



Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

**February 11, 2026
9:30 a.m.**

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Agenda



**Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization
Active Transportation Advisory Committee
Wednesday, February 11, 2026**

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

Regular Meeting: 9:30 A.M.

Virtual Link: [KTMPO ATAC Meeting](#)

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Access Code: 756-809-085

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Opportunity for Public Comment.
3. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from November 12, 2025, meeting. (pgs. 7-9).
[Presenter: Kara Escajeda, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Chair]
4. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding new ATAC membership requests. (pgs. 11-12).
[Presenter: Kara Escajeda, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Chair]
 - a) Mike Anderson, citizen representative.
 - b) Waleska Gonzalez-Rodriguez, Fort Hood representative.
5. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding the 2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule and Supporting Resolutions. (pgs. 14-20). [Presenter: Anita Janke, KTMPO]
 - a) 2026-04 KTMPO Resolution for National Bike Month
6. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding rescheduling the November 11, 2026 ATAC meeting. (pgs. 22-23). [Presenter: Kara Escajeda, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Chair]
7. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding recommending approval of Regional Active Transportation Plan, pending any amendments resulting from public or stakeholder feedback received during the public engagement and review process. (pgs. 25-28)
8. **Discussion Item:** Regarding a presentation on the Texas A&M University-Central Texas Recreational Trails (pgs. 29-40). [Presenter: Dr. Jeffery Kirk, Texas A&M University-Central Texas]
9. **Discussion Item:** Regarding a presentation on Post Oak Ridge State Park, Lampasas County (pgs. 42-78). [Presenter: Maria Malone, Texas Parks and Wildlife]

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10. **Discussion Item:** Regarding transportation grants. (pgs. 80-82). [Presenter: Ashlynn Uschek, KTMP]
 11. **Discussion Item:** Regarding public input received through January 2026. (pgs. 84-85). [Presenter: Anita Janke, KTMP]
 12. **Staff Update:** (pgs. 87). [Presenter: David Lopez, KTMP]
 - a) Webinars;
 - b) Air Quality.
 13. Member Comments and Updates on Upcoming Community Activities and Request for ATAC Support. [Presenter: Kara Escajeda, Texas Parks & Wildlife, Chair]
 14. Adjourn.

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

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

Item #3

Meeting Minutes



Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (KTMPO)
Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
 Wednesday, November 12, 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 <i>Quorum 50%+1</i>			
Representing	Member	Attended	Alternate Member Attended
Sun Country Cycling	Geary McCabe	Y	
Cycling Representative	Keller Matthews	Y	
Cycling Representative	Chad Welch		Mike Anderson Y/A
Pedestrian Representative	Chair, Kara Escajeda	Y	
Running Representative	KD Hill	N	
Economic Development	Holly Owens	N	
Pedestrian	Vacant		
Equestrian	Vacant		
Youth	Lauren Morrell	N	
City of Belton	Joe Dyer	Y	
City of Copperas Cove	Jeff Stoddard	N	
City of Harker Heights	Amy Atkins	*	Kailie Gomez Y/A *
Municipality	Vacant		
City of Temple	Jason Deckman	Y	
City of Nolanville	Teresa Chandler	*	
TxDOT – Waco	Rachael Perry		Daniel Davilla Y/A
Fort Hood	Gene Roberts	N	
HCTD	James Wickham	*	
County	Vacant		
Other	Vacant		

NON-VOTING ATTENDEES			
Vanessa Pleban	Citizen – Sun Country Cycling	Y	N/A
Kindra Greene	Elizabeth River Foundation – Presenter	*	N/A
Waleska Gonzalez-Rodriguez	Fort Hood	*	N/A
Tay Floyd	KTMPO	Y	N/A
Callie Tullos	KTMPO	*	N/A
Kendra Coufal	KTMPO	Y	N/A
Ashlynn Ushek	KTMPO	Y	N/A
David Rodriguez	CTCOG	Y	N/A
Anita Janke	KTMPO	Y	N/A

