



# **Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting**

**December 14, 2022  
2:00 p.m.**

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# Agenda



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

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

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

**Regular Meeting: 2:00 P.M.**

Virtual Meeting Link: [KTMPPO 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) KTMPPO Meetings;
  - b) Other Updates;
  - c) Air Quality.
4. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting. *(pg10-12.)*
5. **Discussion Item:** Regarding the Great Springs Project Presentation. *(pg.14-24)*
6. **Discussion Item:** Regarding update on the Trail Highlight Series project. *(pg.26)*
7. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Local Update on Bicycle and Pedestrian Activities. *(pg.28-29)*
8. **Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through November 2022. *(pg.32-34)*
9. Member comments.
10. Next Meeting: March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:30am
11. Adjourn.

# **Item 3:**

## **Staff Update**

**Staff Update**

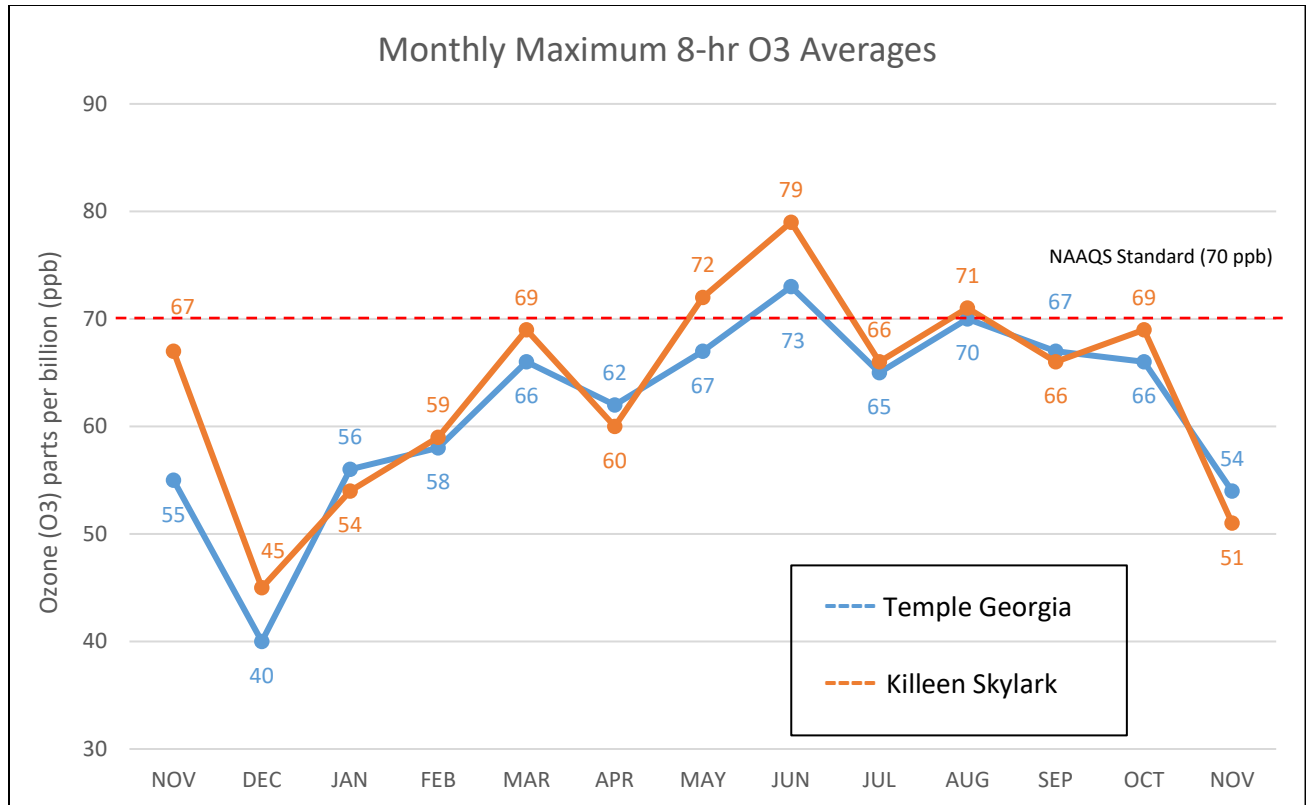
- Listed below are the upcoming KTMPO meetings:
  - January 11, 2023 – Technical Advisory Committee
  - January 18, 2023 – Transportation Planning Policy Board
  - January 24, 2023 – Freight Advisory Committee
  - February 1, 2023 – Technical Advisory Committee
  - February 15, 2023 – Transportation Planning Policy Board
  - March 1, 2023 – Technical Advisory Committee
  - March 8, 2023 – Bicycle and 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
  - TxDOT Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee ([Agenda Packet Link](#))
    - Strategic Direction Report Update 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
      - Provide Training for engineers, planners, and construction staff
      - Educate and encourage the public on safer driving, riding, bicycling, and walking
      - Develop statewide management systems for bicycle and pedestrian information
      - Fund more bicycle and pedestrian projects
    - TxDOT 2023 TA Call for Projects Update ([Link](#))
    - FHWA Discretionary Grant Programs
    - Next meeting is in January
  - FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) website ([Link](#)) and ([Fact Sheets](#)).
  - FHWA HEP Virtual Booth ([Link](#))

