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KTMPO MEETING

Active Transportation Advisory Committee August 13, 2025 @9:30 AM







Opportunity for Public Comment



Citizens who desire to address the Committee on any matter may sign up to do so prior to this meeting.



Public comments will only be received during the designated time on the agenda.

Comments are limited to 3 minutes maximum.



No discussion or final action will be taken by the Committee

Meeting Minutes

Action Needed: Approve the minutes from the May 14, 2025, meeting.



Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- According to the ATAC bylaws, ATAC shall be comprised of governmental agency staff, non-governmental organizations and citizens in the KTMPO region who express an interest in active transportation.
- Both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall serve one (1) year terms and may not succeed in those offices more than once.
- The term of office shall run from October 1st of the year of the election through September 30th of the following year.

Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

- The officer election typically takes place annually at the September meeting or during the third quarter meeting; however, the next ATAC meeting is in November.
- Geary McCabe has served two consecutive terms as Chairperson and is no longer eligible to serve in this role.
- Joe Dyer was elected in June 2024 and is eligible to be nominated and elected to serve as Vice-Chair again.

Action Needed: Consider the nomination and election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY26.

Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Interest	Entity	Name
Municipality	City of Belton	Joe Dyer
Municipality	City of Copperas Cove	Jeff Stoddard
Municipality	City of Harker Heights	Amy Atkins
Municipality	City of Nolanville	Teresa Chandler
Municipality	City of Temple	Jason Deckman
Fort Hood	Fort Hood	Gene Roberts
TxDOT Waco District	TxDOT Waco District	Rachael Perry
Public Transit	HCTD	James Wickham
Cycling	Tri-City Bicycles	Chad Welch
Cycling	BS&W Cycling Club	Keller Matthews
Cycling	Sun Country Cycling	Geary McCabe (*VC only)
Pedestrian	Citizen Representative	Kara Escajeda
Bike Ped Tourism	City of Gatesville	Holly Owens
Running Events	Barrow Brewing	KD Hill



National Pedestrian Safety Month

- Before 2024, KTMPO marked October as International Walk to School Month. But through the SS4A public engagement process, staff gained a deeper understanding of pedestrian safety. Last year KTMPO aligned with the NHTSA and now recognizes October as National Pedestrian Safety Month.
- Pedestrian safety education is our priority. We're committed to supporting and promoting educational efforts in partnership with local jurisdictions, school districts, and community groups.

National Pedestrian Safety Month

- Pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility that requires the commitment of all road users and policymakers to ensure our streets are safe for everyone.
- A copy of the draft resolution is in your packet.
- The resolution will be submitted to the TAC/PB and CTCOG Executive Committee in September.

Action Needed: Consider recommending approval of Resolution 2025–11, proclaiming October 2025 as National Pedestrian Safety Month.

Presentation on TxDOT's Statewide Active Transportation Plan

Greg Reininger is the Planning Lead for TxDOT's Public Transportation Division and has 10 yrs of transportation planning experience at the local and state level. He has led efforts such as the Texas Pedestrian Safety Action Plan, TxDOT District Bicycle Plans, and Texas' Statewide Active Transportation Plan.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.





Statewide Active Transportation Plan Active Transportation Advisory Committee





Purpose of Presentation

- Plan process and recommendations
- Round 3 outreach results
- Plan implementation



Statewide Vision for Active Transportation



A safe, accessible, connected and fully integrated pedestrian and bicycle network that increases active mobility and supports health, economic vitality and resiliency within communities and across Texas.



SATP Development Timeline



SATP Goals



Improve Safety, Comfort, and Accessibility

Design safety and comfort by providing low-stress-level facilities.



Enhance Connectivity

Connect community destinations through plans and project development activities and build more connective infrastructure.



Address Community Needs

Providing mobility options for people who don't have vehicle access or rely on active transportation modes.



Support Economic Vitality

Increase accessibility and connect the workforce.



Promote Healthy Communities

Make it easier for Texans to live healthy and active lifestyles.

SATP Challenges

- 1 Texas cities are rapidly growing, increasing traffic congestion.
- 2 Current funding for active transportation does not meet demand and need.
- Pedestrians and bicyclists are disproportionately represented in roadway fatalities.
- Confusion about rules of the road.
- Many active transportation routes are not comfortable for all users.
- 6 Limited space can lead to less than optimum active transportation facility or network designs.
- Emerging roadway design techniques and technologies have not been integrated to their fullest extent to improve active transportation.
- Active transportation is not considered in every planning and design process.