Meeting Minutes:

- 1. Call to Order:** Kara Escajeda called the meeting to order at 9:34 A.M.
- 2. Opportunity for Public Comment:** Jason Deckman, City of Temple Planner, provided an update on the annual Memorial Day and Veterans Day events. He reported that donations for this year’s observances exceeded totals from previous years.
- 3. Action Item:** Regarding approval of minutes from the August 13, 2025 meeting.
Joe Dyer made a motion to approve August 13, 2025, minutes, seconded by Geary McCabe; the motion passed unanimously.
- 4. Discussion and Action Item:** Recommendation of 2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule and Supporting Resolutions.
Anita Janke, KTMPO Regional Planner, presented the Stakeholder Engagement Schedule. The update included a review of each event and a summary of its corresponding resolution.
Jason Deckman made a motion to approve the 2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule and Supporting Resolutions, seconded by James Wickham; the motion passed unanimously.
- 5. Discussion Item:** Regarding a presentation on “Exploring the Intersection of Active Transportation and Trail Tourism as a Strategy for Sustainable Regional Development.”

Kindra Greene, Executive Director with Elizabeth River Trail, gave a presentation on exploring the intersection of active transportation and trail tourism as a strategy for sustainable regional development.

6. Discussion Item: Regarding an update on the City of Temple’s Rails to Trails project.

Jason Deckman provided an update on the City of Temple’s Rails to Trails project.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding an update to KTMP’s Regional Active Transportation Plan.

Anita Janke provided an update on KTMP’s Regional Active Transportation Plan.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding public input received through October 2025.

Anita Janke provided an update on public input received through October 2025.

9. Staff Update:

Callie Tullos, KTMP Regional Planner, provided a staff briefing regarding upcoming meeting schedules, local air quality updates, and relevant federal policy developments.

10. Member Comments and Updates on Upcoming Community Activities and Request for ATAC Support.

Joe Dyer, City of Belton, announced an upcoming "Glow Ride" event scheduled for November 21st. The ride will begin at Liberty Park and travel along the Nolan Creek Hike & Bike Trail to MLK Road/UMHB to showcase the trail system and promote local outdoor recreation.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 AM

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

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ATTEST:

Kara Escajeda, Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMP Director

Item #4

New Membership Requests



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Active Transportation Advisory Committee Membership Requests

Background

The ATAC shall be comprised of governmental agency staff, non-governmental organizations and citizens in the KTMP region who express an interest in active transportation. Membership should reflect the diversity of active transportation modes as outlined in Articles I and II of the Bylaws and the interests affected by transportation policy decisions, ensuring that planning considerations are approached from a comprehensive and inclusive perspective.

The ATAC voting membership consists of representatives from the following agencies, and active transportation interests. Membership will be limited to 20 and members may be individuals or represent a group. Eligible members must reside in Bell, Coryell or Lampasas County.

Bicycle	3 representatives
Walking	2 representatives
Equestrian	1 representative
Municipalities	6 representatives
County Government	1 representative
Fort Hood	1 representative
TxDOT Waco District	1 representative
Public Transit	1 representative
Youth	1 representative
Other Active Transportation Interests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail Enthusiast • Tourism Boards • Chambers of Commerce • ADA Advocacy Group • Running Events • Paddle Craft 	3 representatives

Nomination Process

The nomination process for ATAC membership will be as follows:

- Municipal and county representatives will be appointed in writing by the mayor, judge, or their designated representative.
- Organizations or individuals wishing to secure a voting position on the ATAC may submit a written request to the chairperson or KTMP staff, outlining the individual they propose to represent their organization's transportation interests, what that interest is, and their potential contribution. The ATAC members will review each nomination and make a recommendation to the TPPB for approval.



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Agenda Item # 4

Mike Anderson, Cycling Representative

For many years, Mike Anderson has been a steady, generous presence on this committee, someone who showed up, spoke with purpose, and always intentionally represented cyclists. His time, insight, and commitment have helped shape not just projects and plans, but the collaborative spirit that defines this group.

