



# **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting**

**September 14, 2022  
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# Agenda



**Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)**

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Central Texas Council of Governments Building  
2180 North Main Street, Belton, Texas 76513

**Regular Meeting: 9:30 A.M.**

Virtual Meeting Link: [KTMPO BPAC Meeting](#)

Call in Number: [+1 \(872\) 240-3212](#)

Access Code: 756-809-085

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for Public Comment.
3. Staff Update: *(pg.6-7)*
  - a) KTMPO Meetings;
  - b) Other Updates;
  - c) Air Quality.
4. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from the June 8, 2022 meeting. *(pg.10-11)*
5. **Discussion & Action Item:** Regarding election of officers for FY23. *(pg.14)*
6. **Discussion Item:** Regarding update on the Trail Highlight Series project. *(pg.16)*
7. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Input on the Bell County Thoroughfare Plan Update. *(pg.18)*
8. **Discussion Item:** Regarding TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects. *(pg.20)*
9. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Local Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities. *(pg.22)*
10. **Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through August 2022. *(pg.24-25)*
11. Member comments.
12. Next Meeting: December 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.
13. Adjourn.

# **Item 3:**

## **Staff Update**

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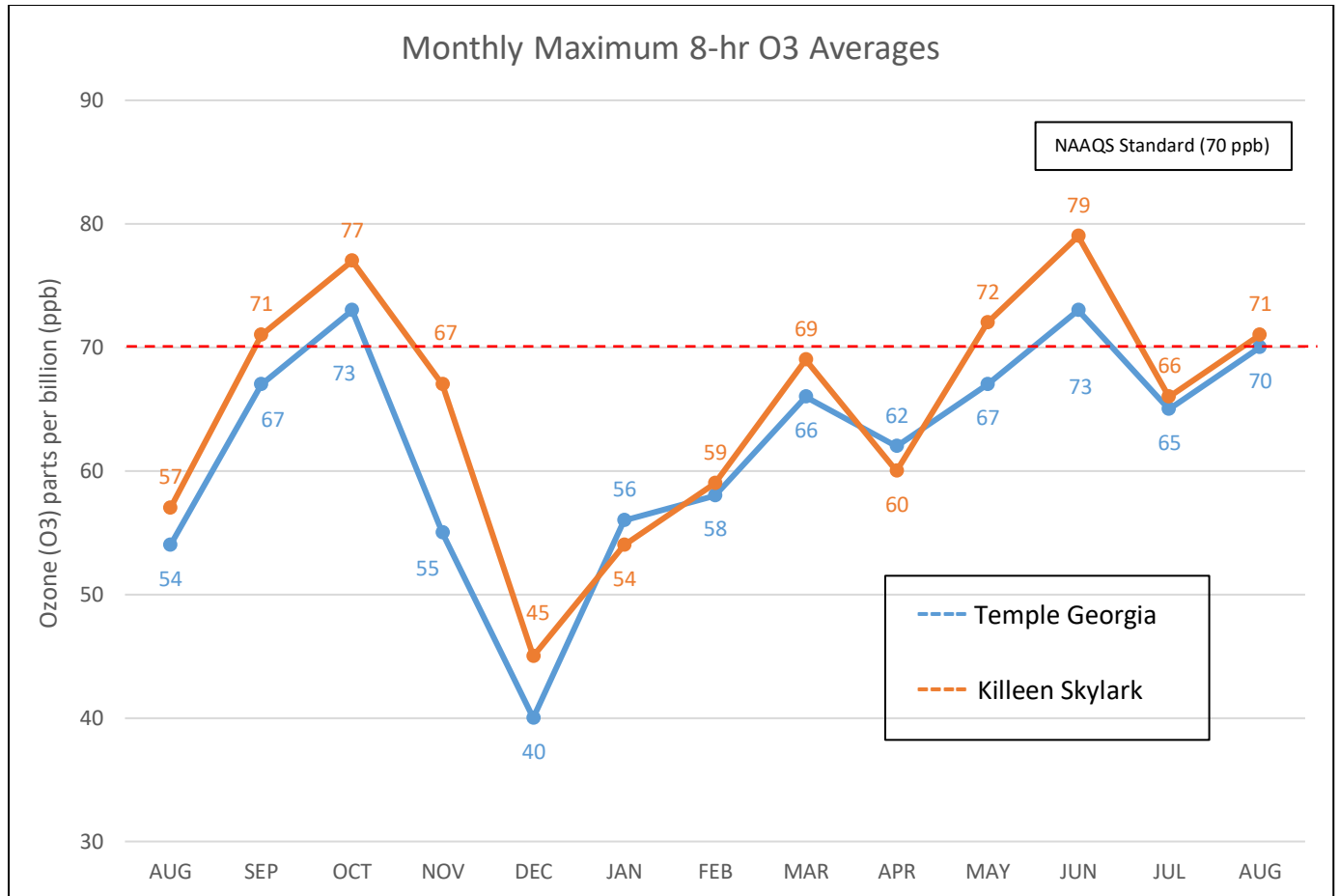
**Staff Update**

