



Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

**August 13, 2025
9:30 a.m.**

Agenda



**Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization
Active Transportation Advisory Committee**

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

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

Regular Meeting: 9:30 A.M.

Virtual Link: [KTMPPO ATAC Meeting](#)

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for Public Comment.
3. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from May 14, 2025, meeting. (pgs.)
[Presenter: Geary McCabe, Sun Country Cycling, Chair]
4. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding the Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY26
(pgs.) [Presenter: Geary McCabe, Sun Country Cycling, Chair]
5. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending approval of Resolution 2025-11
proclaiming October 2025 as National Pedestrian Safety Month and authorizing the
addition of supporting activities. (pgs.) [Presenter: Anita Janke, KTMPPO]
6. **Discussion Item:** Regarding a Presentation on TxDOT's Statewide Active Transportation
Plan (pgs.) [Presenter: Greg Reininger, Planning Lead for TxDOT's Public Transportation
Division]
7. **Discussion Item:** Regarding a Presentation on TxDOT's "Be Safe Drive Smart" Campaign
(pgs.) [Presenter: Jolie Person, Traffic Safety Specialist, Certified Child Passenger Safety
Technician]
8. **Discussion Item:** Regarding an update to KTMPPO's Regional Active Transportation Plan
(pgs.) [Presenter: Anita Janke, KTMPPO and Tay Floyd, KTMPPO]
9. **Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through July 2025. (pgs.) [Presenter:
Anita Janke, KTMPPO]
10. **Staff Update:** (pgs.) [Presenter: Anita Janke, KTMPPO]
 - a) Grants and Webinars;
 - b) Other Updates;

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- c) Air Quality.
- 11. Member Comments and Updates on Upcoming Community Activities and Request for ATAC Support. [Presenter: Geary McCabe, Sun Country Cycling Chair]
- 12. Adjourn.

Workshop - To Follow Regular Scheduled Meeting (If Needed)
AGENDA

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Discussion on any KTMPO items (No action will be taken on items discussed).
- 3. Adjourn.

Item #3

Meeting Minutes



**Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (KTMP O)
Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

9:30 AM

Regular Meeting

2180 North Main Street

Belton, TX 76513

VOTING MEMBERS			
Y= Attended Y/A= Alternate Attended N=Did not attend *denotes online attendance Quorum 50%+1			
Representing	Member	Attended	Alternate Member Attended
Sun Country Cycling	Chair Geary McCabe	Y	
Cycling Representative	Keller Matthews	Y	
Cycling Representative	Chad Welch		Mike Anderson Y/A
Pedestrian Representative	Kara Escajeda	Y	
Running Representative	KD Hill	*	
Economic Development	Holly Owens	N	
Pedestrian	Vacant		
Equestrian	Vacant		
Youth	Vacant		
City of Belton	Joe Dyer	N	
City of Copperas Cove	Jeff Stoddard	Y	
City of Harker Heights	Amy Atkins	*	
Municipality	Vacant		
City of Temple	Jason Deckman	Y	
City of Nolanville	Teresa Chandler	*	
TxDOT – Waco	Rachael Perry	*	David Davilla *
Fort Cavazos	Gene Roberts	*	
HCTD	James Wickham	*	
County	Vacant		
Other	Vacant		
NON-VOTING ATTENDEES			
Lisa McCabe	Citizen	Y	N/A

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order: Geary McCabe called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

2. Opportunity for Public Comment: There were no public comments.

3. Action Item: Regarding approval of minutes from the February 12, 2025, meeting.

Jason Deckman made a motion to approve the February 12, 2025, minutes, seconded by Keller Matthews; the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding new ATAC membership appointments and requests.

Lauren Morrell has formally requested to be considered for a voting member position on ATAC as a representative of Youth Interest.

Jason Deckman made a motion to approve her membership request, seconded by Mike Anderson; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding recommendation for approval of Resolution 2025-09 Proclaiming National Trails Day and authorizing the addition of supportive activities.

