

# Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

September 27, 2023 9:30 a.m.



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# Agenda



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

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

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

Regular Meeting: 9:30 A.M.

Virtual Meeting Link: KTMPO BPAC Meeting

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

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Opportunity for Public Comment.
- 3. Staff Update: (pq.6-7)
  - a) KTMPO Meetings;
  - b) Other Updates;
  - c) Air Quality.
- 4. **Action Item**: Regarding approval of minutes from the June 14, 2023, meeting. (pg.10-12.)
- 5. **Discussion and Action Item**: Regarding Officer Elections for FY24. (pg.14)
- 6. **Discussion Item:** Regarding a Presentation on Ghisallo Cycling Initiative. (pg.16-20)
- 7. **Discussion Item:** Regarding a Presentation on Wrenches to Wheels. (pq.22-23)
- 8. **Discussion Item**: Regarding a Presentation by Geary McCabe on local cycling programs. (pg.26-27)
- 9. **Discussion Item**: Regarding Local Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities. (pg.30-31)
- 10. **Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through August 2023. (pg.34-35)
- 11. Member comments.
- 12. Next Meeting: December 13, 2023, at 2:30pm\*
- 13. Adjourn.

# Item 3: Staff Update



#### Agenda Item #3

#### **Staff Update**

- Listed below are the upcoming KTMPO meetings:
  - October 4, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee
  - October 18, 2023 Transportation Planning Policy Board
  - October 27, 2023 Freight Advisory Committee 2:30pm
  - November 1, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee
  - November 15, 2023 Transportation Planning Policy Board
  - December 6, 2023 Technical Advisory Committee
  - December 13, 2023 -- Transportation Planning Policy Board
  - December 13, 2023 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee 2:30pm\*

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

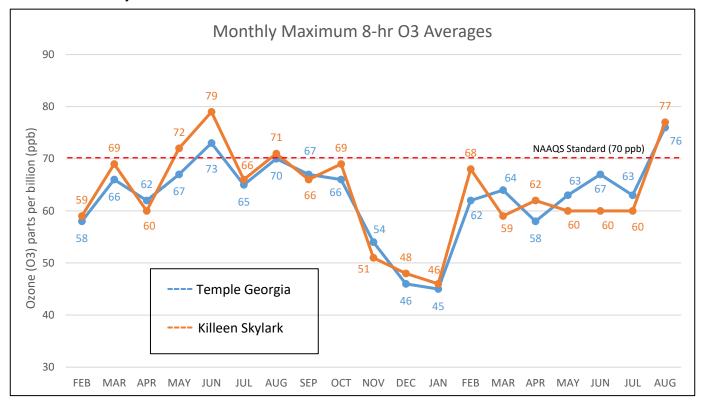
- Other Updates
  - TIP Scoring Process
  - Safe Street and Roads for All
  - TxDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee July 21, 2023 (<u>Agenda Packet Link</u>)
    - Statewide Active Transportation Plan
    - TxDOT District Bicycle Plans Update
    - Next meeting is on October 27, 2023
  - TxDOT Bicycle Tourism Trail Study (Link)
  - FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) website (Link) and (Fact Sheets).
  - FHWA HEP Virtual Booth (Link)



#### Agenda Item #3

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#### Air Quality



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	2020	2021	2023*	Sept 1, 2023)
Temple	67	67	76	70
Killeen	70	69	75	71

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.



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# Item 4: Meeting Minutes



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

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 9:30 AM

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

#### **BPAC Voting Members Present**

Chair Jason Deckman – City of Temple Vice Chair Kara Escajeda – City of Nolanville Joe Dyer for Matt Bates – City of Belton Alex Beaver for Jeff Achèe – City of Harker Heights Gene Roberts – Fort Cavazos Geary McCabe – Sun Country Cycling Keller Matthews – BS&W Cycling Club

#### **Others Present**

Kelly T Atkinson – City of Temple
Ona Trubee – Parrie Haynes Ranch
\*Jenny Cook – MTAC and ETS
\*Brenton Lane – TxDOT Waco District