Agenda Item #3

• 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	67	66
Killeen	63	70	69	67

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

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**Item 4:**

**Meeting Minutes**



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

Wednesday, September 14, 2022  
9:30 AM

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

**CBPAC Voting Members Present**

Chair Jason Deckman – City of Temple	Yvonne Spell – City of Harker Heights
James Grant for Vice Chair Matt Bates – City of Belton*	Erika Kunkel – TxDOT Waco District*
Kara Escajeda – City of Nolanville	Gene Roberts – Fort Hood
	Mike Anderson – Tri-City Bicycles

**Others Present**

Noah Heath – TxDOT Bike & Pedestrian	Hope Geiger – KTMPPO
Rachael Perry – TxDOT Waco District*	Anita Janke – KTMPPO
Connie Quinto – KTMPPO	Dominic Elizondo – KTMPPO
James McGill – KTMPPO	Kolin Yancey – CTCOG

*\*Denotes online attendee*

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order:** Jason Deckman called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

**2. Public Comment:**

Kara Escajeda received a public comment about Nolanville Road and Nolanville Elementary for congestion on the road for biking and pedestrian.

**3. Staff Update:** KTMPPO Meetings; Other Updates; Air Quality

James McGill notified the group of upcoming KTMPPO meetings through December. Mr. McGill provided an update on the FY23-26 TIP. Mr. McGill shared information from the July TxDOT BPAC meeting highlighting their Strategic Direction Report and other links to various FHWA and TxDOT resources. Mr. McGill also noted that TxDOT FY23 Transportation Alternative Call for Projects opening in October. Air quality for the month of August was 70 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 71 ppb at the Killeen station.

**4. Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from the June 8, 2022 meeting.

**Kara Escajeda made a motion to approve the June 8, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by Mike Anderson the motion passed unanimously.**

**5. Discussion Item:** Regarding election of officers for FY23

James McGill informed the board of the term limits of both chair and vice chair. Jason Deckman and Matt Bates are both available to do another term in those positions.

Jason Deckman agreed to another term as chair of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. Matt Bates declined to serve another term as vice chair. Kara Escajeda was nominated by Jason Deckman. Kara Escajeda agreed to serve as vice chair.

**Mike Anderson made a motion to approve Jason Deckman as Chair and Kara Escajeda as Vice Chair, seconded by Kara Escajeda the motion passed unanimously.**

**6. Discussion Item:** Regarding update on the Trail Highlight Series project.

Hope Geiger updated the committee on work done on the website since the last meeting to improve the design. KTMPO staff has worked to update the trail of the month and will continue to do so as advised from the committee at previous meetings. Heritage Oaks was selected as the trail of the month for September. Hope Geiger commented on staff working on a strategy to move hike and bike highlights to Facebook and posting trail of the month on the Facebook page as well. Ms. Geiger noted the continued effort being made to add more trails to the website and that more pictures are needed.

Kara Escajeda asked about creating a submission link or google folder on the website for individuals to submit photos and videos to KTMPO.

**7. Discussion Item:** Regarding Input on the Bell County Thoroughfare Plan Update.

James McGill introduced the project update and an overview of the project. Mr. McGill suggested we look at the maps and annotate them at the end of the meeting.

Jason Deckman gave an update on the City of Temple's process of completing an update on their Thoroughfare Plan. Mr. Deckman also commented on the importance of a county wide thoroughfare plan to link all the major projects and future goals for transportation between each city entity. Hope Geiger received comments from Keller Matthews on two places in Temple that need critical improvement, Shallowford Road between the west entrance to Lions Park and the west end at I-35, and on Kegley Road north of I-35.

**8. Discussion Item:** Regarding TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects.

Noah Heath presented to the BPAC about the TxDOT Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects.

Jason Deckman asked about common application mistakes and things that get you ranked higher. Kara asked about preliminary engineering cost and when those could be covered with this funding.

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

Hope Geiger gave an update on local bicycle and pedestrian activities happening until December.

