

Staff Update

a) Listed below are the upcoming KTMPO meetings:

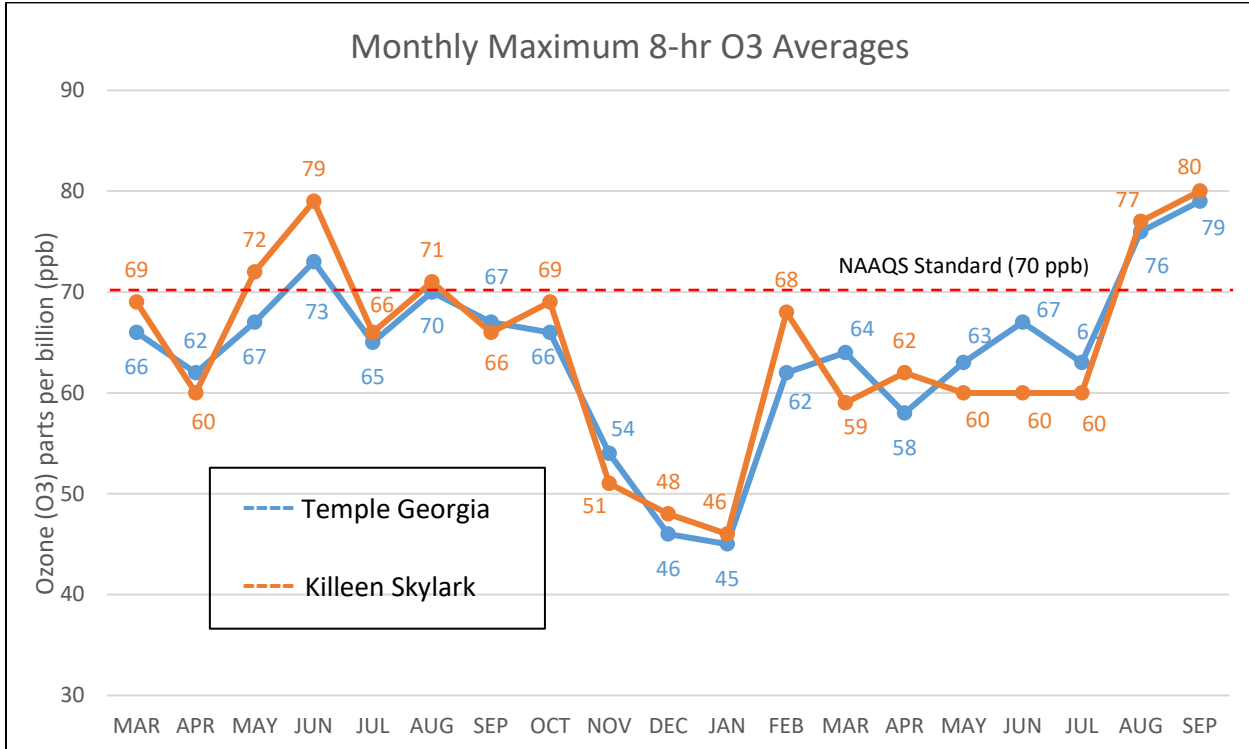
- November 1, 2023 – Technical Advisory Committee
- November 15, 2023 – Transportation Planning Policy Board
- December 6, 2023 – Technical Advisory Committee
- December 13, 2023 – Transportation Planning Policy Board
- December 13, 2023 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee – 2:30pm

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:

- 2023 KTMPO Project Call/MTP Updates
 - All applications due by Friday, October 27th
 - Questions about the call can be directed to James via email
- TIP/MTP Administrative Amendments
 - Project C45-02 (SH 9 Turnaround)
 - Decrease funding by \$117,600 to match approved UTP amount
 - Project W35-07 (Loop 363 – Lucius McCelvey & Industrial)
 - Change let date from 2026 to 2024 due to TxDOT funding acceleration

c) Air Quality



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

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Congestion Management Process (CMP) Amendment

Background

KTMPO's received one corrective action request during the 2022 Federal Certification Review (FCR) to amend the CMP in order to account for the effect of added capacity projects on the congestion network.

KTMPO staff have been working with the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) to gather appropriate data for 10 added capacity projects that have been constructed since 2016 and provide an analysis of those projects' effects in response to the FCR finding. The analysis has been compiled into a draft appendix to be added to the current CMP.

Amendments to KTMPO plans are required to undergo a 15-day public comment period with one public hearing during that period.