- Active transportation travel options do not accommodate the local community needs.
- Statewide network for long-distance active transportation needs further investments.
- Physical barriers limit access to opportunities, especially for people with disabilities.
- 12 Limited connections to other travel modes, including transit.
- Multimodal connections and amenities serving ports of entry are limited.
- **14** Many active transportation facilities are not well-maintained.
- 15 The economic impact of active transportation is not well understood.
- Coordination between land use planning and active transportation implementation needs further integration.

SATP Strategies



Improve active transportation safety.



Integrate active transportation early in project planning and scoping.



Develop and expand active transportation networks statewide.



Prioritize more active transportation infrastructure.



Address physical barriers in the active transportation networks.



TxDOT to work with partners and communities to develop plans, increase awareness, and implement active transportation.



Integrate active transportation with other travel modes.



Implement and integrate optimal designs to improve travel experience.



Improve infrastructure conditions through maintenance and repair.

SATP Priority Actions

Accelerating implementation requires identifying priorities for the next five years.



Identify and make investments in critical corridors by creating a **Priority Investment Network**. Designate routes to integrate into other statewide and federal networks and plans.



Lead an active transportation **education campaign**. Create awareness of partnership opportunities and resources with local governments and non-profits.



Develop **internal and external training** that includes design examples and prototypes to support local and regional governments in developing consistent bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.



Enhance data collection with new technologies and by partnering with private agencies. Collect geospatial data to improve analysis. Provide public access to progress reporting.



Improve the **flexibility of existing funding** sources and consider developing a dedicated multimodal streets fund. Identify new and innovative funding sources and grants.



Outreach Round 3



OUTREACH ROUND 3 PUBLIC MEETING INFORMATION

In-person meetings were conducted in summer 2025 in the following cities:

Abilene, Austin, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Fort Worth, Houston, Laredo, Lubbock, San Antonio, Texarkana

The Outreach Round 3 Summary will be available on this site shortly.

Outreach Round 3 Video Presentation (English)



Outreach Round 3 Video Presentation (Spanish)

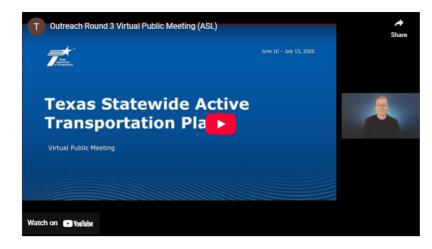


Please click the links below to view or download the Outreach Round 3 materials.





Outreach Round 3 Video Presentation (ASL)



Round 3 Outreach Results

- 1,057 total comments
- 155 in-person
 attendees (not including TxDOT staff and project team)





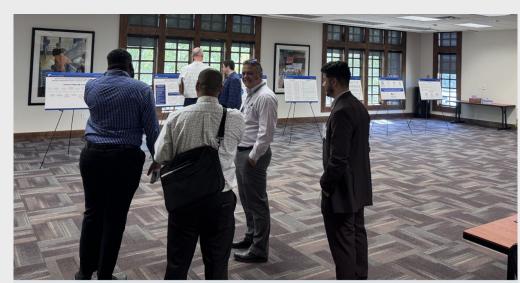




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Survey Results: Rank the five priority actions identified in the SATP by ideal implementation order.

Highest Priority

Priority Actions, In Order of Preference

Improve the flexibility of funding sources

and consider developing a dedicated multimodal streets fund. Identify new and innovative funding sources and grants.

Identify and make investments in critical corridors

by creating a Priority Investment Network. Identify potential candidate routes for designation on the U.S. Bicycle Route System.

Develop internal and external training

that includes design examples and prototypes to support local and regional governments in developing consistent bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Lead an active transportation education campaign.

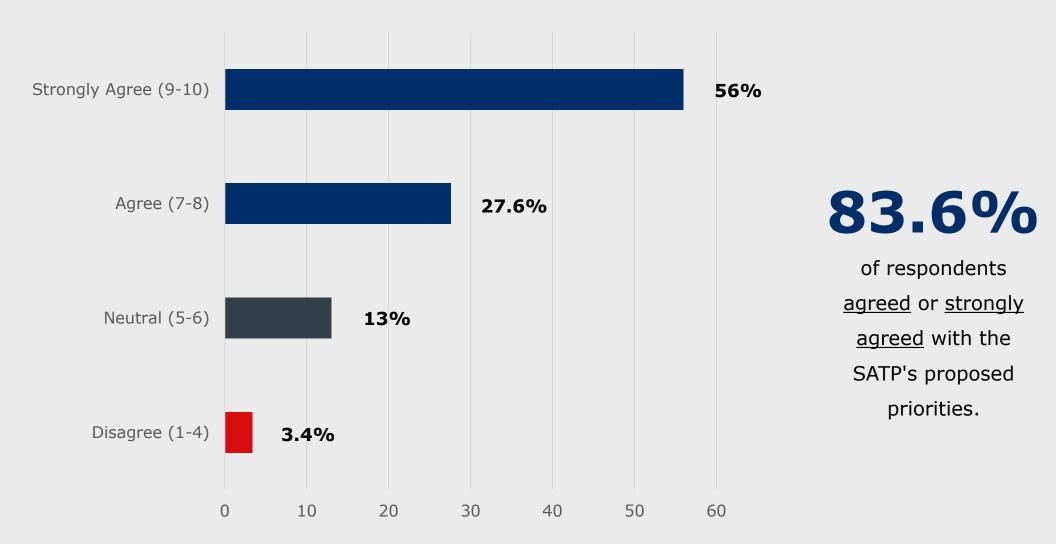
Identify partnership opportunities with local governments and non-profits to generate awareness of active transportation resources and benefits.

