

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

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 9:30 AM

Electronic Meeting

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

Voting Members Present

Chair Kara Escajeda—City of Nolanville
Courtney Peres — City of Harker Heights
Jason Deckman for Brian Chandler — City of Temple
Matt Bates — City of Belton

John Wiist – King of the Mountains Cyclery Mike Anderson for Chad Welch – Tri-City Bicycles Keller Matthews – BS&W Cycling Club Erika Kunkel – TxDOT Waco District

Others Present

Heather Buller – City of Killeen
Allen Duncan – TxDOT Waco District

Kendra Coufal – KTMPO James McGill – KTMPO

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order: Kara Escajeda called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.
- 2. Public Comment: No comments were made from the public.
- **3. Staff Update:** James McGill presented the group with upcoming KTMPO meetings through February. Air quality for the month of October was 60 parts per billion (ppb) at the Killeen station and 61 ppb at the Temple station.
- 4. Discussion Item: Approval of January 14, 2020 and March 10, 2020 BPAC Meeting Minutes.

Courtney Peres made a motion to approve the January 14, 2020 and March 10, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Jason Deckman; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Item: Regarding update on TxDOT Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC).

James McGill provided an update to the group on TxDOT's Bicycle Advisory Committee's April and July meetings. Mr. McGill shared briefly about two presentations presented at those meetings, one about an update to the Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails Prioritization Tool and the other regarding proposed

amendments to TAC rules for Transportation Alternatives Set Aside (TA) Program. Various Committee members asked questions about Bicycle Tourism Trail Network and proposed changes to the TA program.

6. Discussion Item: Regarding KTMPO's 2045 MTP Call for Projects – BPAC Priority Ranking of Livability Track.

James McGill informed the Committee that KTMPO opened a call for projects to reprioritize the 2045 MTP on October 1st. Mr. McGill stated that the call closed on November 13th with 84 total projects received including 24 livability projects. Mr. McGill informed the Committee that at the February 9th meeting BPAC will discuss the ranked livability projects and determine a BPAC priority ranking to present to TAC. Kendra Coufal stated that the ranking process this time will not be utilized to assign bonus points, but to address projects that look like outliers. Jason Deckman provided recommendations for how to present projects at the February 9th meeting.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding Local Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities.

James McGill opened a discussion for updates on local/regional bicycle or pedestrian activities that have recently happened or are going to happen. Jason Deckman shared about a new military themed event that will be happening twice yearly called Rucks on Main. Heather Buller with the City of Killeen provided an update on the Centex Race Series for 2021.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding the Trail of the Month Highlight Series.

James McGill brought the Trail of Month Highlight Series item back to the Committee to gauge interest and come up with a plan for how to proceed. Kara Escajeda recapped the plan presented in the spring. Ms. Escajeda volunteered to reach out to some of the local TV stations about doing a series and requested a list of trails to do the series on.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding a HOP Bike Share Program.

Kara Escajeda introduced the idea of a Bike Share Program with e-bikes or a bike rack involving the HOP to encourage a new kind of passenger and solve some first mile, last mile issues. Kendra Coufal stated that staff would do some more research into possible development of a program.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding Update on the Centex Trails Application.

James McGill stated that the contract with the Texas App Team expired at the end of October and that staff had decided not to pursue renewing the contract with them. Mr. McGill requested feedback from the Committee on how best to proceed with further development of the app. Kendra Coufal further stated that moving to a different developer would be helpful in improving the features on the app. Various members added comments that they are interested in further developing the resource and providing it to the community.

11. Discussion Item: Regarding New Digital App Tools:

- a) Ride Spot by People for Bikes;
- b) Strava Metro 3.0;
- c) National Digital Trails Project by USGS

James McGill informed the group of several new digital app tools of potential interest to the Committee for promoting bicycle and pedestrian activity. Jason Deckman asked how to update the trails in the Central Texas Region on the National Digital Trails Project tool.

12. Member Comments.

None.

13. Next Meeting: February 9, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

14. Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the BPAC members at their meeting on February 23, 2021

Digitally signed by Kara

Kara Escajeda Escajeda Date: 2021.12.07 Kara Escajeda, BPAC Chair

16:08:10 -06'00' James McGill, Regional Planner