Schedule:

- September 6, 2023 – TAC considers recommending initiation of public involvement for an amendment to the CMP;
- September 20, 2023 – TPPB considers initiation of public involvement for an amendment to the CMP;
- September 25, 2023 – October 9, 2023: 15-Day Public Comment Period.
- October 4, 2023 – TAC considers recommending approval of an amendments to the CMP;
- October 5, 2023 – Public Meeting: Harker Heights
 - Virtual Meeting Link: [Click Here](#)
 - Call in number: +1 (224) 501-3412; Access Code: 938-515-829
- **October 18, 2023 – TPPB considers approving an amendments to the CMP.**

Three comments received during the public comment period. A copy of the CMP Public Comment Summary is included in the packet for review.

TAC Recommended Approval at their meeting on October 4, 2023

Action Needed: Consider approval of an amendment to the Congestion Management Process (CMP).

KTMPO Bylaws

The KTMPO Bylaws Working Group has recommended several revisions to the KTMPO Bylaws for consideration by the TAC and Policy Board. These include:

- Temple receiving an additional member on the Policy Board due to exceeding the 75,000 population requirement
- Addition of language noting that incarcerated persons will not be used to determine voting membership in the MPO
- Creation of a Small and Rural representative position on the TAC
 - Individuals wishing to serve will be nominated in writing and then selected by the Policy Board for 1-year terms
- Addition of language specifying that the KTMPO Director (or designee) will fill the role of Chairperson for all TAC meetings
- Addition of language requiring a review of the Bylaws at least once every 5 years, within 6 months of the release of relevant census data and/or the expansion of the MPO boundary

TAC recommended approval at their meeting on October 4, 2023

Action Needed: Consider approval of proposed revisions to the KTMPO Bylaws.

KTMPO 2020 Adjusted Urbanized Area Recommendations

Background

Following the release of Census Urban Areas after each decennial census, TxDOT's Transportation Planning & Programming Division (TPP) reviews the provided boundaries and then conducts a smoothing exercise for planning and mapping purposes. The adjusted urbanized areas based on the raw Census Urban Areas take into account neighboring pockets that do not meet Census thresholds for urban areas and are clearly defined by physical boundaries (roads, rivers, etc).

The adjusted Urban Boundaries can lead to MPO Boundary changes if cities have grown outward over the previous decade. TxDOT has provided their Adjusted Urbanized Area boundaries to all MPOs in the state for review and consent. For KTMPO, there are two locations where TxDOT's recommended boundary is outside of KTMPO's current boundary. One location is inside of Fort Cavazos and the other covers a small undeveloped section of land just south of SH 9 in Copperas Cove.

A map is included in your packet showing the current boundary, previous adjusted urban areas, and proposed adjusted urban areas.

MPOs may either adopt the urbanized area boundary adjustments as-is or recommend changes to TxDOT. KTMPO must make a decision this month as TxDOT is planning to submit the adjusted boundaries to FHWA for approval November 1st.

TAC recommended approval at their meeting on October 4, 2023.

Action Needed: Consider taking action on the TxDOT recommended 2020 Adjusted Urbanized Area boundaries.

2050 MTP Steering Committee

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is KTMP's 25-year long-range transportation plan for the region. The MTP lists the goals and objectives for future transportation as well as strategies for implementing those goals and objectives. KTMP is required to update the MTP every 5 years to ensure that the vision for our future transportation system remains relevant and effective.

The 2050 MTP update is due in May 2024. Staff have begun reviewing the document for any data and material revisions that are needed. During this process, we are also interested in reviewing the goals and objectives listed in the MTP to see if any updates are needed. Staff is planning to host several public meetings in the spring to get public feedback on the current goals and objectives as well as where improvements to the current transportation system can be made.

Staff also discussed the possible creation of a Steering Committee comprised of TAC and Policy Board members to review the current goals and objectives and provide feedback prior to the public meetings. Staff envisions the Steering Committee meeting a few times in November and December for this work.

Action Needed: Consider the creation of a Steering Committee for the 2050 MTP Update.



Transportation Planning Policy Board
October 25, 2023

Agenda Item #9

Hill County Transit District Presentatino

Darrell Burtner and Raymond Suarez from Hill County Transit District will be presenting on their new micro transit system and partnership with Fort Cavazos.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.



Transportation Planning Policy Board
October 25, 2023

Agenda Item #10

KTMPO Working Groups

Standing item to provide updates on the KTMPO Bylaws and Safety workgroups.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.



Transportation Planning Policy Board
October 25, 2023

Agenda Item #11

Safe Streets & Roads For All (SS4A) Grant Update

Standing agenda item for staff to provide updates on the CTCOG-KTMPO-Coryell County Joint SS4A Grant.

- Safety Task Force

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.



Transportation Planning Policy Board
October 25, 2023

Agenda Item #12

Possible MPO Boundary Expansion Update

Standing agenda item for staff to provide updates on the possible expansion of the MPO Boundary to include all of Coryell and Lampasas Counties.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

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.