



Freight Advisory Committee Meeting

October 24, 2023

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Agenda



Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization
Freight Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 24, 2023

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

Regular Meeting: 2:30 PM

Virtual Link: [KTMPO FAC 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: *(pgs.1-3)*
 - a. KTMPO Meeting Schedule;
 - b. Other Updates.
 - c. Air Quality
4. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from July 25, 2023 meeting. *(pgs.4-7)*
5. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding approval of new FAC member. *(pgs.8-11)*
6. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding approval of proposed revisions to the FAC Bylaws. *(pgs.12-20)*
7. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding election of new committee chair and vice chair. *(pgs.21-22)*
8. **Discussion Item:** Regarding discussion on local KTMPO freight topics. *(pgs.23-24)*
9. **Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through September 2023. *(pgs.25-26)*
10. Member Comments.
11. Discuss possible agenda items for future meetings.
12. Adjourn.

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Item 3:
Staff Update

Staff Update

a) Upcoming KTMPO Meetings:

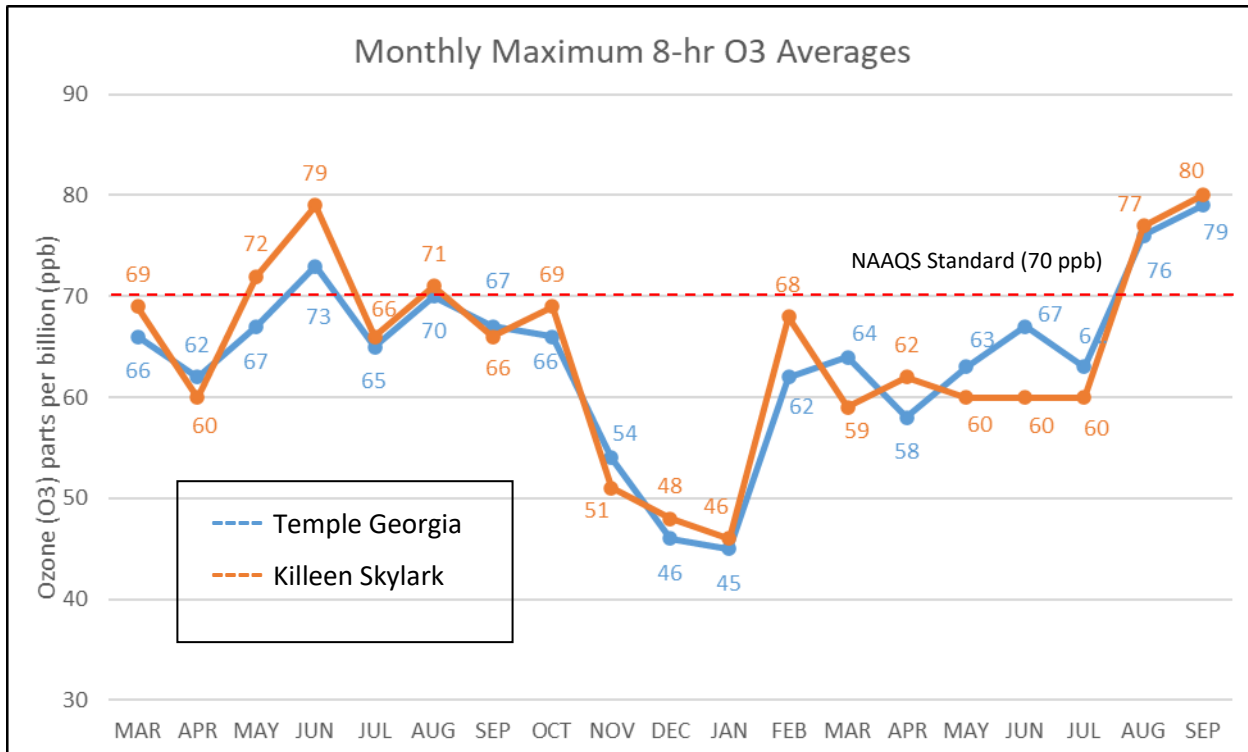
- November 1, 2023 – Technical Advisory Committee
- November 15, 2023 – Transportation Planning Policy Board
- December 6, 2023 – Technical Advisory Committee
- December 13, 2023 – Transportation Planning Policy Board
- December 13, 2023 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – 2:30pm

