

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting

December 13, 2023 2:30 p.m.



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Agenda



Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Wednesday, December 13, 2023

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

Regular Meeting: 2:30 P.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: (pg.6-7)
 - a) KTMPO Meetings;
 - b) Other Updates;
 - c) Air Quality.
- 4. Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from the September 27, 2023 meeting. (*pg.10-12.*)
- 5. **Discussion Item**: Regarding a presentation on BSWH McLane Children's Bike Rodeo. (pg.14-17)
- 6. Discussion Item: Regarding a presentation on The Bicycle Network Analysis. (pg.20-24)
- 7. Discussion Item: Regarding the Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan. (pg.26)
- 8. **Discussion Item**: Regarding the KTMPO 2023 Project Call Subjective Scoring Process. (*pg.28*)
- 9. **Discussion Item**: Regarding local update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities. (*pg.30-31*)
- 10. **Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through November 2023. (*pg.34-35*)
- 11. Member comments.
- 12. Next Meeting: March 13, 2024, at 9:30am

BELTON, TX 76513

13. Adjourn.

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Item 3:

Staff Update



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Staff Update

- a) Listed below are the upcoming KTMPO meetings:
 - January 10, 2024 Technical Advisory Committee
 - January 24, 2024 Transportation Planning Policy Board
 - February 7, 2024 Technical Advisory Committee
 - February 21, 2024 Transportation Planning Policy Board
 - March 6, 2024 Technical Advisory Committee
 - March 13, 2024 Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
 - March 20, 2024 Transportation Planning Policy Board

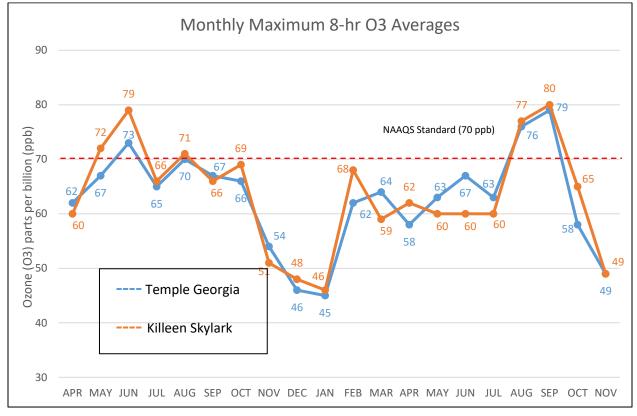
All meetings are scheduled for 9:30am at the Central Texas Council of Governments offices in Belton, Texas, unless otherwise noted (ie – electronic meeting).

- b) Other Updates
 - TxDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee Oct. 27, 2023 (<u>Agenda Packet</u> <u>Link</u>)
 - Statewide Active Transportation Plan
 - TxDOT 2023 Transportation Alternatives (TA) program
 - Connecting Texas TxDOT Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP)
 - Next meeting is in Jan 2024
 - TxDOT Bicycle Tourism Trail Study (Link)
 - FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) website (Link) and (Fact Sheets).
 - KTMPO Fitness Friendly Business Program (Link) 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.
 - 2023 Public Engagement Plan (PEP)



Agenda Item #3

c) Air Quality



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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, September 27, 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 Jeff Achèe – City of Harker Heights Gene Roberts – Fort Cavazos Geary McCabe – Sun Country Cycling Keller Matthews – BS&W Cycling Club

Others Present

Jake Boone – Ghisallo Kari Kuwamura – Ghisallo Charley Ayres – Workforce Kelly T Atkinson – City of Temple *Rachael Perry – TxDOT Waco District *Daniel Davila – TxDOT Waco District Brigida Gonzalez – TxDOT TPP Darlene Beckett – 5k Race Director Lisa McCabe – Sun Country Cycling Cheryl Kibbe – Sun Country Cycling Justin Morgan – FHWA Hope Davis – KTMPO Anita Janke – KTMPO Dominic Elizondo – KTMPO Tane'ya Floyd – KTMPO

*Denotes online attendee

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order: Jason Deckman called the meeting to order at 9:34 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 December, highlighting that the December 13th meeting will be held at 2:30p.m. that day. Ms. Davis informed the committee of the approval to have the BPAC provide a score on the livability projects in the TIP. Ms. Davis shared information from the April TxDOT BPAC meeting highlighting, Statewide Active Transportation Plan and the TxDOT District Bicycle Plans Pilot Program Update. Air quality for the month of May was 76 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 77 ppb at the Killeen station.

4. Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from the June 14, 2023, meeting.

Chair Jason Deckman made a motion to approve the June 14, 2023, meeting minutes by general consensus; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Officer Elections for FY24

Geary McCabe was nominated to serve as BPAC Chair, no other nominations were made. Kara Escajeda was nominated to serve a second term as BPAC Vice Chair, no other nominations were made.

Jeff Achèe made a motion for Geary McCabe to be BPAC Chair for FY2024, seconded by Gene Roberts; the motion passed unanimously.

Gene Roberts made a motion for Kara Escajeda to be BPAC Vice Chair for FY2024, seconded by Geary McCabe; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding a Presentation on Ghisallo Cycling Initiative.

Jack Boone from Ghisallo Cycling Initiative presented on the bicycling initiatives of Ghisallo Cycling, a non-profit focused on transportation, navigation, and exploration while purposely developing opportunities, access, and equity for all ages and abilities in Central Texas.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding a Presentation on Wrenches to Wheels.

Charley Ayers from Workforce Solutions presented on the Wrenches to Wheels program. Providing education about STEM jobs to middle school students in a fun and engaging way.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding a Presentation by Geary McCabe on local cycling programs.

Geary McCave from Sun Country Cycling presented local cycling programs and a community vision to build a more walkable and bike friendly environment.

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 highlighted the walk to school month resolution passed by our KTMPO Policy Board earlier this month. Ms. Janke mentioned the upcoming McLane Children's Annual Bike Rodeo and Safe Kids Day happening and that volunteers are needed. Ms. Janke spoke on the upcoming public engagement outreach with Safe Street and Roads for All initiative.

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

Hope Davis shared a comment received on the August Policy Board meeting recording regarding the hyperloop discussion that happened. KTMPO also received one off topic comment on a Facebook posted for 9/11. KTMPO has received two in-person comments related to safety, one being lane closers on Westbound I-14 and the other with limited sidewalks in Harker Heights. Ms. Davis shared an email comment received from Keller Matthews on looking into a recent methodology for a bike-ability study and how to use this information for future planning purposes.

11. Member Comments. No comments.

12. Next Meeting: December 13, 2023 @2:30p.m.

13. Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

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

Geary McCabe, BPAC Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director



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Item 5:

BSWH McLane Children's Bike Rodeo



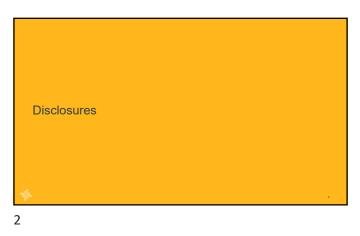
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BSWH McLane Children's Medical Center Bike Rodeo Presentation

Sarah Wheat is the Trauma Program Manager for the Level 2 Trauma Center - McLane Children's Medical Center in Temple, TX. She has been a nurse for 15 years, working in critical care areas before moving into her current role in trauma services. Sarah is passionate about injury prevention, education, quality care, safety and process improvement for patients and community members alike. She sits on the board of the Central Texas Regional Advisory Council representing the lead Pediatric facility in this region. Sarah and her husband, a retired Army Veteran, have 5 children and 8 grandchildren. The safety of children and families are a high priority to them. Sarah is excited to put her years of experience to work and hopes to fulfill her desire to continually make contributions to the safety of our community members. Favorite ways to get around: her Jeep or on a paddleboard.

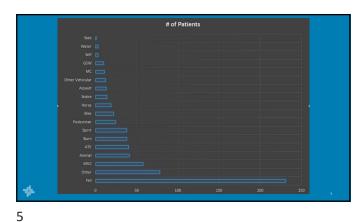
Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.





























