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Bike Share Programs

Bike share programs are a rapidly growing alternative transportation solution in US cities. These programs consist of publicly shared bicycles, or vehicles like electric scooters that are similar to bicycles, and come in two forms: docked and dockless. Docked programs have specific stations or racks at locations around the target area where bikes are checked out at and returned to. Dockless programs involve bikes that can be left anywhere in a designated area and are unlocked and locked through smartphone apps.

What is Shared Micromobility?

Shared Micromobility encompasses all shared-use fleets of small, fully or partially human-powered vehicles such as bikes, e-bikes, and e-scooters.



Station-based bike share
(including e-bikes)



Dockless bike share
(including e-bikes)



Scooter share

Source: NACTO

The rise of bike share programs in the US is part of a new rising segment of transportation called micromobility. Micromobility describes transportation alternatives that include electric scooters, bicycles, and other similar forms of travel. Another definition is: micromobility constitutes forms of transport that can occupy space alongside bicycles. These forms of “mini” transportation modes are perfect for major cities because they provide cheap, accessible movement options for residents and tourists.

Micromobility and bike share programs are also not just limited to major urban centers. Public libraries in smaller cities have recently started introducing their own bike-share programs that are often free.

One of these programs exists in Temple in connection with Temple College and the Temple Public Library.

Contact Us

Contact us for more information about our services.

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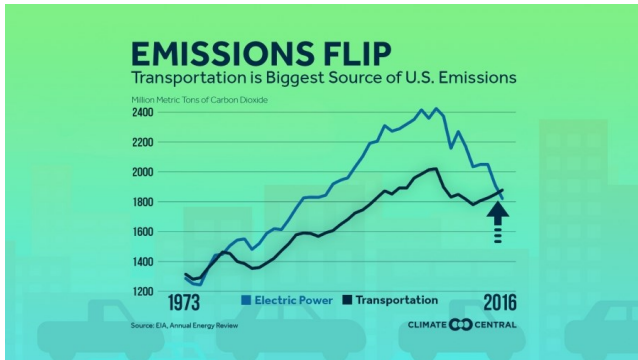
News Highlights

GREEN Streets Act

A bill has been introduced in the Senate to curb the increase of emissions associated with the transportation sector. Unlike many other sectors of our country which have decreased their emissions output, transportation has not; and according to the bill, the current system will only continue to promote that.

The bill will create new performance measures requiring states to reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled in their transportation systems. Those in support of the bill say that it will make it possible for people to take fewer, shorter car trips, while also increasing options for multimodal travel. Both of those factors will contribute significantly to a reduction in the amount of greenhouse gases coming from our transportation sector.

For more information on the bill check out: <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/s2084>



Gov. Abbott Awards Uber \$24 Million

The popular ride-sharing company, Uber, received a pledge of \$24 million from Governor Abbott back in August. The company is opening up a new hub in Dallas and was pledged the money to help close the deal.

Uber has stated that the move will create 3,000 jobs in the city and possibly more in other Texas cities in the near future. Governor Abbott's pledge is the second largest his office has issued and is significant for a company that has well documented financial struggles. According to a government professor at UT Austin, the deal is huge and parses out to \$8,000 per job, which is much higher than the national average of \$2,000 to \$3,000 per job.

For more information on the deal check out: <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/local/politics/article/Gov-Abbott-awards-24-million-incentive-to-Uber-14364181.php>



Construction Updates

IH 14 Widening Project

The next phase of construction on Interstate 14 began on September 9. A 7 mile section of the road between Harker Heights and Nolanville, from FM 3423 (Indian Trail) to Paddy Hamilton Road, is being widened from 4 to 6 lanes. This project is part of an overall upgrade for Interstate 14 designed to increase capacity and safety along the major arterial route. Construction is projected to be completed around Summer 2021.

