



**KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPO)  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

Wednesday, April 12, 2023

9:30 AM

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Technical Advisory Committee Voting Members**

Bob van Til – City of Belton	Jason Deckman – City of Temple
Bobby Lewis – City of Copperas Cove*	Bryan Neaves – Bell County
Kristina Ramirez – City of Harker Heights	Darrell Burtner – Hill County Transit District
Andrew Zagars for Kent Cagle – City of Killeen	Brenton Lane for Victor Goebel – TxDOT Waco District*

**Non-Voting Members**

Brigida Gonzalez – TxDOT TPP\*  
Kara Escajeda – Nolanville  
Gene Roberts – Fort Hood

**Additional Attendees**

Don Ferguson – Village of Salado*	Uryan Nelson – KTMPO Director
Derek Czapnik – Hill Country Transit District	Connie Quinto – KTMPO Assistant Director
Victor Goebel – TxDOT Waco District*	James McGill – KTMPO
Nicole Gray – TxDOT Waco District*	Hope Davis – KTMPO
Amanda Mooney – TxDOT Waco District*	Anita Janke – KTMPO
Melissa Durham – TxDOT Waco District*	Brooke Thompson
Daniel Davila – TxDOT Waco District*	Sarah M
Rachelle Sandel – TxDOT	

*\*Denotes online attendee*

**Meeting Minutes:**

- 1. Call to Order:** Uryan Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.
- 2. Opportunity for Public Comment:** No comments were made by the public.
- 3. Staff Update:** Meeting Schedule; Other Updates; Air Quality.

Uryan Nelson informed the TAC of upcoming KTMPO meetings through June. Mr. Nelson provided an update on information shared at the TEMPO Spring Meeting and stated there will be an upcoming UPWP update. Mr. Nelson mentioned the workshop on Transportation Funding that will be following the Transportation Planning Policy Board meeting on April 19, 2023. James McGill added that TxDOT has started the first round of public involvement for Connecting Texas 2050, an update to their long range plan. Maximum ozone air quality readings for the month of March were 59 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 64 ppb at the Killeen station.

**4. Action Item:** Approve minutes from the February 8, 2023, meeting.

**Kristina Ramirez made a motion to approve the February 8, 2023, meeting minutes, seconded by Jason Deckman; the motion passed unanimously.**

**5. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding 2050 MTP Update Timeline.

James McGill provided an update on the current timeline for the 2050 MTP Update Timeline. Mr. McGill highlighted a call for projects happening this fall and noted that all existing projects will need to be resubmitted to be scored and so staff have updated cost estimates. Mr. McGill also mentioned that our project scoring working group will be providing an updated project criteria guideline.

**6. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding approval of Resolution 2023-04 supporting April 2023 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month.

James McGill presented Resolution 2023-04 supporting April 2023 as National Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Uryan Nelson highlighted the statistics surrounding distracted driving in Texas and Mr. McGill added that some new statistic for 2022 were released the previous week.

Bob van Til asked about the best way to get this information out for public to be aware of it.

**Bob van Til made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 2023-04 supporting April 2023 as National Distracted Driving Awareness with updates to the data, seconded by Kristina Ramirez; the motion passed unanimously.**

**7. Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding approval of Resolution 2023-05 supporting May 2023 as National Bike Month.

James McGill presented Resolution 2023-05 supporting May 2023 as National Bike Month. Mr. McGill stated that this resolution is presented every year to support bicycling in the region and added that BPAC recommended approval of this resolution with the addition of a reference to the Nolanville Ride of Silence event happening May 17, 2023.

**Jason Deckman made a motion to recommend approval of Resolution 2023-05 supporting May 2023 as National Bike Month, seconded by Darrell Burtner; the motion passed unanimously.**

**8. Discussion Item:** Regarding initiation of public involvement for amendments to the FY23-26 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for projects:

- a) B45-03 – 13th Ave Sidewalk Improvements
- b) H30-05b – Warriors Path Phase II
- c) S45-01 – Royal Street Improvements

d) T40-13a – Georgetown Railroad Trail Phase 1

James McGill provided a brief overview of the TIP and MTP. Mr. McGill presented the proposed amendments which include three projects changing their let dates to FY2024 and one project revising the scope of work, project cost, and changing the let date. Mr. McGill shared the proposed amendment schedule with the TAC and stated that the time and location of the public meeting will be determined soon.