- Listed below are the upcoming KTMPO meetings:
  - September 21, 2022 – Transportation Planning Policy Board
  - October 5, 2022 – Technical Advisory Committee\*
  - October 19, 2022 – Transportation Planning Policy Board\*
  - November 2, 2022 – Technical Advisory Committee\*
  - November 16, 2022 – Transportation Planning Policy Board\*
  - December 7, 2022 – Technical Advisory Committee\*
  - December 14, 2022 – Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee

All meetings are scheduled for 9:30am at the Central Texas Council of Governments offices in Belton, Texas, unless otherwise noted (ie – electronic meeting).

- Other Updates
  - KTMPO FY23-26 TIP Update
  - TxDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee ([Agenda Packet Link](#))
    - Strategic Direction Report for TxDOT's Bike/Ped Program – Focus Areas
      - Expand the bicycle and pedestrian networks by continuing to develop the Bicycle Tourism Trails network
      - Build safer and better bicycle and pedestrian accommodations
      - Educate and encourage the public on safer driving, riding, bicycling, and walking
      - Provide design guidance training for engineers, planners and construction staff
    - Next meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup>
  - FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) website ([Link](#)) and ([Fact Sheets](#)).
  - FHWA HEP Virtual Booth ([Link](#))
  - TxDOT FY23 Statewide Transportation Alternatives (TA) Call for Projects ([Link](#))
    - Targeted opening in October 2022
    - Funding for bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure projects
    - Any community eligible to apply
    - Additional eligibility for non-infrastructure projects (SRTS programs, active transportation plans, etc.)

- Air Quality



Compliance with EPA Ozone Standard: 4th Highest Annual Value				3-year average (Calculated on May 31, 2022)
	2020	2021	2022*	
Temple	64	67	65	65
Killeen	63	70	67	67

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.

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**Item 4:**

**Meeting Minutes**



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

Wednesday, June 8, 2022  
9:30 AM

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)  
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**BPAC Voting Members Present**

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Vice Chair Matt Bates – City of Belton\*

Erika Kunkel – TxDOT Waco District\*  
Gene Roberts – Fort Hood  
Geary McCabe – Sun Country Cycling\*

**Others Present**

Lisa McCabe – Sun Country Cycling  
Rachael Perry – TxDOT Waco District\*  
Ben Magallon – ATG  
Laura Cisneros – Love to Ride

James McGill – KTMPO  
Anna Olvera – KTMPO  
Dominic Elizondo – KTMPO\*  
Hope Geiger – CTCOG

*\*Denotes online attendee*

**Meeting Minutes**

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**4. Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from the March 9, 2022 meeting.

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**Item 5:**

**Election of Officers for**

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The BPAC's Bylaws state that officers of the committee are to serve 1-year terms and can serve no more than 2 consecutive terms in the same position. Terms of office follow the KTMPO fiscal year of October through September.

