and celebrating community milestones related to all KTMP activities or community #dogood news	Shareable	Celebrate and Inform
Monday	#EndTheStreakTX #BuckleUpTX	Safety tips and educational post provided by TxDOT	Collaborative	Safety and Education
Tuesday	Terrific Trails	Local trails (self-guided tours), outdoor space, State Park activities, hiking tips, #LeaveNoTrace	Shareable	Safety, Community Engagement
Wednesday	Wondering What is Happening This Weekend?	Highlights pedestrian, cycling, equestrian, bike rodeo activities and safety tips	Shareable	Safety, Community Engagement
Thursday	Think About It Thursdays	Reimagining transportation to include historical facts and updates on regional transportation like HOP	Shareable	Education, Vision Casting, Community Engagement
Friday	Freight Fridays	Freight current events	Shareable	Education and Information
Saturday	Walking in Your Neighborhood	Promotes using the Walkability Checklist to determine how walkable a community is and how to improve the walkability score through community engagement. (Link)	Create	Education and Community Engagement

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Facebook Audience



Item 11:
Public Input Received

Public Input Received

KTMPO has been collecting public comments received online, via emails, public hearings, meetings, social media accounts, web maps and other forms of communication. Staff bring these to the BPAC, TAC and TPPB on a regular basis to ensure the MPO boards are aware of public concerns and can respond accordingly. Public input received through the previous month is included in meeting packet.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.



KTMP Public Comments

FY23

Date	Name	Means of Public Comment	Public Comment	Date Comment First Presented to TAC/TPPB	Public Comment Topic	Jurisdiction
1/10/2023	Alison Teal	Facebook Comment	are there any plans for future meetings that will be held during non-workday hours?	1/18/2023	Meeting Dates	KTMP
1/10/2023	Shannon Brown Bachtel	Facebook Comment	Does this mean we are to expect more unnecessary eminent domain for the citizens of Temple/Belton/Killeen areas?	1/18/2023	Eminent Domain	City, County, State
1/11/2023	Ashley Isbell	Phone Call	There is a speeding issue along Blackberry Rd and it is a significant safety concern for the area. There are quite a few residential homes in the area and it is a golfcart community as well. People use Blackberry as a cut through from E Amity to get to FM 2268 and IH-35 and they don't heed the speed limit which is a problem.	1/18/2023	Roadway Speeding	Bell County
1/17/2023	Chris DeGraaff	Facebook Comment	<p>Re: PTN re: 5310</p> <p>Dear Transportation Progreect,</p> <p>My name is Chris DeGraaff and I have been a citizen of Temple, TX for over 42 years. I have been visually impaired for more then 35+ years of my life, and have been privy to some great accomplishments as well as severe shortcomings of the federal, state, and local levels regarding accessibility and transportation needs for our city's struggling citizens. I was enrolled in the first ever "Temple Transit" program back in the 80's and 90's, followed by the introduction and enrollment of the HOP paratransit system in the late 90's – early 2000's. I was at the grand opening of Temple's first public fixed route bus line in the early 2000's as well.</p> <p>Up until about 2015-2016, Temple, Texas was really an extremely accessible (transportation wise) city which provided great services for all disabled and elderly citizen throughout it's city limits and expanding beyond to area towns like Belton and even Killeen. It was such an impressive asset to the city that it became even a recruiting benefit for incoming citizens who were wanting to find a town/city with good, reliable transportation, in conjunction with readily available heath care services, that brought MANY people from around the state and country, to our humble town/city to live/reside because of our formidable transportation services.</p> <p>All that changed in 2016, when HOP decided to "re-define" it's scope of acceptable help, and began to limit it's services to ONLY people who lived within a 3/4th mile of any fixed route bus stop. A fixed bus stop that had, over the years, been reduced, diminished, and restricted to almost nothing in overall coverage of the city services. This inevitably pushed out about 75% of it's former clients and users to find other ways to get transportation needs met.</p> <p>I was a large advocate about this change at the time, and appeared on the news, radio, and tv about the concerns addressing all the people who will be left "out" without any help.</p> <p>I was able to reach out with HOCTIL advocacy group for disabled citizens, and worked with the City of Temple to try a pilot program aimed at giving UBER gift card/vouchers for disabled people outside of the 3/4ths mile at least a chance to get to a grocery store, pharmacy, doctor's appoints, or other vitally needed means of transportation concerns each month.</p> <p>This program only lasted about 6-9 months before funding went out.</p> <p>I have pitched a few ideas to help people in our city, primarily with expanding out our public fixed route busing services as much as possible to include many of the new additions added just over the past 6-7+ years alone. Creating more fixed bus stops would offer more opportunity to access businesses, work opportunities, and community events happening throughout the city's limits. Plus, the HOP would then be required to service more people who fall under the scope of the 3/4ths mile service range more.</p> <p>Here are a few places I suggested adding to the fixed bus routes:</p> <p>1. West Adams (New Walmart Area, Spare Time Bowling, First Baptist Church Temple)</p>	1/18/2023	FTA 5310 Survey	Hill Country Transit District