Jason Deckman asked for clarification of the proposed amendment to the Georgetown Railroad Trail Phase 1. Bryan Neaves asked for clarification about the proposed scope of work change for the Royal Street Improvements Project.

**Bobby Lewis made a motion to recommend initiation of public involvement for amendments to the FY23-26 TIP and 2045 MTP, seconded by Andrew Zagars; the motion passed unanimously.**

**9. Discussion Item:** Regarding the new Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).

James McGill provided an overview of the new Carbon Reduction Program and the funding amounts KTMPO will be receiving under the program. Mr. McGill explained that since funds under the CRP will lapse if not used that TxDOT has encouraged all MPOs to reprogram currently funded projects with CRP dollars. Mr. McGill shared a proposed funding scenario staff developed that would transfer funding from Category 7 & 9 to CRP funding for several projects currently funded in the TIP.

**Kristina Ramirez made a motion to recommend approval of the staff recommended funding scenario for the Carbon Reduction Program, seconded by Jason Deckman; the motion passed unanimously.**

**10. Discussion Item:** Regarding Category 7 & 9 Project Funding.

James McGill shared with TAC that TxDOT is requesting all MPOs to program 90% of available funding over the next 4 years. Mr. McGill showed the available funding balances for Categories 7 & 9 and presented 3 different funding alternatives based on the next projects in the MTP.

The floor opened for discussion. Several TAC members asked if the projects shown in the scenarios had updated project estimates and if they were ready to start being developed. TAC members also commented on recent inflation trends and discussed whether it would be better to keep some funds in reserve to cover increased costs. TAC members also asked if the alternatives would be final if selected. Staff stated that the alternatives could and probably would be revised in the future especially once the next project call was completed. The TAC recommended that staff inform the Policy Board that these alternatives are intended to act as placeholder scenarios in response to TxDOT's request.

**Kristina Ramirez made a motion to recommend approval of project funding alternatives #3, seconded by Andrew Zagars; the motion passed unanimously.**

**11. Discussion Item:** Regarding appointments to the Bylaws, Safety, and Project Scoring Workgroups.

Uryan Nelson briefed the TAC that staff are still trying to fill a few spots on the working groups and that hopefully they will be ready to start up in May. Mr. Nelson encouraged anyone interested in serving to contact staff to get involved.

**12. Discussion Item:** Regarding a Safe Street & Roads for All (SS4A) Grant update.

Uryan Nelson provided an update at the current standing of the SS4A Grant. Mr. Nelson mentioned that staff are still waiting for a kickoff meeting to happen with Federal Highways. Mr. Nelson informed the TAC

that a class covering the SS4A grant will be hosted at the Central Texas Council of Governments building on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and that more information will be provided once details are confirmed.

**13. Discussion Item:** Regarding an update on the possible MPO Boundary Expansion.

Uryan Nelson provided information about the possible MPO boundary expansion. KTMPO has met with both the TxDOT Waco and Brownwood Districts and while there is no opposition to expansion from a planning perspective there are some concerns on the financial side. Mr. Nelson has requested a funding scenario from TxDOT to see what changes would happen if the MPO decided to expand.

**14. Discussion Item:** Regarding FY2022 Annual Performance and Expenditure Report (APER).

James McGill provided a brief overview of the KTMPO FY2022 APER that is submitted to TxDOT every year.

**15. Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through March 2023.

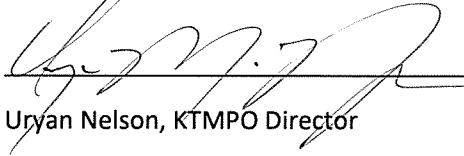
James McGill stated that staff have not received any new comments since the previous meeting.

**16. Member Comments:**

Darrell Burtner made a comment to remind the TAC of the Transportation Summit happening on April 26, 2023.

**17. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by TAC at their meeting on May 3, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Uryan Nelson', is written over a horizontal line.

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director