The current officers, Chair Jason Deckman and Vice Chair Matt Bates are both completing their first term in office and are eligible to serve for another term.

**Action Needed:** Elect new BPAC Chair and Vice Chair.

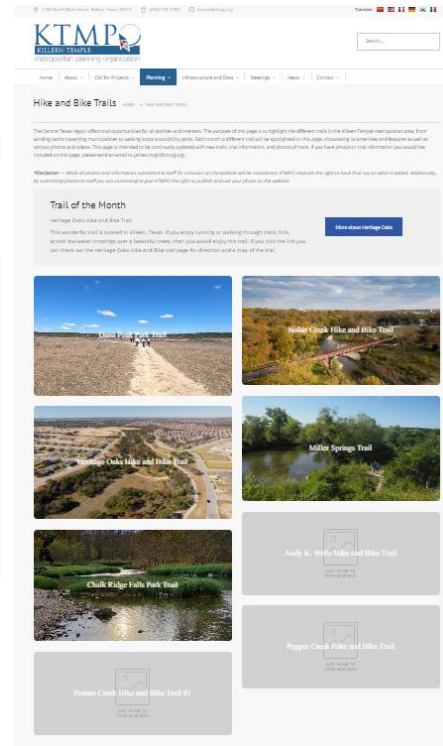
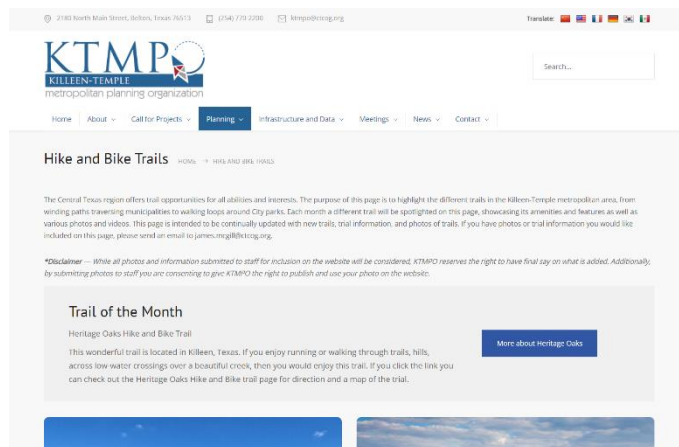
**Item 6:**  
**Trail Highlight Series**  
**Project**

## Trail Highlight Series Project

Since 2019 KTMPO has been working with the BPAC on the Trail of the Month Highlight series effort to promote regional trails to the public. Staff are actively collecting trail information and photos to update the webpage. Current trails highlighted on the KTMPO Bike and Trail Webpage are:

- Dana Peak Park, Harker Heights
- Heritage Oak Trail, Killeen
- Miller Springs Trail, Belton
- Nolan Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Belton
- Chalk Ridge Falls Park Trail: Belton
- Andy K. Wells Hike and Bike Trail, Killeen
- Pepper Creek Hike and Bike Trail, Temple
- Fraiers Creek Hike and Bike Trail #1, Temple

Staff has created a Hike and Bike Trail Highlight page on the KTMPO website under the Bike & Pedestrian section. A screenshot of the page is included below, and staff will provide a live look during the meeting.



**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.



**Item 7:**

**Bell County Thoroughfare  
Plan Project**

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**Input on the Bell County Thoroughfare Plan Project**

KTMP staff is currently working on a Bell County Thoroughfare Plan Update. This plan covers transportation as it currently stands and lays out goals for future development and planning in transportation. We are looking for input from BPAC to give their perspective on the biking infrastructure currently in Bell County and for desired future infrastructure. During this meeting we will be asking attendees to annotate maps to show areas that are needing improvements for bikeways and include desired pathways for future goals in Bell County.

**Action Needed:** No action needed: for discussion only

**Item 8:**

**TxDOT FY2023 Statewide  
Transportation  
Alternative (TA) Call for  
Projects Presentation &  
Discussion**

**2023 Call for Projects**

Noah Heath from TxDOT will be giving a presentation on the program goals for the TxDOT FY2023 Statewide Transportation Alternative (TA) Call for Projects. The presentation will cover an overview of the program, goals and examples of projects TxDOT would like to see submitted.