Enhance data collection

with new technologies or through private entities. Collect geospatial data to improve analysis. Provide publicly accessible progress reporting.



Survey Results: How Much Do You Agree with the Proposed Priority Steps? (1–10 Scale)



Common responses about missing considerations for implementation include:



Design for lower vehicle speeds and safer street crossings.

Improve active transportation safety.



Improved maintenance of facilities (sidewalks and bike lanes).

Improve conditions through maintenance and repair.



Safe access for all mobility types and roadway users.

Address physical barriers in the active transportation networks.



Dedicated funding needed to advance active transportation projects.

Fund and construct more active transportation infrastructure.



Consistent design standards across the state.

Implement and integrate optimal designs to improve travel experience.



Targeted investments to address community need.

Fund and construct more active transportation infrastructure.

Social Media Engagement

- Social media posts were shared on the official TxDOT accounts by the TxDOT Communications Division
 - Posts were also shared on accounts of TxDOT districts with in-person public hearings
 - 25 posts on X
 - 14 posts on Facebook
 - 10 posts on Instagram
 - 1 post on LinkedIn
 - 5 posts on NextDoor.
- The combined reach for these posts was 26,082 views, 339 interactions, and 73 shares and reposts.

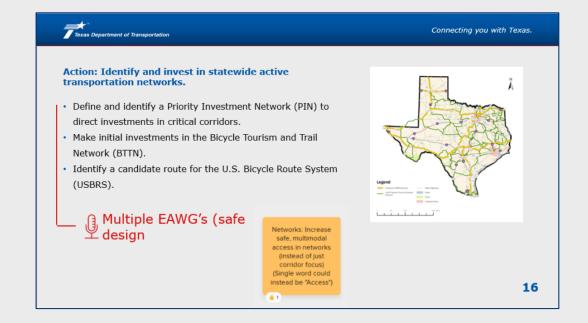






Follow-up: MPO Partners & Emphasis Area Work Groups

- May 21 MPO update
 - 18 MPO's represented.
 - Discussed how to work together to accomplish plan vision.
 - Focus areas: Development of the priority investment network and sharing resources and training information.
- May 27 EAWG follow-up
 - Shared how input was used. Asked for support in sharing information about Round 3 outreach.

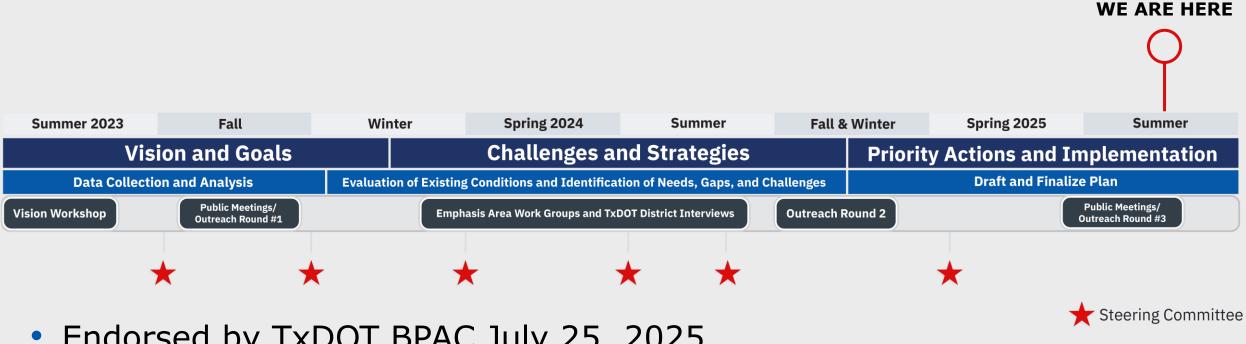




Next Steps



SATP Development Timeline



- Endorsed by TxDOT BPAC July 25, 2025
- Implementation steps

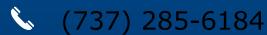


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Presentation on TxDOT's "Be Safe Drive Smart" Campaign

- Jolie Person is a Traffic Safety Specialist and Certified Child
 Passenger Safety Technician with the Waco District.
- Through the "Be Smart, Be Safe" program, you'll get a firsthand look at interactive tools and techniques used to educate students and families about staying safe as pedestrians, cyclists, and passengers.
- You can schedule her for your event.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.