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

b) Other Updates:

- The Texas Delivers 2050 Freight Mobility Plan has been approved by the Texas Transportation Commission and will be submitted to FHWA for final approval. The Plan can be accessed [here](#).
- H.R. 3372, a bill currently in the U.S congress would establish a voluntary pilot program for states to increase truck weights on federal interstates up to 91,000 pounds on six axles. Participating states would issue permits by vehicle or by group of vehicles that would specify acceptable routes and require permit holders to report on accidents and other details. The program would be discontinued after five years, although the Department of Transportation could extend it for another five years.
- H.R. 3318 would increase the maximum weight (a variance of 10% per axle) that a commercial vehicle transporting dry bulk goods can carry on an interstate highway to address the issue of certain cargo (such as flour) that tends to shift en route.
- H.R. 2948 (CARS Act) would require states to allow automobile transporters to operate on interstate highways at increased weights, allowing a 10% weight increase for certain types of auto haulers.
- Bell County Thoroughfare Plan
 - Approved and Adopted by Bell County Commissioners Court on July 17, 2023.
 - The finalized plan is published on the [Bell County](#) and [KTMP](#) websites.
- USDOT Funding Opportunities Timeline can be found [here](#).
- FHWA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) website ([Link](#)) and ([Fact Sheets](#)).

c) Air Quality



Compliance with EPA Ozone Standard:				3-year average (Calculated on Sept. 1, 2023)
4th Highest Annual Value				
	2021	2022	2023*	
Temple	67	67	76	70
Killeen	70	69	76	72

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Item 4:
Meeting Minutes



KILLEEN TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (KTMPO)
FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, July 25, 2023
2:30 PM

Regular Meeting

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

Freight Advisory Committee Members

Jason Deckman – City of Temple	Keith Sledd – Heart of Texas Defense Alliance
Ginger Watkins – Cameron Industrial Foundation	Elvar “JR” Leal – Temple and Central Texas
Kara Escajeda – City of Nolanville	Railway

Additional Attendees

Dominic Elizondo – KTMPO	Hope Geiger – KTMPO
Connie Quinto – KTMPO	James McGill – KTMPO
Zeke Reyna – TxDOT	Anita Janke – KTMPO

Meeting Minutes

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Jason Deckman at 2:31 PM.
 - 2. Public Comments:** No public comments were made.
 - 3. Staff Update:** Dominic Elizondo discussed the schedule for upcoming KTMPO meetings, the USDOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Opportunity (MPDG) NOFO, the TCEQ Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP) All Electric Program, Texas H.B. No. 4885 creating the Texas Hydrogen Infrastructure, Vehicle, and Equipment Grant Program, H.B. No. 1846 providing a skills test for commercial learner’s permit holders from other states, the FRA’s FY23 Railroad Crossing Elimination grant program opening in September, and the Texas Delivers 2050 Freight Mobility Plan being sent to the FHWA for final approval. Maximum ozone air quality readings for the month of March were 67 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 60 ppb at the Killeen station.
 - 4. Discussion and Action Item:** Approve minutes from the April 25, 2023 meeting.
- Keith Sledd made a motion to approve the April 25, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Elvar Leal; the motion passed unanimously.**

5. Discussion Item: Regarding Presentation on Autonomous Vehicles and Freight.

Zeke Reyna, Emerging Technology Portfolio Project Manager at TxDOT, provided a presentation on the future of autonomous vehicles in Texas, with an overview of eight freight companies in Texas operating autonomous vehicles programs with freight, personal delivery vehicles, and neighborhood electric vehicles. Mr. Reyna also discussed the Texas Connected and Autonomous Vehicle task force, which brings together hundreds of freight and vehicle company stakeholders across Texas to coordinate the implementation of an autonomous vehicle network, and TxDOT's Urban Air Mobility Advisory Committee for drone and other aerial AV delivery systems.

