



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

Wednesday, March 8, 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

Jeff Achèe – City of Harker Heights  
Gene Roberts – Fort Hood  
Geary McCabe – Sun Country Cycling

**Others Present**

Kelly T Atkinson – City of Temple  
\*Tara Klein – Four and One Landscape Architecture  
Andrew McCabe – Sun Country Cycling  
Glynda Neuwirth – Citizen Representative  
Yvonne Sanchez – Citizen Representative  
\*Ona Trubee – Parrie Haynes Ranch

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

*\*Denotes online attendee*

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order:** Jason Deckman called the meeting to order at 9:32 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 group of upcoming KTMPO meetings through June. Ms. Davis shared information from the January TxDOT BPAC meeting highlighting, Connecting Texas 2050, TxDOT's District Bike Plan pilot program, and TxDOT Pedestrian Safety Action Plan. Air quality for the month of January was 46 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 47 ppb at the Killeen station.

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

**Chair Jason Deckman made a motion to approve the December 14, 2022, meeting minutes by general consensus; the motion passed unanimously.**

**5. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending approval of Resolution 2023-04 National Distracted Driving Month April 2023.

Hope Davis gave background on why April is considered National Distracted Driving Month.

Jason Deckman made mention of vehicle technological developments ~~of cars~~ and that it's no longer just changing dials that cause distractions but screens and that we could educate consumers to avoid using them while driving.

**Kara Escajeda made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 2023-04 National Distracted Driving Month April 2023, seconded by Jeff Achee; the motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending approval of Resolution 2023-05 National Bicycle Safety Month May 2023.

Hope Davis presented on the National Bicycle Safety Month sponsored by The League of American Bicyclists. Ms. Davis provided the following activities and dates to be recognized during the month of May: May 3rd Bike & Roll to School Day; May 7th Ride a Bike Day; May 15th - 21st Bike to Work Week and May 19th is Bike to Work Day. Kara Escajeda mentioned the annual Ride of Silence happening in Nolanville on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 starting at 6:00pm. Geary McCabe mentioned different bike clinics being held before National Bike Month. Jeff Achee highlighted Harker Heights hosting a Bike camp for special needs in July. Ms. Escajeda made a recommended for the resolution to include the annual Ride of Silence date.

**Kara Escajeda made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 2023-05 National Bike Month May 2023 with the above recommendation, seconded by Geary McCabe; the motion passed unanimously.**

**7. Discussion Item:** Regarding ADA and the Built Environment Presentation.

Tara Klein from Four and One Landscape Architecture presented on ~~her work with~~ the James Driver Inclusive Park and the power of implementing "above and beyond" typical ADA.

**8. Discussion Item:** Regarding Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail Marker Project.

Kelly T Atkinson the Senior Neighborhood Planner and Historic Preservation Officer for the City of Temple presented on ~~her work with~~ the Nolan Creek Hike and Bike Trail Markers Project.

**9. Discussion Item:** Regarding update on the Collaborative Community Page.

Hope Davis presented the current changes to the Collaborative Community page and vision for what the page would like to look like in the future.

Kara Escajeda asked about the Corp of Engineers map development of Dana Peak Park and putting it on the BPAC webpage (Collaborative Community Page).

**10. 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 adding equestrian related activities to the social media schedule.

**11. Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through February 2023

KTMPO has been receiving a significant amount of public input regarding the Draft Bell County Thoroughfare Plan.

Kara Escajeda mentioned the importance of the comments about the Parrie Haynes Ranch and that BPAC should support those areas and encourage KTMPO to reevaluate that road suggestion. Anita Janke mentioned the purpose of adding equestrian activities to the social media schedule was to support Parrie Haynes Ranch and other equestrian organizations.

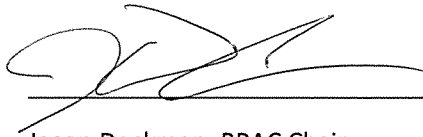
**12. Member Comments.**

Ona Trubee "Thank you for inviting me and I would love to help where I can."

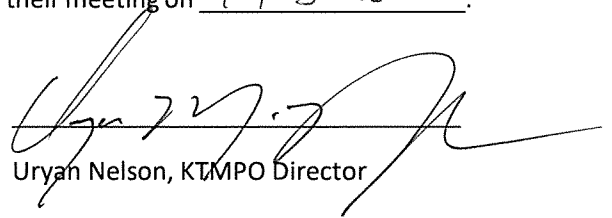
**13. Next Meeting: June 14, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.**

**14. Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the BPAC members at their meeting on 14 June 23.



Jason Deckman, BPAC Chair



Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