Now, Mike is changing gears in a way that feels perfectly true to who he is: bringing music into nursing homes and sharing joy, comfort, and connection through song. It's a beautiful continuation of a lifelong pattern of service, meeting people where they are and making life a little brighter.

While we will miss Mike's voice at the table, we're inspired by this next chapter and grateful for the many ways he has already made a lasting impact. We send him off with deep appreciation, warm wishes, and the knowledge that his music will continue to move people.

If you would like to send Mike a note of thanks, here is his email: mikeande@att.net

Thank you, Mike, for everything you've given, and for the joy you'll continue to share.

Appointments

Fort Hood has appointed Ms. Waleska L. Gonzalez-Rodriguez, General Engineer Master Planning Branch, Directorate of Public Works of Fort Hood.

Action Needed: Recommend approval of the appointment of Ms. Waleska Gonzalez-Rodriguez, Fort Hood Representative.

Item #5

2026 Engagement & Supporting Resolutions



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Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Agenda Item # 5

2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule and Supporting Resolutions

Background

According to the ATAC bylaws, ATAC shall advise the KTMPO Transportation Planning Policy Board (TPPB) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on planning and developing infrastructure, policies, and strategies that prioritize and encourage active transportation in the region, including, but not limited to biking, walking, paddle craft, and equestrian activities. ATAC will ensure that both non-motorized and low-speed electric modes of travel are integrated into broader transportation strategies.

One of the ways the committee does this is by promoting public interest and awareness of bicycle and pedestrian planning in the KTMPO area and beyond, collaborating with local clubs and agencies, and participating in regional activities during National Pedestrian Safety Month and National Bike Month.

The 2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule reflects a year-long commitment to public outreach and education. Through events such as Unplug Texas, The Ride of Silence, National Trails Day, and Pedestrian Safety Month, ATAC and its partners foster public interest in active transportation. These activities not only raise awareness, but also build regional collaboration with local clubs, agencies, and municipalities, reinforcing the integration of active transportation into broader planning efforts and encouraging safer mobility options across the KTMPO region.

Discussion and Action Needed: Discuss opportunities and encourage ATAC members and stakeholders to sponsor, host, or actively participate in events that promote regional awareness and engagement in active transportation initiatives. Approve the Draft KTMPO Resolution 2026-04 in support of National Bike Month for ratification by the TPPB.

2026 Stakeholder Engagement Schedule

Date	Activity	Stakeholder Lead	Date Resolution Presented to TAC/PB	Resources
February	Love the Bus Month – School Bus	KTMPO – Social		NAPT
April 1, 2026	National Walking Day	KTMPO - Social		U.S. DOT National Walking Day in 2026 Calendar Labs
April 6 – 13, 2026	Distracted Driving Awareness Month to include Put the Phone Away or Pay	KTMPO – TAC/PB	March	National Safety Council, US.DOT NHTSA
May May 3 May 15 May 11 May 20 Pending May 9	National Bike Safety Month Ride a Bike Day Bike to Work Day Bike to Work Week Annual Ride of Silence Walk, Bike & Roll to School Adaptive Bike Rodeo	KTMPO - ATAC Opportunity Opportunity Opportunity Opportunity Opportunity City of Copperas Cove Parks and Recreation Department	April	The League of American Bicyclists League of American Bicyclists Ride of Silence

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June 6	National Trails Day	KTMPO – ATAC Opportunity	May	
September 26, 2026	National Car Seat Check Saturday	KTMPO – Social Opportunity		Jolie.person@txdot.org - CAR SEAT CHECKUPS AND EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS
October	Pedestrian Safety Month	KTMPO – ATAC	September	NHTSA
October Date	Unplug Texas Day	KTMPO – ATAC	September	Unplug Texas – Texas Recreation and Park Society
November 15	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	KTMPO - Social		National Safety Council Vision Zero Network World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims
December	Holiday Season Drunk Driving Campaign	KTMPO – Social		National Safety Council Traffic Safety Marketing NHTSA