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Item 6:

The Bicycle Network Analysis



Agenda Item #6

The Bicycle Network Analysis Presentation

Rebecca Davies directs PeopleForBikes' City Ratings program, which measures national progress towards building high-quality bike infrastructure and safe streets in cities based on PeopleForBikes' Bicycle Network Analysis software. She also supports PeopleForBikes' broader research initiatives through analyzing data and communicating results. Rebecca holds an M.A. in Geography and previously worked in software development, state politics, and technology education. She is passionate about transforming complex data into actionable insights.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.



2023 City Ratings Program Overview

Overview

- 1. What is the City Ratings?
- 2. The Bicycle Network Analysis
- 3. How to improve your city's score

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What is a bike network?

Connected system of protected bike lanes, off-street paths, slow shared streets, and safe crossings that enable people to safely and comfortably bike from point A to point B

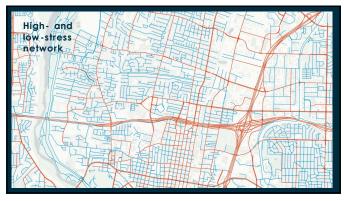
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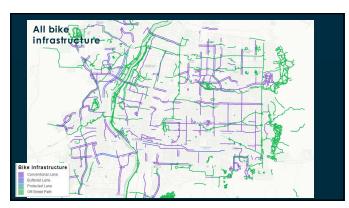


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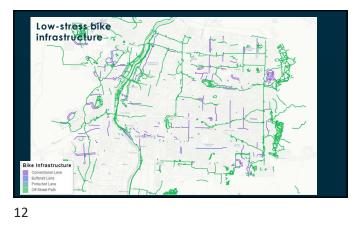


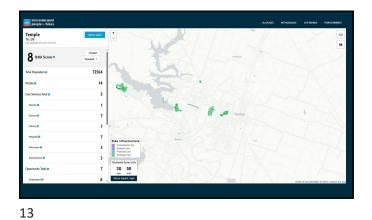


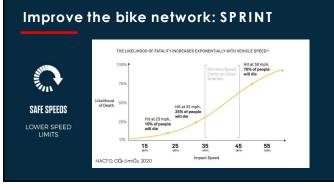


















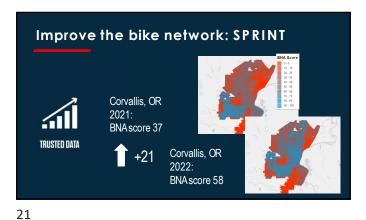


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Policies to improve bike infrastructure

- 1-Funding for bike infrastructure
- 2 Mandate Complete Streets
- 3 Reduce speed limits
- 4- Ban right turns on red for drivers
- 5 Adopt modern design standards

See PeopleForBikes' legislative guide:

infrastructure.peopleforbikes.org/legislation



Item 7: SS4A Action Plan



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Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan

Dan Malsom with Kimley Horn will be presenting an update on the SS4A Safety Action Plan and gaining feedback for the BPAC on the plan.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Item 8:

Project Call

Subjective Scoring Process



Agenda Item #8

KTMPO 2023 Project Call Subjective Scoring Process

On September 1, 2023 KTMPO opened up the 2023 Project Call for regional infrastructure improvements inside the planning area. The Project Call closed at the end of October with over 100 applications received. Of the 100 projects submitted, 36 of them were in the livability category which includes sidewalks, bike lanes, and other non-roadway type projects.

The next phase of the 2023 Project Call is scoring all applications. KTMPO's scoring process includes a mix of objective measures and subjective measures. The KTMPO Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is interested in receiving input from BPAC regarding the livability projects. The TAC approved having BPAC members take part in subjectively scoring all livability projects. A summary of project rankings and scores from BPAC will be shared with the TAC when they discuss project prioritization in the spring.

An email was sent out to all BPAC members with instructions on how to subjectively score projects last week. This is an agenda item to discuss any questions the committee has on the scoring process. All subjective scores are due to staff by January 19, 2024.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

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.

BSWH Walk with a Doc Events:

Walk with a Doc is a non-profit organization that encourages healthy physical activity in people of all ages and reversing the consequences of a sedentary lifestyle to improve health and well-being. Follow Walk With A Doc signs to the covered pavilion. All ages welcome. Mark your calendar for our monthly walks every third Saturday of the month.