SH 195/Stan Schlueter Intersection Upgrade

Work on an upgrade to State Highway 195/Stan Schlueter Loop to add turnaround lanes and remill portions of the highway surface has begun. This project is part of continuing improvements being made to State Highway 195 from Stan Schlueter Loop to the Williamson county line. Work on Highway 195 is expected to be completed by December 2019.

Local Events

Belton

Fall Campout 2019

The Belton Department of Parks and Recreation is hosting a Family Campout on the weekend of October 19-20, 2019 at the Heritage Park. This event is great for the whole family and involves activities like hiking, kayaking, stargazing, hayrides, and s'mores. More information about this event can be found here:

[https://www.beltontexas.gov/departments/parks and recreation/events/index.php](https://www.beltontexas.gov/departments/parks%20and%20recreation/events/index.php)

Temple

BooTacular Family Fun Festival & 5K

St. Mary's Catholic School is hosting the first ever annual Boo-Tacular Family Fun Festival and 5k on October 5th at West Temple Park. This wonderful event for the whole family includes a 5K with some friendly team competition, as well as music, games, food, and inflatables. Check out this link for more information on the festival:

<http://www.hoorayforfamily.com/events/charity-eventfundraiser/42195/bootacular-family-fun-festival--5k?date=10-05-2019>

Salado

Adventure Race

Barrow Brewing Co. is sponsoring an adventure run in the Village of Salado on Sunday, October 13th. This event is a mini triathlon consisting of a 9.5 mile run, 8.5 mile bike, and 1 mile swim through the best hills and natural features Salado has to offer. The event also includes a free massage and a complimentary pre-race dinner. More information on the race as well as locations for you to stay in Salado can be found here:

<https://www.adventuresignup.com/Race/TX/Salado/SaladoAdventureRace>



Holland/Little River

The Twist Off

The 4th annual Twist Off is happening this year at the Little River Dragway near Little River-Academy from November 8th through 10th. This weekend event involves sprint racing, mini-bike barrel racing, camping, music, food trucks, and plenty of fun. This event is not just for moto enthusiasts, but for anyone who loves music, camping, and good old fashioned fun! Find out more information here:

<https://revivalcycles.com/the-twist-off>



Walk to School Month

October is International Walk to School Month and Wednesday, October 2nd is International Walk to School Day. In support of this initiative and to promote alternate modes of transportation, KTMPO has chosen to endorse October as the official walk to school month for the region. You can find more information about this initiative and the KTMPO resolution here:

<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>
<https://ktmpo.org/8224-2/>

Air Quality Update

Monthly Maximum 8-hr. Ozone Readings (ppb)

Month	Killeen	Temple
March	67	63
April	60	67
May	56	53
June	71	64
July	62	61
August	58	59

We want to hear from you!
What is important to you in regards to
transportation and connectivity??

Please email us!

How You Can Get Involved

KTMPO MEETINGS: The public is encouraged to attend various KTMPO meetings including the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB). The public is given an opportunity to speak at these meetings and have their voices heard. Please visit <http://www.ktmpo.org/meetings/> for meeting dates.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES: We currently have a Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee and a Freight Advisory Committee. If you wish to attend these meetings or serve on one of these committees, contact KTMPO staff for more details.

PUBLIC FORUMS: Public forums are held to receive comments on changes to KTMPO documents to include the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Members of the public are encouraged to fill out a public comment form during public involvement periods. A general contact/comment form is also available at <http://www.ktmpo.org/contact/>.

KTMPO VOTING REPS: To contact your TAC and TPPB voting representatives please visit <http://www.ktmpo.org/about/members/>

CITY STAFF: KTMPO recommends that you contact the planning office in your city to identify areas that need improvement. City planners can then use the public input to design transportation projects that may move forward when funding becomes available.

Meeting Dates:

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC):

- First Wednesday of every month

Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB):

- Third Wednesday of every month

For all KTMPO meeting dates, please visit:

<http://www.ktmpo.org/meetings/>

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