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RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SUPPORTING NATIONAL BIKE MONTH (MAY 2026) AND ASSOCIATED EVENTS**

WHEREAS; National Bike Month is celebrated annually to encourage and promote cycling as a healthy, sustainable, and environmentally friendly mode of transportation; and

WHEREAS; bicycle commuting is an effective means to reduce air pollution caused by vehicular emissions, conserve energy, and promotes the “livability” of communities by reducing traffic, noise, and congestion in Central Texas; and

WHEREAS; bicycle transportation is an integral part of the “multi-modal” transportation system planned by federal, state, regional, and local transportation agencies; and

WHEREAS; The League of American Bicyclists has declared the month of May 2026, as National Bike Month; May 3, 2026 as National Ride a Bike Day; May 11 - May 17, 2026 as Bike to Work Week; and May 15, 2026 as Bike to Work Day; and May 20, 2026 as Annual Ride of Silence Event; and

WHEREAS; the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center has promoted Walk Bike & Roll to School Day since 2012. The 2026 Walk Bike & Roll to School Day will occur on May 6, 2026; and

WHEREAS; the City of Copperas Cove, Parks and Recreation will host the inaugural Adaptive Bike Rodeo at the Ogletree Gap Preserve on May 9, 2026, from xx am – xxpm; and

WHEREAS; the Ride of Silence is an annual event dedicated to honoring and remembering cyclists who have been injured or killed while riding on public roadways. Promoting awareness of traffic safety and advocating for safer roadways for cyclists, pedestrians, and all individuals is a shared responsibility. The Ride of Silence provides an opportunity for communities to raise awareness about cyclist safety and the importance of sharing the road with all users. The City of Nolanville will host the 2026 Ride of Silence on May 20, 2025, from 6:30-8pm; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby recognizes the month of May 2026, as National Bike Month; May 3, 2026 as Ride a Bike Day; May 11 - May 17, 2026 as Bike to Work



Week; and May 15, 2026 as Bike to Work Day; and May 20, 2026 as Annual Ride of Silence Event; and

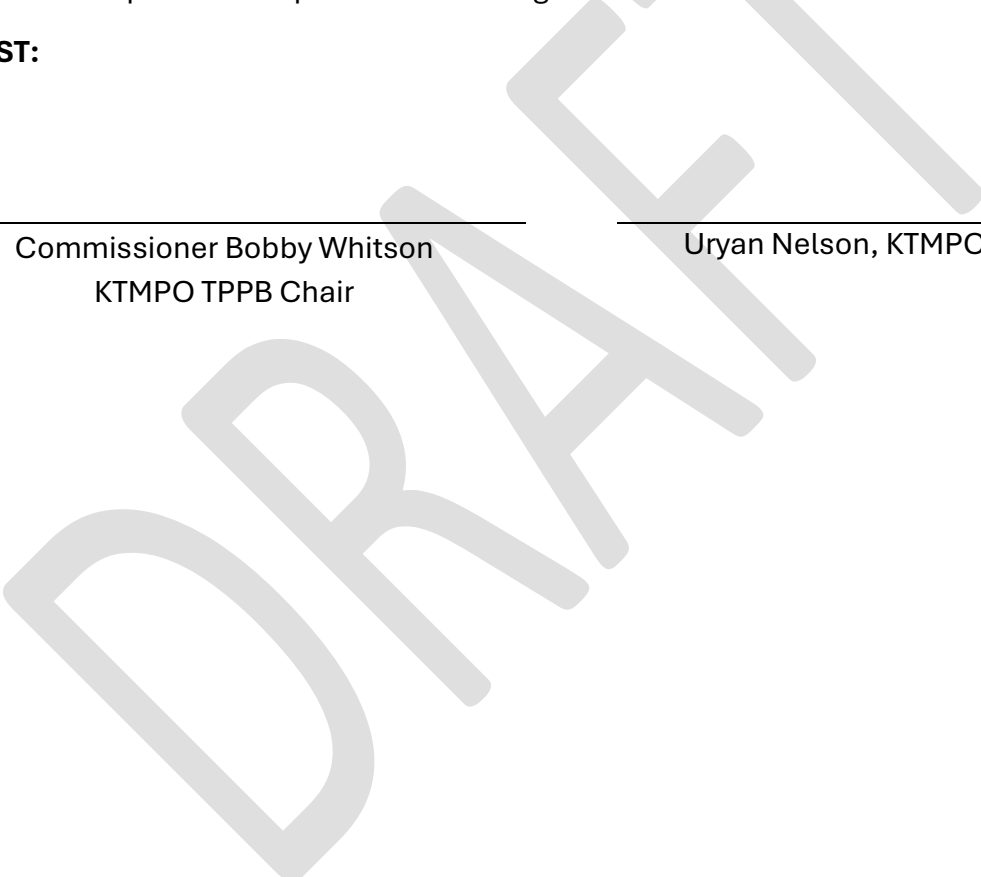
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization urges all who support bicycling to participate in the events planned as deemed appropriate in accordance with city and county orders and urges all road users to share the road safely with bicyclists.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 15th day of April 2026, at a regular meeting of the KTMPO Policy Board meeting which was held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, 551.001, *et seq.*, and at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