Keith Sledd asked if the autonomous freight vehicles were actually hauling cargo and what the battery charging time for the EV vehicles was. Mr. Reyna said that they were hauling freight and that his estimate of the charging time would be six to eight hours for eight to ten batteries. Mr. Sledd then asked how the vehicles were handling the cargo, and Mr. Reyna said that they are being unloaded at transfer stations by humans. Ginger Watkins asked what the price differential was between a traditional and an AV rig. Mr. Reyna said that every one of the AVs would be worth millions of dollars due to the amount of technology on each one, including cameras, sensors, and Lidar. Jason Deckman asked what the rest requirement is for drivers in AVs and if there were any fuel savings. Mr. Reyna said that they would still have the same rest requirements, but the trips taken in AVs are typically shorter intercity routes in the state and that the AVs were still largely diesel trucks that see a fuel savings due to increased efficiency.

6. Discussion Item: Overview of Texas Freight Mobility Plan Policy and Funding Recommendations.

Dominic Elizondo provided an overview of the Texas Freight Mobility Plan's policy, programming, and technology and operations recommendations, as well as the Freight Investment Plan developed from TxDOT's 10-year Unified Transportation Plan (UTP).

6. Discussion Item: Regarding Discussion on Local KTMPO Freight Topics.

Dominic Elizondo asked for committee discussion on any freight needs or gaps in the KTMPO region and possible ways to address them. Mr. Elizondo asked how AVs would affect truck parking needs in the future, and Zeke Reyna said that AVs would not need to stop except for charging. Kara Escajeda said that Nolanville is looking to apply for the Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant when it opens, and that the application would probably get more traction if other cities in the MPO such as those between Rogers and Buckholts that have safety issues at crossings also applied. Jason Deckman asked about the project Nolanville was wrapping up by city hall, and Ms. Escajeda said that it was for regrading a road and making it one way. JR Leal said that Temple and Central Texas Railway was looking for property near railroads such as BNSF or Union Pacific for a loading station for customers that do not have a physical address. Keith Sledd said that Fort Cavazos has received a noncompetitive grant for a containerization study for the potential public-private multimodal transfer station at a joint use railhead in the western portion of the Fort. Jason Deckman said that TxDOT has been working on grade separation at two intersections on loop 363.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding Discussion on Public Input Received Through June 2023.

Two comments were made—one from a Copperas Cove community page on Facebook about the bypass project on US-190, and another on Facebook regarding a narrow bike lane by Mikeska's BBQ which was actually white striping on a frontage road.

8. Member Comments.

There were no member comments.

9. Discuss Possible Agenda Items for Next Meeting on October 24, 2023.

Jason Deckman suggested that a possible agenda item for the next meeting would be a presentation on major TxDOT roadway projects since the call for projects has closed.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:47 PM

These meeting minutes were approved by FAC at their meeting on _____.

Jason Deckman, Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

Item 5:
Approval of New FAC
Member

Approval of New FAC Member.

Zachary Baker, Regional Manager of Economic Development for BNSF has been nominated to replace Jared Garmon on the FAC to represent the company. Kevin Shuff, Purchasing Manager of Belltec has also been nominated to replace Tamara Brown on the FAC. The written statements nominating both are attached in the packet.

Action Needed: Consider approval of new FAC member.

Re: Freight Advisory Committee Meeting

Davis, Jeanelle L <Jeanelle.Davis@BNSF.com>

Wed 10/4/2023 8:48 AM

To: Dominic Elizondo <dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org>

Cc: Anita Janke <anita.janke@ctcog.org>; Baker, Zachary V <Zachary.Baker@BNSF.com>

Hi Dominic,

Thank you for asking us to continue our participation on the Freight Advisory Committee. We would like Zack Baker, who is our regional manager of economic development, to serve as our representative for this group. He will be the primary point of contact moving forward.