Be Safe. Drive Smart.
Community Pedestrian Safety

OCTOBER 2025

About the Pedestrian Safety Campaign

TxDOT's Be Safe. Drive Smart. Pedestrian Safety campaign aims to reduce the number of pedestrians hurt or killed in crashes by raising awareness of safety issues and encouraging safe traffic behaviors among Texas drivers and pedestrians.

The campaign includes TV and radio spots, billboards, and digital advertising. In addition, TxDOT street teams of walking billboards will display safety messages in high volume traffic areas around the state where drivers and people on foot can easily see them.

Taglines:

Be Safe. Drive Smart. / Maneja Listo. Maneja Seguro. Be Safe. Walk Smart. / Camina Listo. Camina Seguro.

Website: https://www.txdot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-campaigns/pedestrian-safety.html



Quick Stats



In 2023, there were 5,924 traffic crashes involving pedestrians in Texas, resulting in 808 pedestrian fatalities and another 1,456 serious injuries.



In 2023, 73% of Texas pedestrian deaths occurred in an urban area.



In 2023, 66% of pedestrian fatalities or serious injuries occurred at night (6:00 p.m.-5:59 a.m.).



Pedestrians account for 19% of all Texas roadway deaths.

The information contained in this report represents reportable data collected from the Texas Peace Officer's Crash Report (CR-3).

This information was received and processed by the department as of August 6, 2024.



Key Talking Points: Pedestrian Safety

Fewer daylight hours make the fall and winter months dangerous for pedestrians.

- Although the fall and winter seasons give Texans a break from the heat, reduced daylight makes it harder to see people walking.
- 66% of serious or fatal pedestrian crashes occurred at night last year (6 p.m. to 5:59 a.m.). Drivers and pedestrians should stay extra cautious and alert when out after dark.
- In October 2023, 80 pedestrians were killed in traffic crashes in Texas, more than in any other month last year.
- As the sun sets earlier, rush hour commutes home from work become especially dangerous. Drivers may struggle to spot pedestrians they would've easily seen during the summer. That's why it's important to always be on the lookout for pedestrians.



Key Talking Points: Pedestrian Safety

Pedestrian crashes are often deadly. In fact, crashes involving pedestrians are more likely than other traffic crashes to result in serious injuries or fatalities.

Although pedestrians are involved in only 1% of the state's traffic crashes, they make up 19% of all Texas roadway deaths.

By staying alert, looking out for each other and following traffic laws, Texans can prevent crashes and save lives.

What can **drivers** do to help keep pedestrians safe?

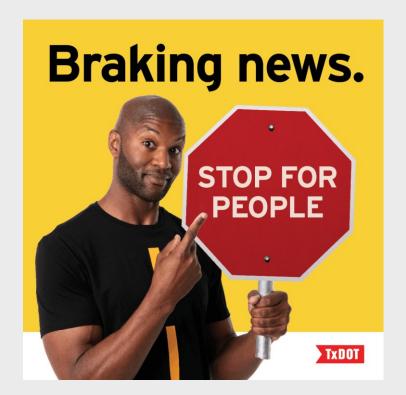
Stay alert and always be on the lookout for people walking.

Reduce your speed when approaching crosswalks and stop and yield for pedestrians.

Yield the right of way and double check for pedestrians when turning.

Avoid distractions and put your phone away before you begin your drive so you're alert and prepared if pedestrians enter your path.

Always drive a safe speed. Driving a few miles per hour over the limit might not seem like a big deal, but it can be the difference between life and death in a collision with a pedestrian.





Social Media Strategy

Be Safe. Drive Smart. Pedestrian Safety media and outreach campaign activities are concentrated in October. We encourage you to post consistently on social media throughout the entire campaign and especially during the outreach period (Oct. 1–15) to keep the message of watching out for pedestrians and being safe on the road at the top of people's minds and social feeds.