ATTEST:

Commissioner Bobby Whitson
KTMPO TPPB Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director





RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SUPPORTING THE FIRST SATURDAY IN JUNE AS THE NATIONAL TRAILS DAY**

- WHEREAS;** The American Hiking Society has declared Saturday, **June 6, 2026** as National Trails Day; and
- WHEREAS;** Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization celebrates trails and encourages outdoor activities that strengthen community ties through trail clean-ups, biking, walking, paddle crafts, and horseback riding; and
- WHEREAS;** contribute to the region by enhancing connectivity and promoting regional tourism; and
- WHEREAS;** recognizes that trails promote active lifestyles, recreation, and an opportunity to experience nature; and
- WHEREAS;** the benefits trails contribute to the overall social and physical well-being of our community and the natural environment; and
- WHEREAS;** supports the stewardship of existing trail infrastructure by encouraging a variety of outdoor activities, while promoting safety: **Sun Country Cycling will lead a Beginner Mountain Bike Ride at Dana Peak Park at 7 a.m.; Tablerock Amphitheater will host a Trail Cleanup at the Amphitheater Trails in Salado at 8 a.m.; the City of Copperas Cove and the Copperas Cove Chamber of Commerce will hold a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the opening of trails at Ogletree Gap Preserves at 9 a.m.; and Barrow Brewing Co. will host SUP Salado Paddle Board on Salado Creek at 6 p.m.; and**
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning hereby recognizes **Saturday, June 6, 2026**, as National Trails Day; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization supports the stewardship of existing trail infrastructure, the integration of trails and active transportation into daily life, the enhancement of regional connectivity for the future, and recognizes the economic benefits of tourism driven by active transportation and outdoor recreation; and
- PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this **21st day of May 2026** 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:

Commissioner Bobby Whitson,
KTMPO TPPB Chair

Uryan Nelson, KTMPO Director

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Item #6

**Rescheduling the November 11, 2026
Meeting**



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Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Agenda Item # 6

Rescheduling the November 11, 2026 ATAC Meeting

Background

Last year, the committee approved a November 11, 2026 meeting date; however, that date falls on Veterans Day. Alternative meeting options that the conference room is available include:

- Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.,
- Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., or
- Thursday, November 12, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.
- Other recommendations

Discussion and Action Needed: Consider and approve one of the proposed alternative meeting dates for November 2026.

CY 2026

KTMPPO Meeting Calendar

TAC typically 1st Wednesday of Month

TPPB typically 3rd Wednesday of

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*If a meeting is needed in the months of August, November, or December, the Policy Board Chair will call a special meeting.