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only

**Item 9:**

**Local Update on Bicycle  
and Pedestrian Activities**

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**Local Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities**

Local updates on bicycle and pedestrian activities are a standing item for staff and BPAC members to discuss and share information regarding recent local and regional Bicycle and Pedestrian events, activities, news, etc.

Below are some events that staff are aware of:

- Monday Barrow Brewing Ride at Salado with Sun Country Cycling ([Link](#))
- Monday/Wednesday Hike at Dana Peak with Bell County Outdoor Adventures ([Link](#))
- Tuesday/Thursday Mountain Bike Ride at Dana Peak with Bell County Outdoor Adventures ([Link](#))
- Thursday SCC Gravel Ride in Temple with Sun Country Cycling ([Link](#))
- Saturday SCC Ride in Temple with Sun Country Cycling ([Link](#))
- Saturday Road Ride with Tri-City Bicycles in Belton ([Link](#))
- Sunday Pirate Ride with Tri-City Bicycles in Harker Heights ([Link](#))
- Sunday Mountain Bike Fun with Tri-City Bicycles in Harker Heights ([Link](#))
- Healthy Kids Running Series in Killeen – September 11<sup>th</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- Night Brite Bike Ride in Temple – September 17<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- CENTEX Race Series, Fox Trot in Nolanville - September 24<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- Healthy Kids Running Series in Belton – October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- Dana Peak Trail Run in Harker Heights – October 8<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- MK5K CENTEX Race Series in Killeen – October 8<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- 2022 Barrow Volks Bike Ride – October 15<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- Hope 5K & Fun Run – October 15<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- BSWH Walk with a Doc: Temple – October 15<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- HH Brews & Brats 5K Mug Run – October 15<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- Haunted Trail in Copperas Cove – October 29<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- Lampasas Veterans Day Run & Walk – November 5<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- BSWH Walk with a Doc: Temple – November 19<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- Carlson Law Firm Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 5K – November 24<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- BSWH Walk with a Doc: Temple – December 17<sup>th</sup> ([Link](#))
- Dana Peak Park, Fence Line and Twin Peaks Trail - Self-guided hiking and mountain biking ([Link](#))

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.

**Item 10:**  
**Public Input Received**

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KTMPO has been collecting public comments received online, via emails, public hearings, meetings, social media accounts, web maps and other forms of communication. Staff bring these to the BPAC, TAC and TPPB on a regular basis to ensure the MPO boards are aware of public concerns and have the opportunity to respond accordingly. Public input received through the previous month is included in meeting packet.