**10. Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through August 2022.

The KTMPO staff received two public comments since the last meeting. One regarding construction happening in Copperas Cove on Business 190. One regarding safety concerns on Chaparral Road.

**11. Member Comments.**

Yvonne Spell mentioned Harker Heights working on their Thoroughfare Plan Update.

**12. Next Meeting: December 14, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.**

**13. Adjourned:** The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

These meeting minutes were approved by the BPAC members at their meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Jason Deckman, BPAC Chair

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Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

**Item 5:**

**Presentation on Great  
Springs Project**

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**The Great Springs Project Presentation**

Garry Merritt the Chief Executive Officer from the Great Springs project will be giving a presentation on the Great Springs Project. The Great Springs Project is a trail connecting four major springs from San Antonio to Austin. They have developed over 100 miles of trails for walking, hiking, and biking. They are also using land conservation to protect the recharge zone for the Edwards aquifer along the path of the trail. The presentation will cover how the project got started, how they made community connections along the way, and potential strategies we could implement here for trail development.

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Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
*invites you to*

**JOIN US AS WE LEARN FROM THE  
GREAT SPRINGS PROJECT TEAM!**

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*Exploring the Power of Regional Trails*

- Creating Access to Nature
- Providing Outdoor Recreation
- Developing Flood Protection
- Generating Economic Development
- Protecting Texas Land
- Conserving Water

**Garry Merritt**

**David Bemporad**

**Kenny Skrobanek**

**Wednesday, December 14 at 2pm**

In-person or virtual attendance welcome!

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



## **GARRY MERRITT**

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*Chief Executive Officer*

Garry brings to Great Springs Project a unique combination of business development savvy, real estate law expertise, government service, and longstanding commitment to conservation of Texas' natural resources. A former Real County Judge, Real County Attorney, and corporate counsel, Garry's legal expertise includes real estate transactions, real estate finance, water rights, business development, and contract negotiations. He is Board Certified in Farm and Ranch Real Estate Law, a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and holds degrees from Rice University and The University of Texas School of Law. After a stint as a corporate and real estate attorney in Houston and Team Counsel for the Houston Rockets, Garry returned to the Texas Hill Country to practice law and engage in public service in his rural hometown of Leakey. Garry has served as Board Chairman of the Hill Country Alliance, the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, and the Southwest Area Regional Transit District. Prior to joining Great Springs Project, Garry served as General Counsel and Legislative Director of the Texas Association of Counties which represents all 254 counties in Texas with over 2,500 elected officials. An avid river guide and mountain climber, Garry cares deeply about Texas and our beautiful Hill Country and conserving our natural resources for generations to come. He has two children, Luke and Sarah.



## DAVID BEMPORAD

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*Trails and Transportation Planner*

David brings years of research, lobbying, planning, and small organization administration to his role as the Trails and Transportation Planner for the Great Springs Project, working to plan, design, and implement publicly accessible cycling and pedestrian trails throughout Central Texas. David started at Great Springs Project as a graduate intern, operating out of San Antonio and serving as the administrator, urban planner, and urban designer for ActivateSA, a nonprofit working to connect San Antonio with a comprehensive, safe, and equitably designed pedestrian and cycling network.

David is a 2021 Master in Urban Planning graduate of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, a 2020 Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Summer Fellow, a 2017 Bill Archer Fellow, and a born-and-raised San Antonian. Before joining GSP, David worked at a small legislative consulting firm during the 2019 Texas Legislative Session on issues of transportation, infrastructure, and municipal regulation. As an Archer Fellow, David worked at the renowned Brookings Institution's Metropolitan Policy Program as a research intern for the VP of Brookings, Amy Liu. An avid road cyclist, David understands the real-world conditions that cyclists in Texas endure and cares deeply about making streets safe for all people, regardless of age or ability.





## **KENNY SKROBANEK**

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*Trails and Transportation Planner*

Kenny is a GIS professional and Transportation Planner with 13 years of experience in Local and State Government. Prior to Great Springs Project, Kenny worked in Hays County for the cities of San Marcos and Buda as a GIS Analyst and GIS Coordinator, and as a GIS Team Lead at Oregon Department of Transportation. He understands the value of GIS as a tool for bringing spatial data driven decisions to transportation planning, but never misses an opportunity for on the ground trail field work. Kenny earned his Bachelor of Science in GIS in 2007 and Master of Applied Geography in Resource and Environmental Studies in 2010, both from Texas State University.