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 Holidays
 AMPO Annual Conference

Item #7

Regional Active Transportation Plan

Regional Active Transportation Plan Update

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, prioritizing safety, sidewalk infrastructure around schools, and neighborhood connectivity, while also identifying opportunities for trail development, park access, and economic growth through enhanced mobility and recreational infrastructure. The inventory will identify existing infrastructure, gaps, and opportunities for walking, biking, and rolling (micromobility), with a focus on creating safe, accessible, and convenient routes for children, families, and individuals commuting to work and higher education facilities.

- The Regional Active Transportation Plan will support healthier lifestyles, reduce traffic congestion near schools, and foster stronger, more connected communities.
- Utilize stakeholder and 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.

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.

[Digital Map Link](#)

Schedule Update

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

- 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.
- Mapping and Data Interpretation 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.
- The revised schedule is included in the packet.

Regional Active Transportation Plan Update Schedule

Dates	Task
June 23 – July 21, 2025	45-day Public Comment Period – Inventory Map Layers
June 23 – July 21, 2025	Comments may be received in any of the following ways: Email: ktmpo@ctcog.org Phone: 254-770-2364 U.S. Postal Service: Killeen-Temple MPO C/O Anita Janke, RATP P.O. Box 729, Belton, TX 76523 Comments must be received or postmarked by Monday July 21, 2025 to be included in the official record of public meeting.
June 26, 2025 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Helping Hands Ministry of Belton 2210 Holland Rd. Belton, TX 76513
June 26, 2025 2:00pm-3:00 AM	Virtual Meeting Join from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. https://meet.goto.com/938515829 <i>Get the app now and be ready when your first meeting starts:</i> https://meet.goto.com/install You can also dial in using your phone. Telephone Number: +1 (224) 501-3412 Access Code: 938-515-829
June 28, 2025 10:00 AM-1:00 PM	Copperas Cove Public Library 501 S. Main St. Copperas Cove, TX 76522
June 27, 2025 6:30 – 7:30 PM	City of Killeen Parks & Recreation Bike Rodeo 2201 East Veterans Memorial Blvd., Killeen, TX 76543
February 23 – April 13, 2026	45-day Public Comment Period – Review Draft Regional Active Transportation Plan
February 23 – April 13, 2026	Comments may be received in any of the following ways: Email: ktmpo@ctcog.org Phone: 254-770-2364 U.S. Postal Service: Killeen-Temple MPO C/O Anita Janke, RATP P.O. Box 729, Belton, TX 76523 Comments must be received or postmarked by Monday July 21, 2025 to be included in the official record of public meeting.



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Agenda Item # 7

February 11, 2026	ATAC Review via email begins
February 11, 2026	ATAC recommends adoption, pending any amendments resulting from public or stakeholder feedback received during the public engagement and review process.
TBD	City of Copperas Cove, Killeen, Nolanville, or Harker Heights Meet-and-Greet / Open House Style – In Person
TBD	City of Belton or Temple Meet-and-Greet / Open House Style – In Person
April 1 & 15, 2026	TAC/PB Reviews Plan
April 1 & 15, 2026	TAC/PB Recommend Plan Adoption

Discussion and Action Needed: Consider recommending approval of Regional Active Transportation Plan, pending any member comment edits, and amendments resulting from public or stakeholder feedback received during the public engagement and review process.

Item #8

The Forge Trail System

The Forge Trail System by Dr. Jeffery Kirk, Texas A&M University-Central Texas

Background

According to the ATAC Bylaws, ATAC advises the KTMPO Transportation Policy Planning Board (TPPB) and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on the planning and development of infrastructure, policies, and strategies that prioritize and encourage active transportation in the region. This includes, but is not limited to, biking, walking, paddle craft, and equestrian activities. ATAC also ensures that non-motorized and low-speed electric modes of travel are integrated into broader transportation strategies.

