



**KILLEEN TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPO)  
FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday, April 28, 2022  
1:30 PM

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

**Meeting Attendees**

**Committee Members**

David Blackburn—Bell County Judge  
Keith Sledd—Heart of Texas Defense Alliance  
Jason Deckman—City of Temple  
Ginger Watkins—Cameron Industrial  
Foundation  
Jim Butler—Fikes Wholesale  
Tiffany Melvin —North American Strategy for  
Competitiveness

**Other Attendees**

Sondra Johnson-TxDOT  
Tyler Graham-TxDOT  
Chiru Bhamidipati-CDM Smith  
Liza Amar-CDM Smith  
Dominic Elizondo—CTCOG/KTMPO  
Anna Olvera—CTCOG/KTMPO  
Connie Quinto—CTCOG/KTMPO  
Hope Geiger—CTCOG/KTMPO  
Anna Barge-CTCOG/KTMPO

**Meeting Notes**

**1. Call to Order:** Dominic Elizondo called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM. Elizondo welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**2. Discussion Item:** Regarding the Purpose and Structure of the FAC

Dominic Elizondo provided an overview of the purpose of the Committee, as a refresher for members since the last active meetings four years ago, which was to serve as a platform for improving freight efficiency in the KTMPO region. A flyer was shown detailing how the FAC seeks to do this by creating partnerships with private industry for a platform for discussion of freight resources and issues, and to work on projects that address freight needs thereby strengthening our regional position as a trade and logistics hub. Information on membership, attendance, and quorum was also provided.

**4. Discussion and Action Item:** Approval of New Board Member

Jason Deckman, City Planner for Temple, requested membership on the Committee and introduced himself. A motion for approval was made by Keith Sledd, seconded by Ginger Watkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

**5. Discussion and Action Item:**

- a. Nominate and Approve Board Officers
- b. Edit and Approve Bylaws/Operating Guidelines

Dominic Elizondo first asked for volunteers to serve as Chair of the Committee. He then clarified the role of the Chair, including presiding over meetings and conducting business on behalf of the Committee, and that of the Vice-Chair, including taking over for the Chair when he or she is not available. Jason Deckman was nominated by Keith Sledd with no other nominations being made. Judge Blackburn made a motion for the approval of Jason Deckman as Chair of the Committee, seconded by Keith Sledd.

Dominic Elizondo provided an overview of staff edits to the original FAC guidelines, now Bylaws, including more information on the purpose and responsibilities of the Committee, member nominations, and meeting logistics. Elizondo asked if requests to be a member of the Committee should be kept as written emails without the need for signatures from elected officials, and the FAC agreed that it should be sufficient. Elizondo brought up another edit that had a requirement that FAC members will be removed if they miss three consecutive meetings with a warning sent out after missing two, and that a virtual option was allowed for all meetings. Additions were also made about meeting notices and the Chair and Vice-Chair. Judge Blackburn asked if there would be a minimum and maximum membership, and noted that there was no information regarding ex-officio members. Elizondo noted that he could add in information regarding those in the Bylaws. Judge Blackburn brought up the idea of cultivating speakers from industry partners if they don't have the time commitment for membership. Ginger Watkins and Jason Deckman discussed including in the Bylaws a mechanism in place to keep members on the Committee from a certain company even if someone is fired or resigns. Judge Blackburn also noted that representatives from Cities should be specified to be unelected staff members. The Bylaws were set aside for future edits to be approved at the next meeting.

**6. Discussion Item:** Regarding TxDOT Freight Mobility Plan Update

Tyler Graham with TxDOT provided an update on the process of updating the Texas Freight Mobility Plan, which is working identifying and evaluating supply chains in the State through stakeholder meetings and working groups to develop a final draft. The process has identified the primary industries involved in these supply chains, and the sourcing, production, and distribution of each structural flow. Resiliency case studies have also been performed to analyze how these supply chains were affected. The draft final plan will be created July through September.

**7. Discussion Item:** Regarding Intermodal Freight Facility and Joint Use Railroad in Ft. Hood

Keith Sledd with Heart of Texas Defense Alliance gave an overview of plans for Fort Hood rail/truck multimodal freight facility to allow surge capacity for rail and semi-truck loading capability for the Fort and an economic driver for Central Texas. Both commercial freight and Fort Hood would have access to the facility, but Fort Hood would be given the priority access in case of a deployment.

**8. Discussion Item: Regarding KTMPO Truck Parking Study**

Chiru Bhamidipati with KTMPO consultant CDM Smith provided an overview of the KTMPO Truck Parking Study in 2018, which performed a supply/demand assessment for parking as well as unauthorized parking locations, then created recommendations for additional parking sites. 27 authorized parking sites and 12 unauthorized parking sites were identified. A supply shortage of 343 parking spaces in 2018 which will increase to 827 spaces in 2045 if there are no additional parking sites. A recommendation of ten locations for new parking spaces and 19 expansions to existing sites was made along with 19 policy recommendations for KTMPO and its public/private partners, including considering future sites on I-35, considering small lots for parking, developing design guidelines for truck parking, coordinating with Fort Hood on a multimodal freight facility, partnering with private industry for parking lots near business areas, and designating areas for long term street or overnight parking.

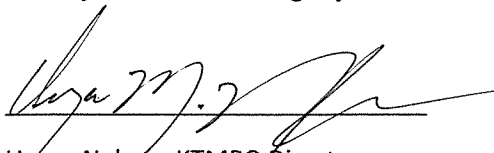
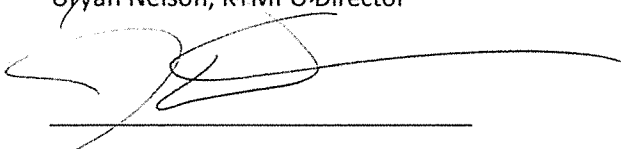
**9. Discussion Item: Regarding Freight Needs, Issues, and Problem Areas**

This agenda item in the past was based off of freight industry members discussing their needs, so the Committee discussed bringing in more freight members to participate in the future.

**10. Discuss date, time and possible agenda items for next meeting.**

The next Freight Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for July pending Committee member availability. Jason Deckman suggested polling freight industry members on their availability in a month, even if that would mean meeting at 7:00 AM.

**11. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM

  
Urryan Nelson, KTMPO Director  
Jason Deckman, Chair of FAC