Anita Janke reviewed the National Trails Day resolution and highlighted activities organized by Sun Country Cycling, Barrow Brewing, and Tablerock Amphitheater. Jeff Stoddard informed the committee that a ribbon cutting ceremony would be held at the Ogletree Gap Preserves in Copperas Cove. Mr. Stoddard noted the installation of a masthead board at the trailhead entrance, which includes maps. Ms. Janke expressed appreciation for the stakeholders who have organized events and encouraged others to participate by planning their own National Trails Day activities.

Keller Matthews made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Jason Deckman; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Item and Action: Scheduling a Workshop to Prioritize the Connectivity Layer in the Regional Active Transportation Plan Based on Public Comments.

Anita Janke reviewed the objectives of the Regional Active Transportation Plan to include a GIS-based inventory to identify infrastructure gaps and opportunities, incorporates public and advisory committee members input to prioritize connectivity and improve planning readiness, project prioritization, and grant competitiveness. Ms. Janke noted that Tay Floyd will continue to coordinate with municipal GIS staff. She also shared that the public engagement period will run from June 23 to July 21. Ms. Janke opened the discussion to set a date and time for the ATAC Workshop, which will focus on prioritizing the connectivity layer

developed from public feedback. Kendra Coufal suggested hosting the meeting alongside the TAC meeting; however, Ms. Janke recommended that the initial ranking be conducted by the ATAC to ensure proper representation from the advisory group. Geary McCabe suggested August 13th – the same day as the next ATAC meeting. James Wickham suggested that CTCOG host the meeting because of its' central location. Jason Deckman described the Workshop approach with a map exercise in an informal setting and Kara Escajeda suggested including the SS4A maps, and Mr. Deckman confirmed this approach. Ms. Coufal sought clarification on whether ATAC intended to formalize their recommendation and forward it to the TAC for consideration. Ms. Janke agreed with this course of action. Mr. McCabe stated that the workshop would begin at 9:00 AM, followed by the meeting starting at 10:00 AM.

Jason Deckman made a motion to schedule a workshop at 9:00 AM on August 13, 2025, an hour before the next ATAC meeting, seconded by Kara Escajeda, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding CTCOG & KTMP's SS4A Central Texas Roadway Safety Action Plan.

Jason Deckman provided a data update from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Taskforce to support informed discussions on roadway safety and incidentally mentioned that there will be regular meetings to continue the SS4A conversations. Mr. Deckman discussed examples of two online safety tools. AASHTOWare is a system provided by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), and the Crash Records Information System (CRIS) is provided by TxDOT. He noted that both provide statewide crash data specific to Texas, but AASHTOWare has the capability of saving detailed queries and filters that can be modified and shared with other users. Mr. Deckman concluded by explaining how the city is using the data to assess traffic impacts of proposed developments and align infrastructure planning efforts accordingly.

8. Discussion Item: Member Updates on Upcoming Organizational Activities and Requests for ATAC Support.

Anita Janke commended Sun Country Cycling for their efforts in assembling over 50 bicycles for the BSWH Bike Rodeo and expressed appreciation for their valuable contribution. Geary McCabe informed the advisory committee about the Ride of Silence being hosted by King of the Mountain in May. Members shared updates on various community activities and events taking place in their respective areas.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through April 2025.

Anita Janke noted a positive response from the community regarding the April amendments. No additional public comments were received.

10. Staff Update:

Anita Janke shared that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Local Parks Grant Program is now accepting applications through 5:00 PM on August 1, 2025.

Kendra Coufal reported that staff reviewed the most recent call for projects and requested that TAC complete a survey to provide feedback on the scoring process—specifically focusing on satisfaction and any discrepancies. Ms. Coufal noted the survey results showed that, overall, the projects were mostly aligned with TAC priorities and while the process was effective, reducing subjectivity would help streamline efforts, as the current approach requires significant time and effort. Ms. Coufal described the work with Decision Lens, a firm contracted by TxDOT, to assist with project prioritization and decision-making support.