Thank you,

Jeanelle Davis
Executive Director, Public Affairs
BNSF Railway

On Oct 4, 2023, at 8:22 AM, Baker, Zachary V <Zachary.Baker@bnsf.com> wrote:

Sounds good.

Jeanelle, can you reply confirming my BNSF nomination for the Freight Advisory Board please?

Thanks all,

Zack Baker | BNSF Railway | Regional Manager Economic Development – Fort Worth, TX | zachary.baker@bnsf.com | Office: 817-593-4297 | Cell: 719-289-4297 |

From: Dominic Elizondo <dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org>

Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2023 8:14 AM

To: Baker, Zachary V <Zachary.Baker@BNSF.com>

Cc: Anita Janke <anita.janke@ctcog.org>

Subject: Re: Freight Advisory Committee Meeting

EXTERNAL EMAIL

An email from BNSF nominating you would work. We do any kind of written statement as a letter.
Thank you!

Dominic Elizondo

Freight Advisory Committee Representative For Belltec - Kevin Shuff

Kelsey Jones <kelsey.jones@belltec.net>

Wed 10/18/2023 5:02 PM

To: Dominic Elizondo <dominic.elizondo@ctcog.org>

Cc: Kevin Shuff <kevin.shuff@belltec.net>; Anita Janke <anita.janke@ctcog.org>

Dominic,

I hope this message finds you well.

I am writing to formally nominate Kevin Shuff to represent Belltec on the Freight Advisory Committee. Kevin, our Purchasing Manager, has consistently demonstrated a commitment to managing the entirety of our company's overseas importing freight. His expertise and strategic insights have significantly contributed to our company's success.

Kevin is always up-to-date with the latest industry trends, regulations, and technologies. His ability to adapt to changes in the freight landscape is a valuable asset for our company.

I kindly request your consideration of Kevin Shuff as a nominee for the Freight Advisory Committee. I am confident that his dedication, experience, and expertise will make him an asset to the committee's efforts.

Thank you,



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Item 6:
Approval of Proposed
Revisions to the FAC
Bylaws

Approval of Proposed Revisions to the FAC Bylaws.

Staff is proposing revisions to the bylaws to reduce the required FAC meeting frequency to at least two meetings a year rather than quarterly meetings. This is to reduce the burden on freight stakeholders with busy meeting schedules and to allow meetings to be more productive moving forward. The revisions will still allow the FAC to meet more frequently if needed. Additionally, quorum requirements have been updated to 50% plus one per Robert's Rules of Order. The bylaws with the highlighted changes are attached in the packet.

Action Needed: Consider approval of changes to bylaws.



Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization

Freight Advisory Committee

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this committee shall be the Freight Advisory Committee, also referred to as FAC.

Purpose

The Freight Advisory Committee, hereafter referred to as FAC, is established by the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPPO) Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB) to provide industry expertise and guidance to various entities regarding the regional freight system. FAC shall advise the KTMPPO in the consideration of policies regarding the operation and administration of the regional freight system, in order to promote cooperation and encourage economic activity.

FAC Responsibilities

The committee will serve to maximize the region's freight capabilities and understanding.

FAC's functions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Identification and evaluation of existing freight capabilities in the KTMPPO region, and adjacent regions that impact freight within the KTMPPO planning area;
- Identification of needs and gaps in freight capacity and capabilities;
- Identification of policies, projects, and partnerships that can address needs and gaps;
- Sharing information, knowledge, and technology through public and private partnerships;
- Promoting the region's freight capabilities; and
- Supporting and improving the regional freight system through coordination of project planning, delivery and identification of funding needs and sources.