\*Daniel Davila – TxDOT Waco District

Jeannie Horne – CTCOG
\*Uryan Nelson – KTMPO
Connie Quinto – KTMPO
James McGill – KTMPO
Hope Geiger – KTMPO
Anita Janke – KTMPO

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order:** Jason Deckman called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

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

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

Hope Davis notified the committee of upcoming KTMPO meetings through September. Ms. Davis informed the committee of officer elections happening at the September meeting. Ms. Davis shared information from the April TxDOT BPAC meeting highlighting, Connecting Texas 2050, TxDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, and TTI Data Presentation. Air quality for the month of May was 63 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 60 ppb at the Killeen station.

4. Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from the March 8, 2022, meeting.

Chair Jason Deckman made a motion to approve the March 8, 2022, meeting minutes by general consensus; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding September Meeting Date

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes online attendee

Hope Davis informed the committee of staff being on vacation during the next scheduled committee meeting. Ms. Davis provided two dates that the committee could choose, September 27 or October 11.

Geary McCabe made a motion to move the next meeting to September 27, 2023, seconded by Kara Escajeda; the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding Feedback for the Project Scoring Working Group.

Hope Davis presented the current scoring criteria for the Transportation and Livability Evaluation Tracks.

Several committee members suggested BPAC do a scoring of the Livability Projects and give those recommendations to the TAC before they score the projects. Keller Matthews asked about livability and walking scores for the region. Kara Escajeda suggested that a walking score be a special study recommendation.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding a Presentation on Trails Safe Passing Plan (TSPP) Stop! Speak and Stand Back.

Jenny Cook from Michigan Trails Advisory Council Equestrian Representative (MTAC) and the SW Michigan Equestrian Trails Subcommittee Representative (ETS) presented on the importance of using the Trail Safe Passing Plan (TSPP) Stop! Speak and Stand Back.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding a Presentation on Parrie Haynes Ranch Equestrian Center.

Ona Trubee from Parrie Haynes Ranch Equestrian Center presented on the history of Parrie Haynes Ranch and the amenities offered at the site.

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

Anita Janke presented how the public and BPAC members can stay informed about local events by following the KTMPO Facebook page. Ms. Janke presented KMTPO's social media schedule highlighting the monthly recurring events. Ms. Janke mentioned the upcoming McLane Children's Annual Bike Rodeo and Safe Kids Day happening and that volunteers are needed.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through May 2023

KTMPO has been receiving four public comments, two concerned with Adams Avenue Bridge in Temple, one concerned with intersection at FM2484 and SH195, and one safety concerned about narrow bridge on SH95.

#### 12. Member Comments.

Jason Deckman, BPAC Chair

Kara Escajeda asked about Fort Cavazos road closer. Jason Deckman mentioned Temple applying for grant funding on Georgetown Railroad Trail Project Phase 2.

13. Next Meeting: September 27, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.
14. Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.
These meeting minutes were approved by the BPAC members at their meeting on

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director



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## Item 5:

## **Officer Elections for FY24**



Agenda Item #5

#### Officer Elections for FY 2024

Election of Officers, Chair and Vice Chair, are held each year in September. The KTMPO BPAC Bylaws state that officers of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) shall serve one-year terms and may not succeed themselves in office more than one.

Current Chair: Jason Deckman – Not eligible to serve another term.

Current Vice Chair: Kara Escajeda – Eligible to serve another term.

Action Needed: Nomination and Election of FY 2024 BPAC Chair and Vice Chair.

# Item 6: Presentation by Ghisallo Cycling



Agenda Item #6

#### **Presentation by Ghisallo Cycling**

Jake Boone serves as the Special Projects and Community Coordinator for Ghisallo Cycling Initiative, a non-profit focused on transportation, navigation, and exploration while purposely developing opportunity, access, and equity for all ages and abilities in Central Texas. Jake is a Texas State University graduate with over eight years of experience working in cycling education, community outreach, and advocacy.

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.