Anita Janke reported that at the August meeting, the Chair position will be open for nomination and since Geary McCabe has served two consecutive terms, he will not be eligible to run again. Ms. Janke shared the maximum ozone air quality readings for May, which were 63 parts per billion (ppb) at the Temple station and 65 ppb at the Killeen station. Mr. McCabe had some questions about the ozone report. Kendra Coufal shared that there are several websites available to help educate the public about the ozone layer and noted that this information would be included in the follow-up email.

11. Member Comments:

Jason Deckman shared about the Rucks on Main at the end of May. Mr. Deckman noted that the proceeds support Veterans and the local food pantry.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM

These meeting minutes were approved by the ATAC members at their meeting on

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ATTEST:

Geary McCabe, Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMO Director

Item #4

Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair



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Agenda Item #4

Regarding the Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for FY26

Background

According to the ATAC bylaws, ATAC shall be comprised of governmental agency staff, non-governmental organizations and citizens in the KTMP region who express an interest in active transportation. According to the ATAC Bylaws, the nomination process for Chairperson and Vice-Chair are as follows:

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 preside over all meetings of this committee; be an ex-officio member of any subcommittee formed within this body; and vote as a regular member of the committee.

- Geary McCabe has served two consecutive terms and is no longer eligible to serve in this role.

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.

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.

- Joe Dyer was elected in June 2024 and is eligible to be nominated and elected to serve as Vice-Chair again.

Election

The officer election will take place annually at the September meeting or during the third quarter meeting.

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

Item #5

**Resolution for National Pedestrian
Safety Month**



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Agenda Item #5

**Regarding Recommending Approval of Resolution 2025-11 Proclaiming
October 2025 as National Pedestrian Safety Month**

Background

Prior to 2024, the Killeen-Temple MPO proclaimed October as International Walk to School Month. However, during the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) public engagement process, staff's understanding of pedestrian safety deepened. As a result, the MPO chose to align more closely with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) by proclaiming October as National Pedestrian Safety Month.

While we continue to acknowledge the value of International Walk to School Month in promoting active transportation, our focus has expanded to prioritize safety education as a central element of these efforts. This shift emphasizes protecting all vulnerable road users through public education—empowering the next generation to navigate streets safely and become advocates for safer, more walkable communities.

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



RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION DECLARING OCTOBER 2025 AS NATIONAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH

- WHEREAS;** the U.S. Department of Transportation’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has designated October 2025 as National Pedestrian Safety Month; and
- WHEREAS;** October 2025 is also recognized as International Walk to School Month, with October 8, 2025, designated as National Walk and Roll to School Day; and
- WHEREAS;** these designations emphasize the critical importance of protecting our most vulnerable road users by encouraging safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly forms of active transportation; and
- WHEREAS;** between 2020 and 2023, there were 39 fatal crashes and 88 serious injury crashes involving pedestrians reported in the KTMPO region. That means 127 people—our neighbors, family members, and friends—were killed or seriously injured simply while walking in our communities. This unacceptable toll demands immediate attention; and
- WHEREAS;** National Pedestrian Safety Month and International Walk to School Month highlight the urgent need for safer roads, lower vehicle speeds, safer vehicles, more effective post-crash care, and improved infrastructure to reduce injuries and fatalities among pedestrians; and
- WHEREAS;** the availability of safe, accessible, and well-maintained pedestrian infrastructure, including trails, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, and traffic calming measures, is essential for reducing crashes involving pedestrians and promoting more active transportation in our communities; and
- WHEREAS;** pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility that requires the commitment of all road users and policymakers to ensure our streets are safe for everyone; and
- WHEREAS;** the promotion of pedestrian safety education—especially in schools—is vital to fostering safe habits among children and youth, empowering the next generation to navigate streets safely and to become advocates for safer, more walkable communities; and



WHEREAS; KTMPO is committed to supporting and promoting these educational initiatives in collaboration with local jurisdictions, school systems, and community partners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby declares October 2025 as National Pedestrian Safety Month in the KTMPO region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization supports efforts to improve pedestrian infrastructure and encourages all road users to be vigilant, obey traffic laws, and actively work to create a safer environment for pedestrians.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10th day of September 2025 at a regular meeting of the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Planning Policy Board, which meeting was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, 511.001, *et seq.*, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