The TV spots that we are providing as video assets include SRT files for captioning. Many platforms, such as Facebook, allow an SRT file to be uploaded along with the video so that viewers can read what is being said should they have the sound off or a hearing impairment. If you have any questions about how to use these files, or any of the assets provided, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Please always include the required hashtags below when sharing campaign messaging:

#BeSafeDriveSmart (for drivers) or #BeSafeWalkSmart (for pedestrians) and #DriveLikeATexan



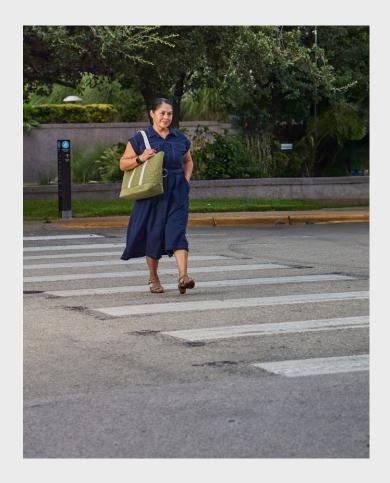
Suggested Social Media Post – Pedestrian

Image: Pedestrian in Crosswalk

Post Copy:

Make sure you cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks, and wait for the walk signal. A little eye contact with drivers helps too. •• Look left, right and left again before crossing the street.

#BeSafeDriveSmart #DriveLikeATexan

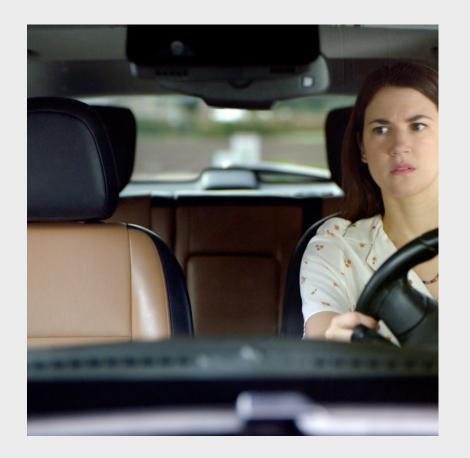


Suggested Social Media Post – Driver

Video: Mr Rhodes Driver TV:15

Post Copy:

October is National Pedestrian Safety Month, so here's a quick refresher on what to do at crosswalks and intersections. Listen to Mr. Rhodes: Stop and yield to people in crosswalks so we all get where we're going safely.
#BeSafeDriveSmart #DriveLikeATexan



Key Talking Points: Pedestrian Safety

TxDOT is conducting its Be Safe. Drive Smart. statewide education and outreach campaign this October as part of National Pedestrian Safety Month. We're calling on drivers and pedestrians to help keep each other safe.

- Pedestrian deaths have been rising across the county, and here in Texas we've had a **22% increase** over the past five years (from 2019 through 2023).
- We're reminding drivers of the increased risk for pedestrian crashes this time of year, urging them to slow down and always be on the lookout for people walking. Drivers must stop and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Pedestrians can also take steps to stay safe, including following traffic signs and signals and crossing the street only at crosswalks and intersections.

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Suggested Social Media Post – Driver

Video: Barbie Thanks Drivers Reel

Post Copy:

Fewer daylight hours in the fall and winter can make it harder to see people walking. Taking an extra moment to look out for people crossing the street can help avoid a crash that could result in injuries—or worse. #BeSafeDriveSmart #DriveLikeATexan



Suggested Social Media Post – Driver

Video: Walking on Sunshine

Post Copy:

There are lives ahead. Stop and yield for pedestrians. Pay attention and put your phone away so you're prepared if someone enters your path. We feel alive, we feel the love! #BeSafeDriveSmart #DriveLikeATexan





Other Campaign Assets

In addition to social media posts and visual files, other campaign assets are available. Download the full files in the <u>online toolkit</u>.

TV Spots Radio Spots Billboards and Transit Ads



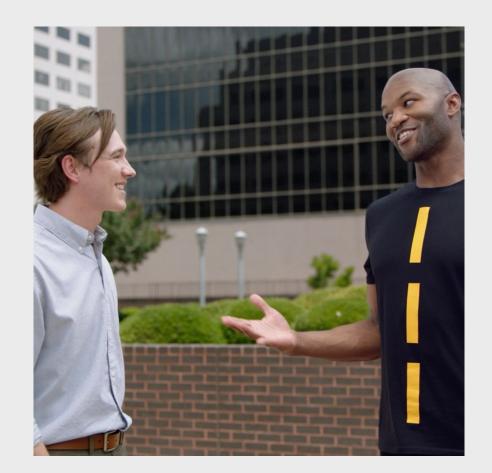
Spanish TV Spot with "Sr. Calles"

Suggested Social Media Post – Pedestrian

Video: Mr Rhodes Pedestrian 15

Post Copy:

Heads up! October is National Pedestrian Safety
Month! → When walking, put your phone away and
stay focused on where you're headed. ○ Cross the
street only at intersections and crosswalks. And be
extra careful walking after dark, when drivers have a
harder time seeing you. #BeSafeDriveSmart
#DriveLikeATexan





Other Campaign Assets

Creative Materials



Social Media Content

Social Media Strategy and Suggested Social Media Posts



Print Collateral: Info Card









Questions?