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# FROM THE ALAMO TO THE CAPITOL

A Legacy Project For All of Texas



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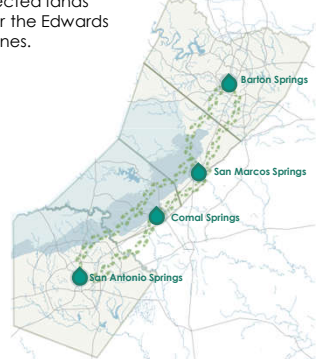
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## Mission: Connecting Four Great Springs

A national park-sized corridor of protected lands between San Antonio and Austin over the Edwards Aquifer recharge and contributing Zones.

- A 100-mile spring-to-spring trail network from the Alamo to the Capitol.
- 50,000 acres of additional protected lands over the recharge zone between San Antonio and Austin.

**"Connecting our Communities;  
Protecting our Springs"**



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## An ancient story in a modern context

The estimated 4,000-year-old White Shaman mural in southwest Texas depicts a string of four symbols which some believe may be the four major springs along the Balcones Fault.



**INDIGENOUS CULTURES**  
INSTITUTE

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## To Preserve Our Heritage

### Connecting the region's share heritage

El Camino Real de los Tejas stretches from Mexico to Louisiana traversing through Texas including along Great Springs Project conservation corridor.

**"Remember above all else that the land and waters are sacred, that we are all related, and that the time has come to renew our ancestral covenant with Mother Earth."**

- Dr. Mario Garza, Miakan-Garza tribe of the Coahuiltecan people



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## To Protect Our Resources

### Blazing a Trail in a Fast-Growing Region

- Central Texas is transforming into a mega-region.
- This growth presents many challenges:
  - Strain on natural resources, such as water supply
  - Strain on built infrastructure, such as transportation and utilities
  - Loss of open spaces for wildlife, aquifer recharge, and flood protection

Population Density Ranges per Square Mile of Edwards Aquifer

Projected Population Growth Rates 2009-2026

United States: 11%  
Texas: 31%  
4-county region: 39%

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## Protecting the Edwards Aquifer Recharge Zone

GSP's goal is to help protect an additional 50,000 acres of land in the Recharge Zone of the Edwards Aquifer, one of the most productive aquifers in the United States.<sup>1</sup>

This corridor is characterized by the presence of sinkholes, sinking streams, caves, large springs, and highly productive water wells. Local and regional organizations throughout the Hill Country have been working for decades to protect the region's land and water supplies. GSP's conservation goal will be achieved through conservation partnerships and direct communication with landowners, developers, and local governments. The 100-mile trail network from the Alamo to the Capitol connects communities and increases awareness of the importance of the Edwards Aquifer and the protection of the iconic springs that flow from it.

Edwards Aquifer Authority. 2021. About the Edwards Aquifer. <https://www.edwardsaquifer.org/science-map/about-the-edwards-aquifer/>

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## To Connect Our Community

### Providing Access to the Outdoors for All

- Today, less than 4 percent of land in Texas is accessible to the public.
- The shortage of access to open space is magnified in rapidly developing Central Texas.
- However, there are new opportunities that come along with a growing population – increased appetite for high quality public space opportunities and funding through public sources.

Equality

Equity

Graphic adapted from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Visualizing Health Equity: One Size Does Not Fit All infographic.

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## Our Team

### Board

- Deborah Morin, Chair
- April Ancira
- Hope Andrade
- Kyndel Bennett
- Dianne Wassenich

### Senior Staff

- Garry Merritt, CEO
- Lyda Creus Molanphy
- Emma Lindrose-Siegel
- Bill Barker
- Scott Parker

### Advisory Board

- Anne Ashmun
- Ray Brimble
- Mike Burke
- Ted Flato
- Bill Johnson
- Phil Hardberger
- John Mackey
- Cindy Matula
- Les Shephard
- Lee Walker
- Bill West

Forest Edge Park - Schertz

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## Equity Task Force

To ensure our work provides access to nature for all people of all abilities

- Melissa Ayala, Waterloo Greenway
- Monica Borrego, New Braunfels Food Bank
- David Buggs, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
- Mariana Espinoza, City of Kyle
- Arnold Garcia (late), Former Editorial Page Editor, Austin American Statesman
- Dr. Ana Gonzalez, City of Austin
- Angelica Holmes, Black Outside, Inc.
- Jeanette Honermann, REI, Inc.
- Reverend Addae Kraba, Unitarian Universalists of New Braunfels
- Pablo Montes, Indigenous Cultures Institute
- Maria Rocha, Indigenous Cultures Institute
- Sister Cindy Stacy, Headwaters at Incarnate Word
- Dr. Maria Torrado, Community Powered Workshop
- Joshua Tuck, National Park Service
- Rocio Villalobos, City of Austin
- Dr. Skyler Walkes, University of Texas