The FAC will educate the public and policy officials by promoting freight plans, policies, programs, projects, and partnerships as necessary. The FAC responsibilities will include providing advice and guidance regarding freight activities, as well as strategic product and project review to KTMPO and its committees and subcommittees, the Texas Department of Transportation, local governments, KTMPO staff, and the general public.

Membership

FAC members will be confirmed on an as-needed basis by the FAC. The voting membership of the FAC shall be limited to 20 members representing freight interests and be representative of the area within the KTMPO boundary, and areas impacted by or which impact freight within KTMPO boundaries. Committee members may be from stakeholder groups which include, but are not limited to:

- Staff from Cities within the KTMPO Region, the CTCOG Rural Planning Organization (RPO), and adjacent Counties;
- Staff from Counties within the KTMPO Region, the CTCOG RPO, and adjacent Counties;
- Freight shipping providers;
- Companies, corporations, and non-profit organizations in industries related to or which involve freight;
- Transportation agencies;
- KTMPO Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members; and
- Educational institutions

Private-sector members should possess technical knowledge of freight movements within and through Central Texas. Membership will not be limited in any of these categories, but the FAC will place an emphasis on recruiting members from the freight industry.

Nomination Process

The nomination process for FAC membership will be as follows:

- Stakeholder organizations desiring a voting position on FAC may submit a written request to the chairperson or KTMPO staff member identifying the individual proposed to represent their organization's freight interests on FAC.
- Individual stakeholders desiring a voting position on FAC may submit a written request to the chairperson or KTMPO staff member identifying their transportation interest on FAC.
- The voting FAC members will consider each nomination; approval of nomination requires a majority vote with a quorum present.

- Voting members may, in writing, appoint an alternate to vote in their stead and be counted for quorum purposes.
- Written requests may be done in the form of an email from a stakeholder organization representative, or a letter document.
- Members should be knowledgeable regarding freight industry topics in Central Texas including, but not limited to, logistics, intermodal freight, rail, and air cargo topics. Knowledge of specific freight transportation modes is also desired.

Terms

Voting members shall serve until they resign, or someone is appointed in their place. The written request must also indicate that the organization will commit to maintaining a representative on the Committee in case the current member representative resigns/is removed from their position at the organization. The organization will indicate that they will submit written requests for a new representative on the Committee unless it requests to be removed from the Committee.

Ex-Officio Members

Ex-officio members shall act as a guide to the FAC. Ex-officio membership may be requested in writing, approved by the Committee, and ratified by the KTMPO TPPB. Ex-officio members do not hold any voting rights.

Non-Discriminatory

There shall be no discrimination in any respect in selection of members or any activity of the FAC due to race, color, sex, religion, handicap/disability, age, or national origin.

Meetings

A. Frequency

The FAC shall meet ~~quarterly~~ twice a year or more frequently as needed.

A.B. Meetings Notices

KTMPO staff will be responsible for all meeting notices and publicity. Specifics of the meeting will be provided to each FAC member in writing and to the general public in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act. The FAC members

will be notified of all meetings at least three (3) days prior to the meeting, other than emergency meetings which will be called in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

B.C. Meeting Facilities

It will be the responsibility of KTMPO staff to make arrangements for the meeting place.

C.D. Date and Time of Meetings

It will be the responsibility of KTMPO staff to poll the FAC membership to select a date and time for the meeting that will be convenient for the majority of members.

~~The regularly scheduled FAC meeting will generally occur on a quarterly schedule; additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.~~ The FAC meeting agenda will be developed by KTMPO staff in consultation with FAC members. Meetings shall generally be held at KTMPO offices and may be scheduled for off-site locations as warranted. Meetings shall be conducted by KTMPO staff or FAC officers.

D.E. Minutes

KTMPO staff shall record and maintain attendance records and minutes of FAC meetings.

E.F. Video/Teleconferencing

Any committee member may video conference into meetings and be considered "present" for the purposes of a quorum if they are visible on camera and have working audio equipment, per Open Meetings Act requirements. They may also discuss and vote on any item so brought before the committee.

