FHWA Texas Division Hosts Ninth Livability Workshop in Belton, Texas

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The FHWA Texas Division hosted its ninth Livability Workshop on March 5, 2018 at the Central Texas **Council of Governments** located in Belton, Texas (Belton is located within the Killeen-Temple MPO metropolitan planning area). The Killeen-Temple MPO, in conjunction with the FHWA Texas Division Office and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) served as the coordinators for this event which drew approximately forty (40) participants.



Federal representatives from the Region VI offices of the U.S. EPA, FTA, and HUD participated at this event as well as planners and engineers from TxDOT and the surrounding cities of Belton, Copperas Cove, Harker Heights, Killeen, Lampasas, Nolanville, and Temple. In addition, representatives from the Fort Hood Army Base and the Hill Country Transit District (which serves as the regional transit provider for the region), and the Texas Department of Agriculture participated and offered presentations at this free one-day workshop. The FHWA HQ's Office of Human Environment (Wesley Blount, Program Manager)- shown in the photo above- presented on the linkages between quality of life and livability based upon available FHWA tools and guidance documents that will assist to better develop livable communities in both rural towns and urbanized cities.