*"GSP's mission to protect and connect Texas' beautiful natural surroundings is underpinned by the fundamental requirement of equity and inclusion in public access to this beauty."*

— Equity Task Force



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## Trails Development Steering Committee

- Jim Bailey, ActivateSA
- Sherwood Bishop, San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
- Yida Capriccioso, City of New Braunfels Parks and Recreation
- Jamie Lee Case, City of San Marcos Parks and Recreation
- George Cofer, Hill Country Conservancy
- Janet Coles, Travis County Parks
- Mariana Espinoza, Kyle Parks and Recreation
- Steven Gonzales, El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail
- Steve Graham, San Antonio River Authority
- Aaron Mahr, National Park Service - National Trails
- Nancy Pappas, Headwaters at the Comal
- Nathan Pence, Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority
- Margo Richards, Lower Colorado River Authority
- Maria Rocha, Indigenous Cultures Institute
- Brandon Ross, City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation
- Tony Canez, Bexar County
- Lauren Shrum, City of Schertz Parks and Recreation
- Tyler Frost, City of Buda
- Butch Smith, Hill Country Conservancy
- Robin Stallings, Bike Texas
- Mark Taylor, Emerald Crown Regional Trail Work Group
- Alexandra Thompson, Hays County Natural Resources
- Joshua Tuck, National Park Service
- Katie Wettick, City of Austin Public Works





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## Land & Trail Partners

Connecting community leaders, stakeholders and interest groups throughout the corridor:

- Audubon Texas
- Austin Outside
- Budafal Hiker
- Camp Bullis Sentinel Landscape
- City of San Marcos
- City of Kyle
- City of Buda
- Hays County
- City of New Braunfels
- City of Schertz
- Comal County
- City of San Antonio
- City of Austin
- Bexar County
- Colorado River Alliance
- Colorado River Land Trust
- Comal County Conservation Association
- Comal Trails Alliance
- Conservation Fund
- Green Spaces Alliance
- Guadalupe Blanco River Authority
- Guadalupe Blanco River Trust
- Headwaters at the Comal
- Hill Country Alliance
- Hill Country Conservancy
- Hill Country Land Trust
- Lower Colorado River Authority
- Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University
- San Antonio River Authority
- San Marcos Greenbelt Alliance
- San Marcos River Foundation
- Shoal Creek Conservancy
- Texas Land Conservancy
- Texas Water Foundation
- Texas Water Trade
- Texas Wildlife Association
- The Nature Conservancy
- Travis Audubon
- Travis County Parks
- Trust for Public Land
- Wimberley Valley Water Association



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## Partner Events

Inspiring Leaders to Work Locally with a Regional Vision

- **Trail Connect I: October 29, 2020**
  - Pairing trail advocates and government leaders from each of our four counties and sharing their work.
- **Trail Connect II: May 27, 2021**
  - Connecting TxDOT Districts, MPOs, RMAs, River Authorities and the Governor's office to discuss the benefits of trails.
- **Trail Connect III: February 22, 2022**
  - Localizing our work to the Northeast Alamo Area and bringing together staff from the cities of Schertz, Selma, Cibola, and New Braunfels to discuss near term projects for trail connectivity with TxDOT and AAMPO.
- **Trail Connect IV: December 1, 2022**
  - Implementing a Civic Legacy



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## Partner Events

Following the success of Trail Connect III – Great Springs Project and AAMPO are bringing these Alamo Area cities back together to:

- **Inform** attendees on the Transportation Alternatives funding process and how to craft competitive applications.
- **Answer** granular questions about the implementation of infrastructure through this funding source.
- **Inspire** TA applications along the GSP trails corridor by highlighting each city's work connects to one another and how funding can be leveraged between partners.

TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES FUNDING  
**WORKSHOP**  
SCHERTZ | CIBOLA | UNIVERSAL CITY | SELMA | GARDEN RIDGE | NEW BRAUNFELS | COMAL COUNTY

An invite-only in person workshop discussing how cities can create more competitive applications for AAMPO's 2023 Calls for Projects

**DECEMBER 8, 2022**  
**1:30 PM - 4:30 PM** | BLUEBONNET HALL  
SCHERTZ CIVIC CENTER  
1400 SCHERTZ PKWY

FEATURING AAMPO GUEST SPEAKERS  
Deputy Director Sonia Jiménez  
Transportation Planning Program Manager Clifton Hall

Please RSVP to Kristin@greatspringsproject.org

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## Regional Planning Efforts

### 2018 Texas Bicycle Tourism Trails Route

- A "connecting spur" within the BTS study runs directly along the Great Springs Project trail corridor.
- The TxDOT BTS route follows City of San Antonio Trails.
- **Some BTS existing route sections in TxDOT ROW can be upgraded to meet BTS Design Guidance.**