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Update on the Regional Active Transportation Plan

The Regional Active Transportation Plan conceptually connects safe routes to schools, sidewalks, bike paths, transit hubs, parks, trails, and shared-use corridors—creating rural neighborhoods where safety, livability, and access are easier.



Update on the Regional Active Transportation Plan

Objectives

- Develop a comprehensive GIS-based inventory to support the creation of a Regional Active Transportation Plan, identifying existing infrastructure, gaps, and opportunities for walking, biking, and rolling (micromobility).
- Utilize public engagement, TAC/PB and ATAC to prioritize desired connectivity in the development of the regional Active Transportation Plan.
- The plan demonstrates planning readiness, improves grant competitiveness, will help prioritize projects and encourages multimodal integration

Update on the Regional Active Transportation Plan

Schedule Update

As the first round of public engagement concluded, it became evident that the project would fall behind the original schedule.

- Unrealistic Timeline
- GIS Limitations
- Mapping and Data Challenges



Regional Active Transportation Plan Schedule

Revised August 2025

Status	Timeline	Revised Timeline	Task	Notes		
On Going	12/12/2024 – 10/15/2025		Staff Research	Continue through the life cycle of the project.		
On Going	5/1/2025 – 5/9/2025		Develop Table of Contents			
On Going	5/1/2025 – 06/13/2025		Creation of Digital Map Data Collection – Existing Infrastructure (Map Layering - roads, parks, sidewalks, bike lanes, transit stops, crash data & waterways)	Completion of this task is pending due to limited GIS infrastructure in some participating communities. Not all jurisdictions have access to the necessary tools or data systems, which has delayed full implementation and data integration.		
Complete	5/14/2025		ATAC Mtg Update			
Delayed	5/20/2025 – 9/1/2025		Develop Chapter Content & Begin Writing			
Complete	6/ 23/2025 – 7/21/2025		Public Comment Period			
Complete	7/21/2025 – 8/8/2025		Add Map Layers based on Public Comment	MAP LINK		

Regional Active Transportation Plan Schedule

Revised August 2025

Status	Timeline	Revised Timeline	Task	Notes
New	8/13/2025 - 9/15/2025	8/12/2025	Add Map Layers based on SS4A	
New	5/14/2025 -		Add Map Layers based on 2017	
INGW	9/15/2025	9/15/2025	Public Comments	
Delayed	7/2/2025		TAC/PB Review – Draft Chapters &	
Detayed	7/16/2025		Connectivity Layer	
Delayed	8/13/2025		ATAC Workgroup to Prioritize Layers from Public Comments	Example Survey Focus Areas: Safety, Connectivity, Economic Vitality, Healthy Communities
Delayed	7/23/2025 – 9/1/2025		Develop Connectivity Layer Based on Stakeholder & ATAC Prioritization	
On Going	8/13/2025	11/12/2025	ATAC Mtg Update	
Delayed	9/3/2025 9/17/2025	January 2026	Final Review	
Delayed	9/15/2025 – 9/29/2025	12/15/2025 – 1/12/2026	Final Public Comment Period	The public comment period has been extended to account for the holiday.
Delayed	10/1/2025 – 10/15/2025	February 2026	TAC/PB Recommend Plan Adoption	
On Going	11/12/2025	2/11/2026	ATAC Meeting	

Update on the Regional Active Transportation Plan

Digital Map

The digital map now reflects the initial round of public feedback and incorporates pedestrian and bicycling icons that are sourced directly from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) map.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.



Public Comments



KTMPO collects public comments from a variety of sources: online, email, public hearings, meetings, social media accounts, web maps etc.



Staff bring comments received to the TAC and TPPB monthly to ensure members are aware of public concerns.



Public input received through the previous month is included in meeting packet.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