			<p>2. North Industrial Temple (Bucee's Gas Station, Frank Mayborn Center (Where many city events takes place), Distribution Centers, etc.)</p> <p>3. South I-35 Temple (Midway Drive area, Cinemark Area, Target Area, 57th Street Area)</p> <p>4. East Temple (Wilson Rec Center (where many city events take place), Public Housing Areas, etc.)</p> <p>By simply including each of these 4 zones around the city, you would be including an area covering most City Housing Zones for those most in need of transportation, residential neighborhoods scoping each of the 4 main corners of the city's primary living community. As well as all major local government venues for community events to be a part of to participate in those events.</p> <p>I urge you to consider these suggestions, and I pray that someone will be able to improve our current crumbling transportation system from the dilapidated condition it's currently transformed into, back into a thriving, positive outlook it once held to not only our eyes, but our neighbor's eyes as well.</p> <p>Thank you, Chris DeGraaff Temple TX</p>			
1/18/2023	Charles Johnson	KTMPO Mailbox	<p>My name is Charles Robert Johnson III the hop use to run on weekends now it doesn't what about people who work ? Austin Texas from Monday to Sunday the bus runs \$2 for all day riding, \$5 for 7 days and \$20 for 30 days and most people get off work at 5. All I'm saying is this can be improved just on a fundamental level</p>	2/1/2023	HOP Schedule	Hill Country Transit District
1/19/2023	Greg McAulay	Facebook Post	"Good clear information on dates and time. Now. What is a "TIP" and a "MTP"."	2/1/2023	General	KTMPO
2/13/2023	Citizen	Attended Heart 4 U event hosted by Area Agency on Aging	Mentioned living on Fort Hood and using the HOP, but frequently gets bumped as her rides are not to medical appointments. Would appreciate being informed, so she doesn't wait. Declined to fill out Comment Card	2.15.2023	HOP Schedule	Hill Country Transit District
2/9/2023	Charles Mikeska	Facebook Thread	<p>Are y'all working on how to keep the electricity on in east bell? Is that part of your plan?</p> <p>[Charles Mikeska] But you all need to remember those that are paying you to plan, also collect fees on our utility bills (county, state 2x And city) and you are an extension of the municipalities that fund you.</p> <p>It's just odd we're spending tax dollars on planning all off this when the money could've been used to reduce taxes and not create an entirely new entity with new logos, offices and FTEs</p> <p>A worth while project, since you mentioned traffic control, how about creating a plan to finish the loop around temple and get the traffic under control around bucees (temple pd states it's not their responsibility to monitor traffic on the loop)</p> <p>I'm sure all the entities that appropriated to create this new govt agency could benefit by y'all getting them funding to complete these areas. Time better spent than eradicating precious farmland with 4 lane albatrosses. Bell county has done a good job at destroying farmland already.</p> <p>[Charles Mikeska] you, whomever you are, are a good responder, but unfortunately gubberment waste is still wrong. May be the political thing to do, but it's wrong. I am no stranger to pop up governments, and if you have a meeting over here I just might show up.</p>	2.15.2023	Loop 363	TxDOT Waco

BPAC Member Listing

Name	Entity	3/9/2022	6/8/2022	9/6/2022	12/14/2022
Jason Deckman	Temple	X	X	X	X
Kara Escajeda	Nolanville			X	X
Erika Kunkel	TxDOT Waco District	X	X	X	
Yvonne Spell/Jeff Achee	Harker Heights	X		X	X
Matt Bates	Belton	X	X	X	X
Heather Buller	Killeen	X			
Jeff Stoddard	Copperas Cove				
Gene Roberts	Fort Hood	X	X	X	X
Carlos Santiago	Fort Hood Riders/Citizen				
Keller Matthews	BS&W Cycling Club/ Citizen				
Chad Welch	Tri-City Bicycles/Citizen	X	X		
Geary McCabe	Sun Country Cycling/ Citizen	X	X	X	X
John Wiist	King of the Mountain Cyclery/Citizen				

Upcoming Webinars & Grant Opportunities

Upcoming Webinars

Upcoming webinars regarding bicycle and pedestrian transportation are listed below. All of these webinars are free to the public.

- Using a Digital Platform to Connect Trails to Tourism
March 16, 2023 ([Link](#))
- Activating the Trail Community in Conservation Issues
March 23, 2023 ([Link](#))
- The Trails Safe Passing Plan (TSPP) ([Link](#))
March 30, 2023
- Helping Wheelchair Hikers Find Hiking Trails ([Link](#))
April 6, 2023
- Building a Comprehensive Count Program in Your Park or on Your Trails ([Link](#))
May 11, 2023
- Informing the Trail Experience: The Process of Signing a Trail ([Link](#))
May 18, 2023

Upcoming Conference

2023 NOHVCC Annual Conference ([Link](#))

- October 5-7 in St. George, Utah

International Trails Summit

- April 17-20, 2023 in Reno, Nevada

Texas Trails and Active Transportation Conference- Recording

- Link to access - [TTAT Conference 2022](#)

Grant Opportunities

The Texas Department of Agriculture administers the Community Development Fund, which is the largest fund category in the TxCDBG Program. Funds may be used for public infrastructure, street and drainage improvements, and various other opportunities. More information regarding this grant may be found here:

Community Development Block Grant Program ([Link](#))

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. More information regarding this grant may be found below:

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