### Advance 2019 Capital-Alamo Connections Study

- Part of "Mid Term" Regional Coordination Strategies to be implemented from 2025-2035 calls out action to **promote potential interregional bicycle routes and new long distance bikeways:**
  - Connect regional bicycle networks along highways.
  - Coordinate regional bicycle routes with transit agencies for connectivity.
  - Use regional technical partnerships to promote, fund, and construct interregional bikeways.
- **Connections along and through TxDOT ROW can advance this goal.**

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## Regional Planning Efforts

In AAMPO's Mobility 2050 Long Range Plan, Great Springs Project is recognized as a potential partner for IJIA funding to improve interregional mobility.

*"With new eligibility requirements, the IJIA is providing a viable path to seeing the Great Springs Project become a reality. The IJIA allows non-profits to apply for grant funding and still maintains program funding for active transportation projects submitted to MPO's for program funding."*  
- Mobility 2050

**MOBILITY2050**  
ANYONE PEOPLE  
CONNECTING PLACES  
AAMPO

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## Regional Planning Efforts

**Mobility 2050 is not the first AAMPO Plan highlighting key connections in the Great Springs Project Network:**

- Subregional Planning Study (April 2022)
- Regional Thoroughfare Plan Study (October 2018)
- Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Study (2016)
- East Corridor Multi-Modal Alternatives Plan (April 2003)
- Bicycle Travel Patterns Survey
- Alternatives Analysis of Multimodal Transportation Improvements for Downtown San Antonio (2003)

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## Leveraging Funds

**Local Funds**

- Parks, Transportation, and Drainage Municipal Bonds
- Flood Mitigation
- Water quality protection
- TWDB Clean Water State Revolving Fund
- Habitat Conservation Plans
- Edwards Aquifer Authority
- Emergency Management Plans

**Federal Funds**

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Transportation Alternatives
- Funding through MPOs
- RAISE Discretionary Grants
- INFRA Discretionary Grants
- Great American Outdoors Act
- Land and Water Conservation Funds
- 30x30/America the Beautiful

**State Funds**

- TxDOT
  - Statewide Transportation Alternatives
  - Highway Safety Improvement Program
  - Traffic Safety General Grants
- TWDB for green infrastructure
- TDA & GLO for flood mitigation
- TDEM for emergency management
- TPWD Recreational Trails Grants
- Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program



Salado Creek Greenway/Wurzbach Parkway – San Antonio

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## Trails Plan Released April 2022

Inspiring Leaders to Work Locally with a Regional Vision

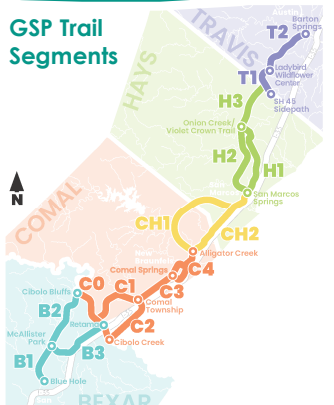


- Determine Primary Trail Destinations**
  - San Antonio Springs, Comal Springs, San Marcos Springs, and Barton Springs
  - Communities from San Antonio to Austin
  - Historic, cultural, and ecological sites of importance
- Propose Routes That Align with Existing Resources**
  - Primary destinations, existing trails, trails in development, parks, open spaces, and the Edwards Aquifer Recharge and Artesian Zones
  - Current trail plans, transportation projects, and opportunities for land conservation
- Refine Routes & Maintain Flexibility in Implementation**
  - Meetings with stakeholders along the corridor
  - Trails Plan Steering Committee Meetings
  - Input on Draft and Final Trails Plan
  - Continued refinement of routes as implementation progresses

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## GSP Trail Segments



**Bexar County Trail Segments:**

- BEXAR 1: Spirit Reach + The Flyway**  
The Blue Horse to McAllister Park
- BEXAR 2: Bracken Path**  
McAllister Park through Mud Creek to Cibola Bluffs Nature Preserve
- BEXAR 3: Belt Creek Greenway**  
U.S. Park through Belt Creek to Barton Park

**Comal County Trail Segments:**

- COMAL 0: Cibola Creek Greenway**  
Selma, Schertz, Cibola
- COMAL 1: Comal Run**  
Cibola Bluffs Nature Preserve to Comal Community Historic Site
- COMAL 2: Great Northern Trail**  
Schertz to Great Northern Trail to Dry Comal Creek
- COMAL 3: Dry Comal Creek Greenway**  
Selma Park to Lander Park and Comal Springs
- COMAL 4: Alligator Creek**  
Lander Park to Alligator Creek to Parkmen's Pocket Park