F.G. Attendance

Failure to attend **three (3)** consecutive meetings of the committee physically or via videoconference, without notice or the attendance of a proxy, shall constitute a resignation from the FAC.

Meeting attendance records will be recorded through meeting minutes and sign-in sheets. Committee members are encouraged to send a representative if unable to attend. A warning letter will be sent out to Committee members who have missed two consecutive meetings.

Quorum

Fifty percent (50%) plus one ~~Thirty three (33%)~~ of the membership voting members or their alternates will constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE II

Officers

A. Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be chosen by a majority vote of the members present at the election last meeting of the year, and prior to October 1st with a quorum established.

The Chairperson shall perform the duties usually assigned to the office, such as:

- Presiding at all FAC meetings;
- Conducting business according to the Bylaws; and
- Performing other appropriate duties

B. Vice Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson shall be chosen by a majority vote of the members present at the election with a quorum established. In the absence of, or in the case of the inability of the Chairperson to act, it shall be the duty of the Vice Chairperson to perform all the duties of the Chairperson.

In the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the FAC members shall designate a member to preside in their absence during the meeting.

Secretarial Functions

The secretarial function shall be performed by a KTMO staff member. The staff member shall keep the minutes of all Committee meetings and shall perform such other duties as may be needed by the FAC.

~~Term of Office~~

~~Both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall serve one (1) year terms, and may not succeed themselves in those offices more than once. The term of office shall run from October 1st of the year of election through September 30th of the following year.~~

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Time of Election

The officer election will be held at the October meeting every year.

Special Elections

In the event that the Chairperson is unable to serve, the Vice Chairperson shall assume the office of Chairperson and call a special election at the next regular or special meeting to fill the office of Vice Chairperson for the remaining portion of the term. Should the Vice Chairperson be unable to serve, the Chairperson shall call a special election at the next regular, ~~special or Annual M~~meeting to fill the office of Vice Chairperson for the remaining portion of the term. If both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are unable to serve, the MPO Director or his/her designee shall call a special election at the next regular, ~~special or Annual M~~meeting to fill these vacancies for the remaining portion of the term.

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ARTICLE III

Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the FAC membership present at a FAC meeting, provided that official notice of the proposed amendment is included in the agenda packets in advance of the scheduled meeting and a quorum is established.

APPROVAL

These Bylaws were approved by a majority vote of the voting members of the Freight Advisory Committee with a quorum present on _____.

FAC Chairperson

KTMPO Staff

Item 7:
**Election of New FAC Chair
and Vice Chair**

Election of New FAC Chair and Vice Chair

The FAC bylaws provide for the committee Chair and Vice Chair to serve one-year terms on an October-September fiscal year. At the end of this period, the committee will nominate and vote on a new Chair and Vice Chair. Members currently in these roles are allowed to serve no more than two terms. The revisions to the bylaws now have the officer elections held at every October meeting and have updated the roles for Chair and Vice Chair to include ex-officio and voting duties. A section regarding special elections in the event the Chair or Vice Chair The roles are outlined below.

A. Chairperson

The Chairperson shall be chosen by a majority vote of the members present at the election with a quorum established. The Chairperson shall perform the duties usually assigned to the office, such as:

- Presiding at all FAC meetings;
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- Performing other appropriate duties

B. Vice Chairperson

The Vice Chairperson shall be chosen by a majority vote of the members present at the election with a quorum established. In the absence of, or in the case of the inability of the Chairperson to act, it shall be the duty of the Vice Chairperson to perform all the duties of the Chairperson.

In the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, the FAC members shall designate a member to preside in their absence during the meeting.

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In the event that the Chairperson is unable to serve, the Vice Chairperson shall assume the office of Chairperson and call a special election at the next regular meeting to fill the office of Vice Chairperson for the remaining portion of the term. Should the Vice Chairperson be unable to serve, the Chairperson shall call a special election at the next regular meeting to fill the office of Vice Chairperson for the remaining portion of the term. If both the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson are unable to serve, the MPO Director or his/her designee shall call a special election at the next regular meeting to fill these vacancies for the remaining portion of the term.