One way the committee fulfills this role is by identifying and supporting educational opportunities that promote public interest and awareness of active transportation planning within the KTMPO area and beyond. In addition, ATAC collaborates with partners and advocates for enhanced amenities and secondary infrastructure—encouraging businesses and local chambers of commerce to support features such as benches, bike racks, public restrooms, and green spaces or trees—helping create a more convenient, accessible, and welcoming environment for cyclists and pedestrians.

Recently, KTMPO had the opportunity to provide a letter of Support to the Texas A&M University-Central Texas for the Forge Trail System – which is included in the packet.

Dr. Jeffrey Kirk

Dr. Kirk currently serves as the Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Research and Innovation for Texas A&M University-Central Texas and strategically guides all aspects of academic research, promoting a collaborative and interdisciplinary environment that enhances the university's reputation for scholarly achievement.

Dr. Kirk holds a Ph.D. in Educational Psychology and a certificate of advanced studies in educational research from The University at Albany, an MEd from the University of Oklahoma in Instructional Psychology and Technology, a bachelor's degree in management studies from the University of Maryland, and an associate degree in liberal studies from Regents College. He served in the United States Army for more than 30 years and held every leadership position from team leader to command sergeant major.

Dr. Kirk joined Tarleton State University-Central Texas in the fall of 2005 and assisted in the transition to Texas A&M University-Central Texas in May of 2009.

Dr. Kirk brings a rich history of leadership in advancing transportation initiatives across our region, backed by an impressive résumé. He will share an update on the project.

Action Needed: No action needed, for discussion only.



1/6/2025

To:

Chris Sheffield | Program Manager
Recreational Trails Program / Off-Highway Vehicle Program
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department | State Parks Division | Recreation Grants
4200 Smith School Rd | Austin, TX 78744

Subject: Letter of Support for the Texas A&M University-Central Texas Forge Trail System – Phase 1 Development

Dear Mr. Sheffield,

As Director of the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and a representative of the respective community, I am pleased to offer our support for the proposed Forge Trail System at Texas A&M University–Central Texas (TAMU-CT)

The Killeen-Temple MPO and TAMU-CT are collaborative partners that will demonstrate planning readiness, strengthen grant competitiveness, and promote multimodal integration by contributing their GIS layers to the Regional Active Transportation Plan and actively engaging in our planning process.

The Forge Trail System at TAMU-CT will provide significant benefits to our region by expanding access to safe, non-motorized trails, and promoting outdoor recreation for residents, military families, and visitors. The project will enhance quality of life in Central Texas by creating opportunities for walking, running, bicycling, and nature observation. It will also serve as an educational resource, connecting people to the unique ecological and cultural features of our area. These benefits align with community priorities for health, wellness, and environmental stewardship.


We commend TAMU-CT for its leadership in advancing this vision and believe the Forge Trail System will become a valuable asset for our region. I encourage full consideration of this proposal under the Recreational Trails Program.

Thank you for your commitment to supporting projects that strengthen communities and preserve Texas' natural heritage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Uryan Nelson", is written over a horizontal line.

Uryan Nelson
Director of Planning and Regional Services
Killeen-Temple MPO



The Forge Trail System Phase 1 Presentation to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Prepared by Jeff Kirk, PhD
Associate VP for Research and Innovation



The Forge Trail System: Phase 1

- The Forge Trail System establishes a 1.5-mile natural-surface trail loop on the 672-acre A&M-Central Texas campus, serving as the foundation for the 8–10-mile network envisioned in the Forge Master Plan.
- This phase connects Bald Knob (1,075 ft elevation) to North Reese Creek riparian corridor, creating quality recreation while demonstrating responsible development adjacent to golden-cheeked warbler habitat.