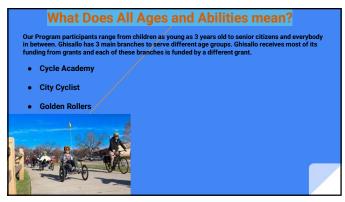


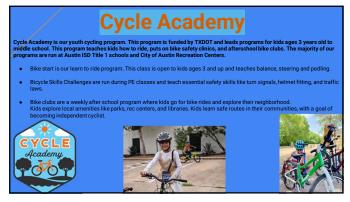


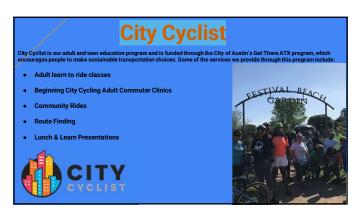




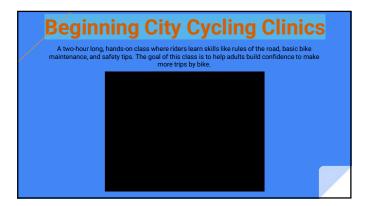








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Golden Rollers Adaptive Cycling

Golden Rollers not only helps participants stay physically active, but also builds community.

According to the NIH 45% of Americans over 60 years old report feeling chronically isolated.

These numbers are even higher in vulnerable populations such as non-English speakers, Immigrant communities, and people with disabilities.

Golden Rollers allows seniors to make friends with other participants and feel seen in their communities by being outside and active.

We often partner with other outdoor organizations to ride with our Golden Rollers to destinations such as kayaking, garden tours, and guided nature tours.

Working in Underserved Communities

Discuss - What types of communities benefit from gaining access to our cycling programs?

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#### **Working in Underserved Communities**

Ghisallo primarily operates in underserved communities. This includes:

- Low income areas
- Title 1 schools (\*Schools where the majority of students come from low income families
- Refugee Communities
- Neighborhoods with high populations of non-English speakers
- Areas without access to green space, or safe bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Unhoused populations
- Areas with lack of access to public transportation
- Rural communities, lacking access to bicycle parts or services



Working in Underserved Communities - Challenges

- Kids at Title 1 schools are less likely to own a functional bike
- More kids at Title 1 schools do not know how to ride a bike
- Low income communities have less safe bike infrastructure
- Higher rates of preventable health related Illnesses such as obesity and heart disease
- Language barriers

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- Lack of other bike riders in the community
- Mistrust of organizations from outside the community

\* Who can think of other challenges?



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#### **Working in Underserved Communities - Solutions**

To address the challenges of working in underserved areas we often enlist the help of people and organizations within the community to co host our programs. These organizations include local non-profits, schools, libraries, and helpful individuals who volunteer their time. This not only helps us spread the word about our events and programs, but also builds trust in these communities.

#### Some examples of this include:

- Community Mechanics Program We train local volunteers to become bicycle mechanics and supply them with tools and parts such as tubes, cables and chain lube so that people in the neighborhood can have their bikes repaired by these volunteers.
- Community Rides We partner with local organizations such as neighborhood associations to lead bike rides around the neighborhood. We utilize safe bike routes and teach people how to access destinations such as parks libraries, and grocery stores
- Bike Giveaways Last year we gave away over 300 bikes areas in need. This included kids at Title 1 schools, refugee families, unhoused people, and people without reliable transportation. These bikes were donated by Woom, Guardian, and individual donors.
- Spanish Language Programs Because many of Austin's most underserved areas have a high Spanish Speaking
  population we put on Spanish versions of classes such as our Bike Start Clinics and Beginning City Cycling
  Classes

Building Cycling in the Greater Austin Area - Bike to Work Day

Ghisallo coordinated Austin's 2023 Bike to Work Day. Bike to Work Day is a nation-wide day aimed at encouraging people to make more trips by bike.

 This year we partnered with 48 local businesses volunteered to run fueling stations on the morning of Bike to Work Day. These stations passed out free coffee, snacks, and bike tune ups.

An estimated 3500 cyclist participated in Bike to Work Day, making in the largest Bike to Work Day in Austin's history and one of the largest in the country.