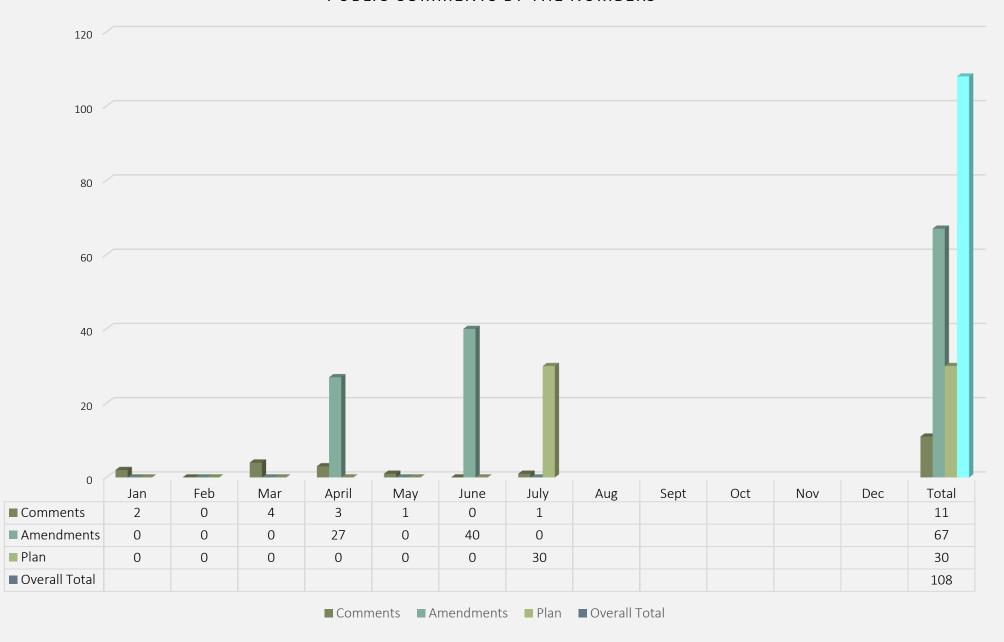


Public Comments

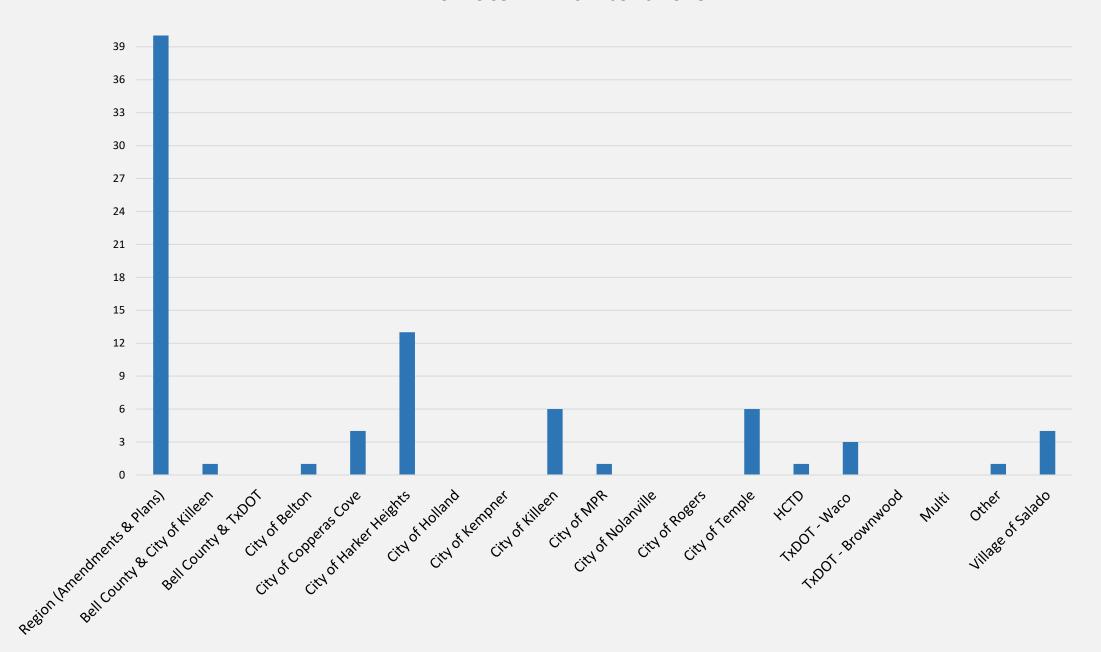
Public comments were received for two planning efforts through one online survey: the proposed Amendments to the FY25–28 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Project Listing, as well as the proposed Regional Active Transportation Plan.