ATTEST:

Bobby Whitson, KTMPO TPPB Chair
Bell County Commissioner

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director
Planning and Regional Services Division Director
Central Texas Council of Governments

Item #6

**Presentation on TxDOT's Statewide
Active Transportation Plan**



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Agenda Item #6

Regarding a Presentation on TxDOT's Statewide Active Transportation Plan

Greg Reininger is 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. Greg's background includes multimodal transportation and bike & ped safety. Greg has a Bachelor's in Geography from TCU and Master's in City and Regional Planning for UT-Arlington.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Item #7

Learn How to Bring a “Be Smart, Be Safe” Education Event to Your Community!



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Agenda Item # 7

Regarding a 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. She will share effective strategies for connecting with communities around pedestrian and traffic safety. We'll get a firsthand look at interactive tools and techniques used to educate students and families about staying safe as pedestrians, cyclists, passengers and drivers.

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. Whether you work in schools, community outreach, or municipalities, you'll walk away with ideas to make safety messaging more impactful — and more fun — and you can schedule her for your event.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Item #8

Update to the Regional Active Transportation Plan

Update to the Regional Active Transportation Plan

Background

KTMPO adopted the Regional Multimodal Plan (RMP) on September 20, 2018. The plan explored ways to adapt to evolving transportation modes by shifting the focus to a broader approach that included biking, walking, and public transit.

In 2020, The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) began the Texas Active Transportation Plan Inventory. In the Fall of 2023, TxDOT conducted a combined outreach effort for the Statewide Active Transportation Plan and the Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan. The Existing State of Active Transportation Report was made available in February 2025.

During the September 11, 2024, BPAC meeting, KTMPO staff recommended developing a Regional Active Transportation Plan that identifies opportunities for multi-jurisdictional trail connections and to promote innovative strategies that support walking, cycling, and other forms of active transportation. The plan will focus on integrating safe routes to school, sidewalks, bike paths, transit stops, parks, and shared-use paths across the region.

Objective

- 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.

Schedule Update

As the first round of public engagement concluded, it became evident that the project would fall behind the original schedule. The timeline underestimated the time required for data collection, processing, and analysis, and did not fully account for the level of detail and coordination involved.

- Unrealistic Timeline
- Survey Design Challenges
 - To streamline the process, staff combined two plans into a single survey. While this approach aimed to increase efficiency, it ultimately resulted in less clarity. Although we received over 70 responses, many lacked specific location data (such as intersections), making them difficult to map accurately. As a result, a significant portion of the feedback is open to interpretation and not easily actionable.



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- GIS Limitations
 - Some communities involved in the project have limited GIS infrastructure, which has slowed progress on spatial analysis. Additionally, we are in the process of transitioning to a new GIS platform, which will enhance our capabilities, but the full switch is expected to occur within the next six months. Until then, mapping and analysis will remain constrained.

The revised schedule is included in the packet.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

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	
New	8/13/2025 - 9/15/2025	8/12/2025	Add Map Layers based on SS4A	
New	5/14/2025 - 9/15/2025	9/15/2025	Add Map Layers based on 2017 Public Comments	

Delayed	7/2/2025 7/16/2025		TAC/PB Review – Draft Chapters & Connectivity Layer	
On Going	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		ATAC Mtg Update	
Delayed	9/3/2025 9/17/2025		Final Review	
Delayed	9/15/2025 – 9/29/2025		Final Public Comment Period	
Delayed	10/1/2025 – 10/15/2025	February 2026	TAC/PB Recommend Plan Adoption	
On Going	11/12/2025		ATAC Meeting	

Item #9

Public Input

Item #10

Staff Update

Item #11

Member Comments and Fall Community Activities

Meeting Attendance

KTMPO Contacts, Acronyms, and Terms

End of Packet