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#### **Participant Feedback and Stats**

Ghisallo collects feedback from event participants by using surveys. This helps us track data and how well we are hitting key performance indicators

#### Safety and Awareness

- 63% of surveyed participants reported that they understand more about local and state laws for walkers and bikers due to Ghisallo events.
- 70% of surveyed participants feel safer walking or biking after attending a Ghisallo event.
- 66% of surveyed participants reported being more aware of bikes and pedestrians while driving.

#### Behavior Change

80% of surveyed participants reported being more likely to incorporate biking or walking into their lifestyle
after attending a Ghisallo event.

Discuss - How can you utilize community programs to encourage sustainable transportation?







# Item 7: Wrenches to Wheels Project Presentation



Agenda Item #7

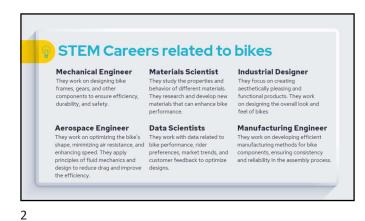
#### **Wrenches to Wheels Project Presentation**

In October of 2018, Charley Ayres became a part of the Central Texas Workforce Board team. Assuming the role of Director of Industry/Education Partnerships, Charley's main responsibility involves overseeing the implementation and advancement of the Student Occupational Awareness and Recognition (SOAR) program and the Central Texas Regional Pathways Council. These programs are designed to furnish students with essential skills and resources, ensuring their readiness for the workforce and contributing to the growth of the economy.

Charley's extensive background encompasses diverse roles, including serving on the Board of the Central Texas Development Council, and the Strategic Partners Education Advisory Council at Texas A&M University - Central Texas, to name a few. He has been esteemed with the "Partner of the Year Award" from both Round Rock ISD and Killeen ISD for his notable contributions.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.









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# Item 8: Geary McCabe Presentation on Local Cycling



Agenda Item #8

#### Presentation by Geary McCabe on Local Cycling

Geary is the owner of Sun Country Cycling (SCC) in Temple and Killeen since January of 2020. The shop has been around for 30 years. While he is the owner his wife Lisa of 25 years is the Boss/Store Manager.

He has over 31 years' experience working on bicycles with 10 of those being in shops. He has been a mechanic in Sierra Vista Arizona at Sun & Spokes and managed Fairwheel Bikes in Tucson Arizona and now at SCC.

Geary has over 38 years of riding experience in cyclocross, mountain, gravel, and road riding. He is a licensed USA Cycling Coach.

Geary was raised an Army brat and in between working in bicycle shops spent 21 years in the Army and served in Bosnia, Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan. – We THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.

#### **SUN COUNTRY CYCLING**



WHAT WE DO SELL BICYCLES Sell Giant, Salsa, Specialized, Cannondale, and Magnum E-Bicycles. REPAIR BICYCLES If it has wheels, pedals, and can be restored to safe riding condition Experienced mechanics from 2 years to 30 years, Certified Shimano Mechanics. RUNNING We currently carry Brooks and Ultra shoes at the Killeen location. Foot Scanner and insoles. SPONSOR RIDES/RUNS/SWIMS Too Many To LIST!!!





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# Item 9: Local Updates



Agenda Item #9

#### **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, equestrian activities, outdoor news, and local and state parks, etc.

Due to the ever-evolving 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 (<u>Link</u>) to communicate local and events, activities, and news, etc.

Resolution 2023-08 supporting October 2023 as Walk to School Month

#### McLane Children's Annual Bike Rodeo

 The McLane Children's Annual Bike Rodeo and Safe Kids Day is on October 21, 2023. They are requesting volunteers to put bikes together and to host safety booths. Call Sarah at 254-935-4915 or email at <a href="mailto:mctraumaservice@bswhealth.org">mctraumaservice@bswhealth.org</a>

#### Fitness Friendly Business Program (Link)

 KTMPO staff recommends beginning the process of refreshing and strengthening the Fitness Friendly Business Program by researching best practices around the country and discussing options at the next meeting. BPAC members are encouraged to provide input.