**Comal/Hays Trail Segments:**

- COMAL/HAYS 1: Western Swing**  
Parkmen's Pocket Park to San Marcos Springs
- COMAL/HAYS 2: Hunter Road**  
Alligator Creek to Kissing Tree to La Cima to San Marcos Springs

**Hays County Trail Segments:**

- HAYS 1: Emerald Crown Trail**  
San Marcos Springs to connection with Violet Crown Trail
- HAYS 2: Blanco River**  
Presa to Blanco Bend to Emerald Crown Trail to Violet Crown Trail
- HAYS 3: Hays County Violet Crown Trail**  
Green Creek to Barton

**Travis County Trail Segments:**

- TRAVIS 1: Violet Crown to Lady Bird**  
SH45 to Ladybird Wildflower Center
- TRAVIS 2: Violet Crown to Barton Springs**  
Ladybird Wildflower Center to Barton Springs

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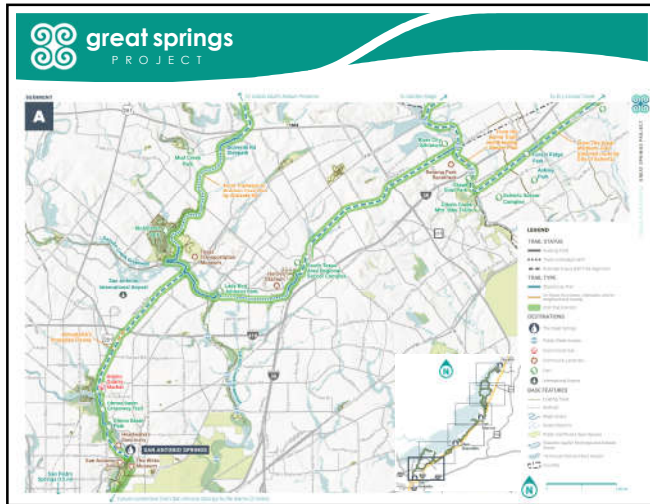
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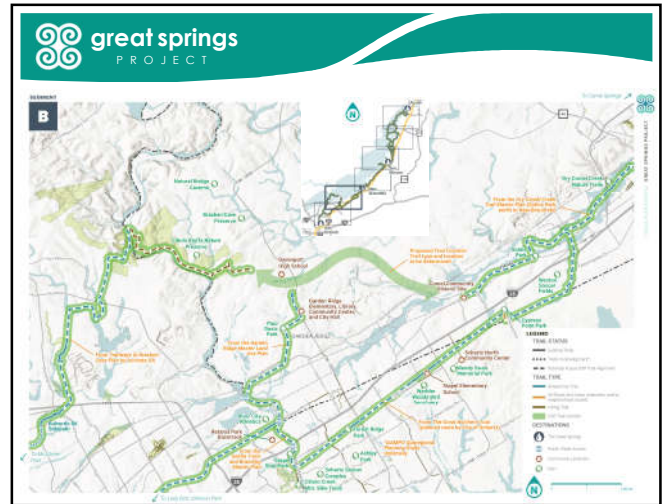


**HILL COUNTRY RURAL** **RANCHLAND RURAL** **SMALL TOWN** **SUBURBAN** **URBAN**

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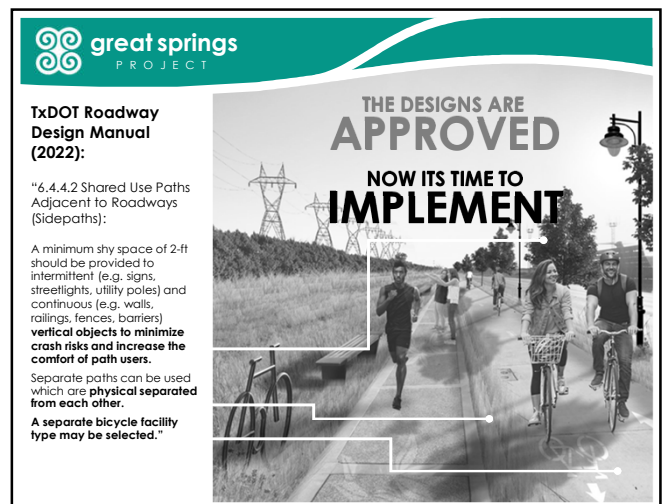
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# THANK YOU!

For more information on Great Springs Project, including the Trails Plan, Economic Benefits Report, and to view an informational video, please visit our website at [www.greatspringsproject.org](http://www.greatspringsproject.org)



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

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### **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.