Action Needed: Elect New FAC Chair and Vice Chair for FY 2024.

Item 8:
Discussion on Local KTMPO
Freight Topics

Discussion on Local KTMO Freight Topics

Staff requests the discussion of local and regional freight needs, issues and problem areas to allow FAC and Staff to be knowledgeable of existing concerns and take appropriate action towards addressing them.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Item 9:
Public Comments

Public Input Received

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 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

FY23

Date	Name	Means of Public Comment	Public Comment	Date Comment First Presented to TAC/TPPB	Public Comment Topic	Jurisdiction												
9/10/2023	Christopher Turner	FaceBook Comment in Response to 911 Day of Service Post	The day that made the US Government take our right away ! We need to end the Patriot Act ASAP. until then we are just living in a fascist Nation with no right or protections under the law.	9/20/2023	Off Topic	Off Topic												
9/13/2023	Heather Hertel	In-Person	Citizen had a question regarding the lane closures on Westbound I-14 in the Killeen area. (Pedestrian Barrier)	10/4/2023	Safety	TxDOT												
9/21/2023	Darlene Beckett	In-Person	Citizen had question regarding the lack of sidewalks in Harker Heights.	10/4/2023	Safety	City of Harker Heights												
9/27/2023	Christopher Turner	Facebook Comment in Response to local 5K post	what is this for?	10/4/2023	BPAC Local Activity	City of Killeen												
9/27/2023	Keller Matthews	Email	<p>I hope my request for a focused analysis will be considered, or reflected as a public comment for the next meeting. From my previous email:</p> <p>This ranking of cities by bike-ability was recently released. The methodology is beyond my scope but I hope our committee will use it to assess our current status and inform future KTMPPO-BPAC deliberations. I noticed that no town within our KTMPPO region is ranked. If you use their search window (on this page) to look for "Texas", it will show a partial list of ranked towns.</p> <p>Their description of methodology led to this page of technical details and interest groups that I am not familiar with. It looks like language that is more within the GIS domain. I believe BNA is their GitHub acronym for Bicycle Network Analysis; this link led to a zoomable map (and cities not found on the "Texas" search, and better depictions of Texas cities ranked (Waco, Woodway, Georgetown, Round Rock, Austin). I am curious whether their tool, brokenspoke-analyzer, would be a useful window to examine our local environment.</p> <p>Thanks for considering my interest in understanding our competitive ranking. I hope it can be reviewed at a future meeting, if not guide our planning.</p> <p>Quick digest of local "competitors":</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>City</th> <th>Percentile rank in studied cohort</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Waco</td> <td>21</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Woodway</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Georgetown</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Round Rock</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Austin</td> <td>67</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Clicking "Detailed Network Score". Gives initial insight into metrics.</p>	City	Percentile rank in studied cohort	Waco	21	Woodway	6	Georgetown	24	Round Rock	16	Austin	67	10/4/2023	Biking Infrastructure	KTMPPO
City	Percentile rank in studied cohort																	
Waco	21																	
Woodway	6																	
Georgetown	24																	
Round Rock	16																	
Austin	67																	

The bypass on 116 needs some addressing. There are YIELD signs for a reason. If you are merging onto the bypass at the end of the bridge on either side you will see these signs. I say that because people are not yielding. There is no 2nd lane so if you do not yield then you will do one of 3 things....

1. Hit the other vehicle.
2. Run the other vehicle off the road.
3. You hit the wall avoiding the other Vehicle.

I see this every day multiple times a day. Maybe the signs are to tall or people are just doing whatever they want and not thinking about the consequences.

Drive safely.

29-Sep-23 David Weimert FB Group

10/18/2023 Safety Copperas Cove

End of Packet

Chair:

Jason Deckman

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