**Action Needed:** No action needed; for discussion only.





## KTMPPO Public Comments

FY22

Date	Name	Means of Public Comment	Public Comment	Date Comment Was Presented to TAC	Public Comment Topic	Jurisdiction
5/13/2022	Thomas Dyer	Email	Your project in Copperas Cove down the middle of US 190 is terrible. We didn't ask for it. We didn't vote for it. We don't want it.	7/6/2022	Roadway	Copperas Cove
8/13/2022	Peter Stanonik	Email	<p>Reference Project K30-13a from your March 2022, Category 7 Listing. I have just re-read this article from November of 2019. If the article is accurate, then you, KTMPPO, are the hold up to public safety. A cursory look at public comments on the Killeen Daily Herald Facebook page, tells you ordinary citizens can already see the hazards of increased traffic on Chaparral Road. I challenge you to address the public's safety and mobility concerns in your response. I can't think of a scenario where you can objectively defend a 2025 Let Date for this project. If Killeen, Harker Heights, Bell County and KISD have all ponied up their money then you get your behind in gear and get this done.</p> <p>Don't tell me it can't be done either. Bell County citizens voted down two bond proposals for a court/jail complex, so the county went to the state to get it approved because of "public safety". They have their complex now \$130 million later. Things can get done when you want them to get done. Traffic control devices were finally put at the intersection of Chaparral and SH195. It only took two or three traffic fatalities before you leaders listened to the common sense of the people. The county has put up mobile signs warning of delays starting August 15th so apparently everyone knows it coming except KTMPPO.</p> <p>So has KTMPPO submitted requests for funds from the recently passed Federal Infrastructure bill? Why aren't funds already available if the other government entities have ponied up? Seems like half the project could be done already with their monies. Plus waiting to get all the funds means the price tag is just going to keep rising. Regular folk do part of project for the money they have then continue it as they save up more. At least I do.</p> <p>And now KISD is building a middle school in the same area that is supposed to be open in Fall of 2024. And the developers are putting 3750 homes in Turnbo Ranch and 1250 homes in Thousand Oaks. Somebody needs to get with the program of getting us citizens some mobility and safety, but quick!</p>	9/7/2022	Roadway	Killeen
8/26/2022	Thomas Dyer	Email	<p>I haven't written lately, and I didn't want you to think my silence was a form of acceptance, or even worse. approval. Let me be succinct, your tyrannical plans have greatly and negatively impacted the city of Copperas Cove. As if the pandemic hadn't been hard enough on our community, them your group of glorified know-nothings come along and forcibly mar and scar the entrance to our town. We didn't want it, 3 times we voted it down. WE DIDN'T WANT IT! We still don't. Yet our businesses are suffering, many losing 30-40% of the business they had prior. And this is what you wanted, not us. The entire project makes no sense, the turn spots are just punitive. If you absolutely HAD to do something then just removing the blacktop in the center turn lane and replacing it with brick would have been more aesthetically pleasing. But now we are still losing a lane on each side, and have an eye-sore thru the middle of town killing our businesses, and you went around the citizens to make it happen.</p> <p>Have a nice day, I hope your socks fall down.</p>	9/7/2022	Roadway	Copperas Cove

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# **Upcoming Webinars & Grant Opportunities**

### **Upcoming Webinars**

Upcoming webinars regarding bicycle and pedestrian transportation are listed below. All of these webinars are free to the public.

- Effectively Using Social Media to Market Your Trail or Organization:  
October 6, 2022 ([Link](#))
- Building a Trail Foundation from the Ground Up:  
October 27, 2022 ([Link](#))
- The National Digital Trails Project:  
November 17, 2022 ([Link](#))
- Wilderness Trails: Special Places, Special Considerations:  
December 1<sup>st</sup> ([Link](#))

### **Upcoming Conference**

Texas Trails and Active Transportation Conference- Recording

- Accessible until October 29, 2022
- Link to access - [TTAT Conference 2022](#)

### **Grant Opportunities**

The Texas Department of Agriculture administers the Community Development Fund, which is the largest fund category in the TxCDBG Program. Funds may be used for public infrastructure, street and drainage improvements, and various other opportunities. More information regarding this grant may be found here:

#### **Community Development Block Grant Program ([Link](#))**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department administers the National Recreational Trails Fund in Texas under the approval of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This federally funded program receives its funding from a portion of federal gas taxes paid on fuel used in non-highway recreational vehicles. More information regarding this grant may be found below:

#### **Community Outdoor Outreach Program Grant ([Link](#))**

This grant provides funding to tax-exempt organizations for programming that engages underserved populations in TPWD mission-oriented outdoor recreation, conservation, and environmental education activities.

**Deadline: November 1<sup>st</sup> (annually)**

Award Amount: \$5,000-\$60,000. This is a reimbursement grant program.

#### **Local Parks Grant ([Link](#))**

This grant assists with the acquisition and/or development of public recreation areas and facilities. All grant assisted sites must be dedicated as parkland, be properly maintained, and open to the public.

**Deadline: October 1<sup>st</sup> (annually)**

Max Award Amount: \$1.5 million for urban areas, \$750,000 for non-urban areas, and \$150,000 for small community recreation.

Match: up to 50%

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**End of Packet**