Staff believe that the intention of this Highlight series is not reaching its potential engagement with the public. We would like to change over the webpage and create a page for Collaborative Community Trail Page.

Create a sustainable Hike and Bike website landing page with the city's logo that has the parks and recreation website embedded within the logo. The new feature will support our cities and stakeholders by driving citizens to their webpage. It would improve the quality of activity and event information provided to the community while eliminating redundancies. Trails will continue to be featured in the KTMPO social media campaign.

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

**Item 7:**

**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.

Due to the ever-changing landscape of bicycling and pedestrian activities and to provide consistent, up-to-date information, KTMPO staff recommends utilizing various social media channels, primarily KTMPO Facebook ([Link](#)) to highlight local and regional Bicycle and Pedestrian events, activities, and news, etc.

KTMPO staff will continue to organically promote community partners and stakeholders via Facebook according to the schedule (schedule page 29).

- Barrow Brewing Ride at Salado with Sun Country Cycling ([Link](#));
- Hike at Dana Peak with Bell County Outdoor Adventures ([Link](#));
- SCC Gravel Ride in Temple with Sun Country Cycling ([Link](#));
- Ride in Temple with Sun Country Cycling ([Link](#));
- CENTEX Race Series ([Link](#));
- Walk with a Doc ([Link](#));

It should be noted that social media is ever evolving and KTMPO staff will analyze posts and trends and adjust scheduling accordingly.

For this document, “Shareable” is defined as sharing a post that a community partner or stakeholder has posted on their Facebook page and “Create” is defined as marketing content that has been created by KTMPO staff.

\*BPAC Strategy is highlighted in the table.

Social Media Schedule

Day	Title	Content	Shareable /Create	Strategy Focus
Sunday	Shout Out Sunday	Highlighting and celebrating community milestones related to all KTMPO activities or community #dogood news	Shareable	Celebrate and Inform
Monday	#EndTheStreakTX #BuckleUpTX	Safety tips and educational post provided by TxDOT	Collaborative	Safety and Education
Tuesday	Terrific Trails	Local trails (self-guided tours), outdoor space, State Park activities, hiking tips, #LeaveNoTrace	Shareable	Safety, Community Engagement
Wednesday	Wondering What is Happening This Weekend?	Highlights pedestrian, cycling, bike rodeo activities and safety tips	Shareable	Safety, Community Engagement
Thursday	Think About It Thursdays	Reimagining transportation to include historical facts and updates on regional transportation like HOP	Shareable	Education, Vision Casting, Community Engagement
Friday	Freight Fridays	Freight current events	Shareable	Education and Information
Saturday	Walking in Your Neighborhood	Promotes using the Walkability Checklist to determine how walkable a community is and how to improve the walkability score through community engagement. <a href="#">(Link)</a>	Create	Education and Community Engagement

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

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**Item 8:**

**Public Input Received**

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KTMP 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.





## KTMP Public Comments

FY22-23

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, KTMP, 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 KTMP.</p> <p>So has KTMP 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, then 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

9/24/2022	Thomas Dyer	Email	Having survived another week of interaction with the flaming abomination of a KTMPO scar in our city, I thought it prudent to submit a comment of my utter disdain for the unwelcomed Cesarean section of our Business 190. On an up note, we had almost run out of empty business spots, but with the super business killer slashing down through our town, we are able to see new empty spots where a business once stood! In my own defense, I seem to be stuck in the second stage of grief, or the 27th stage of sarcasm. Either way, thanks for helping me with this as well.	11/2/2022	Roadway	Copperas Cove
10/3/2022	Thomas Dyer	Email	Happy Monday, I wonder if any of you have been to observe the abysmal laceration you have wrought on our community. We spent a lot of time and effort to gain capacity on our thoroughfare. Now we are being told that we needed this alteration, that we really did want this scar across our city. We, the citizens, voted against projects like this more than once. But we really didn't know what is best for ourselves, it would seem. So since we wouldn't vote to float the note, y'all went around the citizens and got the money from the state. In the meantime we have added more houses, and folks to fill them, and somehow we are to believe that removing two lanes is going to make traffic better. So reducing capacity is increasing capacity? Wait, what? And a bike lane for all the non-existent bikers, and a center median to make turning punitive. Thank you for inflicting this abomination on us, I feel better just knowing you know what is best for us. Maybe you could stop by and talk to the business owners who are being negatively impacted by your (anti) Business 190.	11/2/2022	Roadway	Copperas Cove
11/25/2022	Glenn Morton	Facebook Comment	I have never seen a hop bus with more than a couple passengers ... the ktmpo needs to look at eliminating unprofitable routes.	12/7/2022	Public Transportation	KTMPO

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