- Saturday, December 16, 2023, beginning at 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
 Carl Levin Park, 400 Millers Crossing, Harker Heights 76548
- Saturday, December 16, 2023, beginning at 9:00 AM 11:00 AM
 Miller Park, 1919 N. 1st St. Temple TX 76501

Texas State Parks

- Texas State Parks is wrapping up its 100-year celebration and the fun has just begun for all of us outdoor enthusiasts. On Nov. 7, Texas gave the Texas State Parks a huge vote of confidence by passing the \$1 billion Centennial Parks Conservation Fund, which would provide stable, long-term funding for new park land purchases and development of new parks.
- Find a First Day Hike in a state park near you on New Year's Day! Some First Day Hikes aren't hikes at all: We also lead <u>bike rides</u>, <u>paddling tours</u>, and maybe even <u>horseback rides</u>! Choose the event that's right for you.

Social Media Highlights

• KTMPO staff continues to educate and inform people of all abilities about bicycle and pedestrian activities like the Cen-Tex Race Series, 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.

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Item 10:

Public Input Received



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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.



Public Comment Log								
Date	Name	Means of Public Comment	Public Comment	Date Comment First Presented to TAC/TPPB	Public Comment Topic	Jurisdiction		
10/5/2023	Annette Jorgenson	Public Meeting	I have noticed last week that the neighborhood on/around Ponderosa has no sidewalks. The neighborhood is about 10 years old. I cannot even comprehend how this can be allowed. In the winter months, dark months of the year elementary school kids have to walk to their bus stops in total dark on the street. Another issue going along with this is the lack of adequate lighting in streets. This does not only affect children on their way to school but also citizens who can not walk safely in their neighborhoods. It should be a goal that our neighborhoods should be a sae and worthwhile place to live. Not everyone has a car. We should be able to enjoy our street walking.	11/1/2023	Safety	Harker Height		
10/21/2023	Anonymous	Survey	Citizens was not familiar with KTMPO and learned about KTMPO's work during an outreach event.	11/1/2023	Introduction	Bell County		
11/5/2023	Steve Cannon	Outreach Event	FM 935 Bell County / Falls County Line at the 90-degree curve. There are speed limit signs (45 mph) and curve signs, and the residents are aware and observe the posted signs however, those who travel through the area need to learn about the 90-degree curve in advance of current road signs.	11/15/2023	Safety	Bell County & TxDOT		
11/8/2023	BJ Wordinger	Outreach Event	The handicapped parking places (CTCOG) are across a main thoroughfare of the parking lot with no protected crosswalk. Facing the building to the left there are places that could be designated as handicapped parking. This is the problem with most buildings - BSWH is another example, handicapped parking is 1/4 of a mile from the entrance - even though they have shuttles.	11/15/2023	ADA	Other		
11/8/2023	Yolanda Jones	Outreach Event	Entrance at Miller's BBQ in downtown Belton. Wheelchair access - the business responded via email. Ms. Jones would like the status update.	11/15/2023	ADA	Other		

BPAC

Meeting Attendance

Name	Entity	3/9/2022	6/8/2022	9/6/2022	12/14/2022	3/8/2023	6/14/2023	9/27/2023
Jason Deckman	Temple	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Kara Escajeda	Nolanville			Х	Х	Х	Х	
Erika Kunkel	TxDOT Waco							
	District	Х	Х	Х				
Yvonne Spell/Jeff Achee	Harker Heights	х		х	х	х	х	х
Joe Dyer	Belton	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Heather Buller	Killeen	Х						
Jeff Stoddard	Copperas Cove							
Gene Roberts	Fort Hood	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Carlos Santiago	Fort Hood							
Carlos Santiago	Riders/Citizen							
Keller Matthews	BS&W Cycling							
	Club/ Citizen						Х	Х
Chad Welch	Tri-City							
	Bicycles/Citizen	Х	Х					
Coary McCabo	Sun Country							
Geary McCabe	Cycling/ Citizen	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
	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.

- Outdoor Electric Assist Devices: Opportunity or Opposition (<u>Link</u>) December 21, 2023
- Risk Management During Trail Construction (Link) January 11, 2024
- Systemic Condition Analysis and Management for Multi-Use Trails (<u>Link</u>) November 30, 2023

Upcoming Conference

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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End of Packet