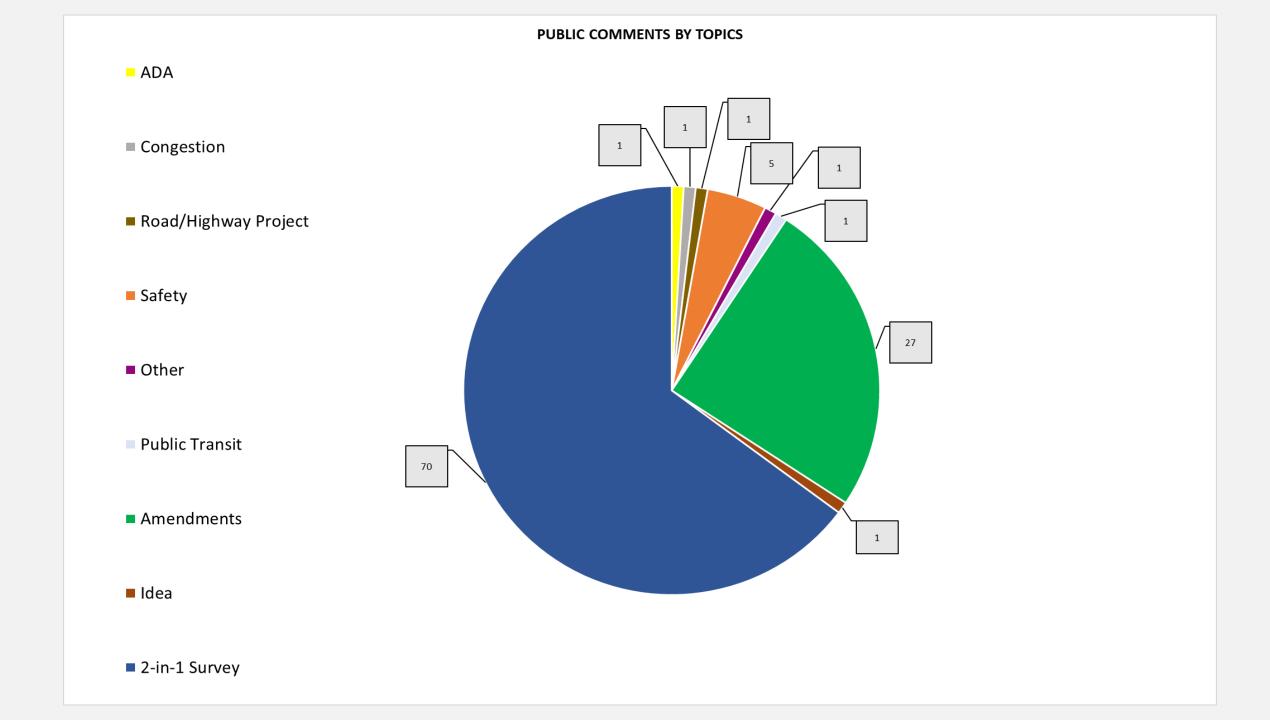
All comments are documented in the Public Engagement Log. Comments specific to the Regional Active Transportation Plan are also plotted on the interactive digital map.

PUBLIC COMMENTS BY THE NUMBERS



PUBLIC COMMENTS BY JURISDICTION





Staff Update

Grants and Webinars

Rails to Trails Conservancy's TrailNation™ Summit in Cleveland Ohio October 27-29 Registration Link is in the packet

TrailNation Summit

HOSTED BY RAILS TO TRAILS CONSERVANCY

October 27-29, 2025 Cleveland, Ohio





Staff Update

Board Meetings

September 3, 2025 – Technical Advisory Committee

September 10, 2025 – Transportation Planning Policy Board

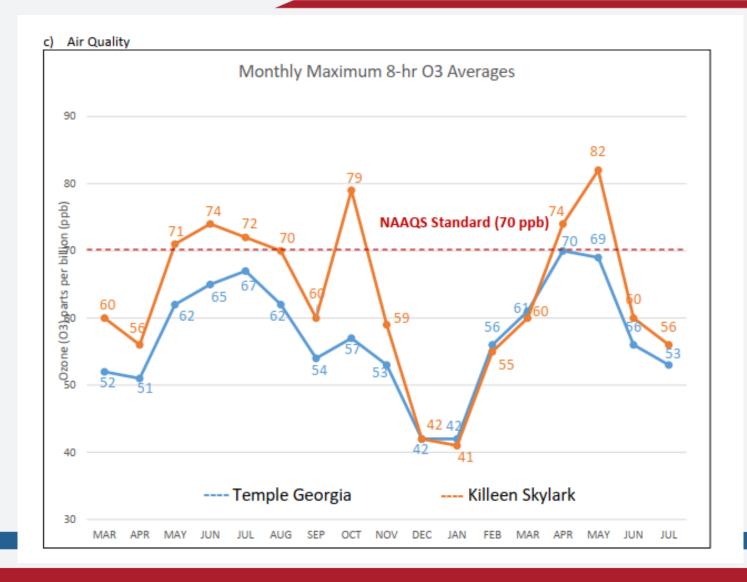
October 1, 2025 – Technical Advisory Committee

October 15, 2025 – Transportation Planning Policy Board

October 28, 2025 – Freight Advisory Committee

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)

Staff Update



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	2023	2024	2025*	2025)
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Killeen	76	71	71	73



Member Comments





Adjourned

Thank you and stay safe!

Next Meeting is November 12, 2025, at 9:30 AM