#### Safe Streets for All

 Beginning in December 2023 – February 2024, KTMPO will host 14 public engagement events. KTMPO consultants and staff would like to conduct pop-up surveys at major running and cycling events to connect our community's points of view and interests to the transportation decision making process. BPAC members are encouraged to provide input on large family friendly events during this time frame.



Agenda Item #9

#### **Social Media Highlights**

- KTMPO staff continues to educate and inform people of all abilities about bicycle
  and pedestrian activities, policies, and infrastructures with an emphasis on safety
  for all vulnerable road users including roadway cyclists, and pedestrians who
  walk in neighborhoods, parks, and trails.
- Connect with us on these social media channels.
  - www.facebook.com/ktmpo
  - (C) @ktmpo\_tx

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Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.



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# Item 11: Public Input Received



Agenda Item #10

#### **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 meeting is included in meeting packet.

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.



#### KTMPO Public Comments

FY23							
Date	Name	Means of Public Comment	Public Comment	Date Comment First Presented to TAC/TPPB	Public Comment Topic	Jurisdiction	
8/20/2023	JeremytheSmith	YouTube Emerging Transportation Technology Presentation: High-Speed Study Findings & The Potential for High-Speed Transportation Along IH-35 Corridor (TPPB 8.16.2023)	I can't believe they're wasting time considering "hyperloop". The feasibility of it has been completely debunked. See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNFesa01llk Instead, they should be just focusing on true High-Speed rail as offered by Japan's Shinkansen technology.	9/6/2023	Emerging Technology	General	
9/10/2023	Christopher Turner	FaceBook Comment in Response to 911 Day of Service Post	The day that made the US Government take our right away! We need to end the Patriot Act ASAP. until then we are just living in a fascist Nation with no right or protections under the law.	9/20/2023	Off Topic	Off Topic	
9/13/2023	Heather Hertel	In-Person	Citizen had a question regarding the lane closures on Westbound I-14 in the Killeen area. (Pedestrian Barrier)	10/4/2023	Safety	TxDOT	
9/21/2023	Darlene Beckett	In-Person	Citizen had question regarding the lack of sidewalks in Harker Heights.	10/4/2023	Safety	City of Harker Heights	

# BPAC Meeting Attendance

Name	Entity	3/9/2022	6/8/2022	9/6/2022	12/14/2022	3/8/2023	6/14/2023
Jason Deckman	Temple	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Kara Escajeda	Nolanville			Х	Х	Χ	Х
Erika Kunkol	TxDOT Waco						
Erika Kunkel	District	X	Χ	Х			
Yvonne Spell/Jeff Achee	Harker Heights	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х
Matt Bates	Belton	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Heather Buller	Killeen	Х					
Jeff Stoddard	Copperas Cove						
Gene Roberts	Fort Hood	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Х
Carlos Santiago	Fort Hood						
Carlos Santiago	Riders/Citizen						
Keller Matthews	BS&W Cycling						
Relief Matthews	Club/ Citizen						Χ
Chad Welch	Tri-City						
Cliad Welcii	Bicycles/Citizen	Х	Χ				
Goany McCaho	Sun Country						
Geary McCabe	Cycling/ Citizen	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
	King of the						
John Wiist	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.

- Engaging, Enabling, and Motivating Families and Diverse Trails (<u>Link</u>)
   September 28, 2023
- Measuring Our Success in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (<u>Link</u>)
   October 26, 2023
- Digital Transformation of Trail Management and Monitoring (<u>Link</u>)
   November 30, 2023
- Trail Planning and Design: Foundations of Success (<u>Link</u>)
   December 7, 2023

Maryland Department of Transportation is hosting a Webinars series for Walktober 2023

Walkinar #1: National and State Perspectives (Register)

• October 5, 2023

Walkinar #2: Infrastructure and Safety (Register)

• October 12, 2023

Walkinar #3: Initiatives (Register)

• October 19, 2023

#### **Upcoming Conference**

2023 NOHVCC Annual Conference (Link)

• October 5-7 in St. George, Utah

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:

## **BPAC Member Listing**



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### **End of Packet**