Use and Benefit

- **The Forge Trail System Phase 1 addresses critical regional need for outdoor recreation while catalyzing comprehensive trail network development**
- **Phase 1 creates an outdoor classroom for biology, environmental science, kinesiology, and education. Trails serve as a living laboratory for habitat restoration, endangered species monitoring, and recreation management research**
- **Expected Use: Estimate 12,000-15,000 annual visits in Phase 1, growing to 35,000-40,000 with full network. Trail provides:**
 - **Daily recreation (walking, running, biking, nature observation) 7 days/week**
 - **Educational programming through partnerships with local ISD, Community Colleges, Fort Hood youth services (working)**
 - **Therapeutic outdoor access for military families and veterans**
 - **Citizen science and volunteer opportunities**



Use and Benefit: Vision

- **Long-Term Vision: Phase 1 (\$300K RTP grant) demonstrates feasibility and demand, supporting the \$2.5M Congressional appropriation request (FY27-30) for 8-10 miles including additional trailheads, bridges, expanded ADA access, and regional connections**
- **The complete system will establish Central Texas as a model for military-community recreation partnerships and endangered species coexistence**



Use and Benefit: Infrastructure

- **Primary Trailhead:** Kiosk with weather-resistant map, regulations, emergency contacts, and QR code for digital resources; 3-space bike rack; two benches; trash/recycling receptacles; connection to existing restrooms
- **Interpretive Features:** Three wayfinding stations with panels on golden-cheeked warbler ecology, Hill Country geology, and watershed conservation; distance markers every 0.25 miles; directional signage at junctions
- **Trail Amenities:** Four benches at scenic viewpoints using durable, sustainable materials; low-water crossing at ephemeral drainage using natural rock ford



Use and Benefit: Infrastructure

- **ADA-Accessible Segment:** 0.25-mile section (8' wide, crusher fines surface, <5% grade) with benches every 300 feet and turnaround area
- **Safety/Wayfinding:** Comprehensive trail markers and blazes; emergency location markers for first responder access; "you are here" maps at key points
- **Erosion Control:** Grade reversals, rolling dips, and natural drainage features protecting North Reese Creek water quality



Use and Benefit: Public Access

- **Public access is fundamental to the Forge Trail System. The trails will be open to the public 7 days per week, year-round, from dawn to dusk (approximately 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM, varying seasonally). Access is free of charge to all users**
- **Target User Groups:**
 - **Fort Hood Community**
 - **University Community**
 - **Greater Killeen Community**
 - **K-12 Students and Educational Groups**



Use and Benefit: Public Access

- **Safety and Security**
- **Accessibility**
- **Long-Term Commitment**
- **No restrictions will limit access based on residence, affiliation, or other factors—trails are genuinely open to the public as a community resource**



Use and Benefit: Community Support

Current

- Senator Peter P. Flores, District 24
- Representative Brad Buckley, District 54
- Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Texas A&M Forest Service
- Trideum Corporation
- Centex Technologies
- Texas Master Naturalists-Central Texas
- Manning Ranch, LLC

Working

- Killeen Parks and Recreation Dept
- Texas A&M University College of Architecture; Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning program
- Scouting America
- Fort Hood Outdoor Recreation
- Local Landscape businesses
- Regional ISDs, Community Colleges



The Forge Trail System Phase 1

Item #9

Post Oak Ridge State Park



February 11, 2026

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Agenda Item # 9

Post Oak Ridge State Park, Lampasas County

Background

Continuing the committee’s collaborative efforts and consistent with the ATAC Bylaws, ATAC supports active transportation by advancing education, partnerships, and initiatives that enhance bicycle and pedestrian planning, amenities, and supporting infrastructure—fostering safer, more accessible, and welcoming environments across the region.

Maria Malone serves as a Senior Park Planner with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. She leads public use planning for parks developed through the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund and support these projects from start to finish—from evaluating potential properties to overseeing construction in the field.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.



An Overview of

Post Oak Ridge State Park

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Committee, February 2026

Agenda

- The Need for More State Park Land
- Centennial Parks Conservation Fund
- Acquisition and Development Strategy
- Project Team
- Site Context
- Site Highlights
- Park Planning Process
- TxDOT Bicycle Tourism Plan
- Texas Trail Study
- Preliminary Concept
- Questions



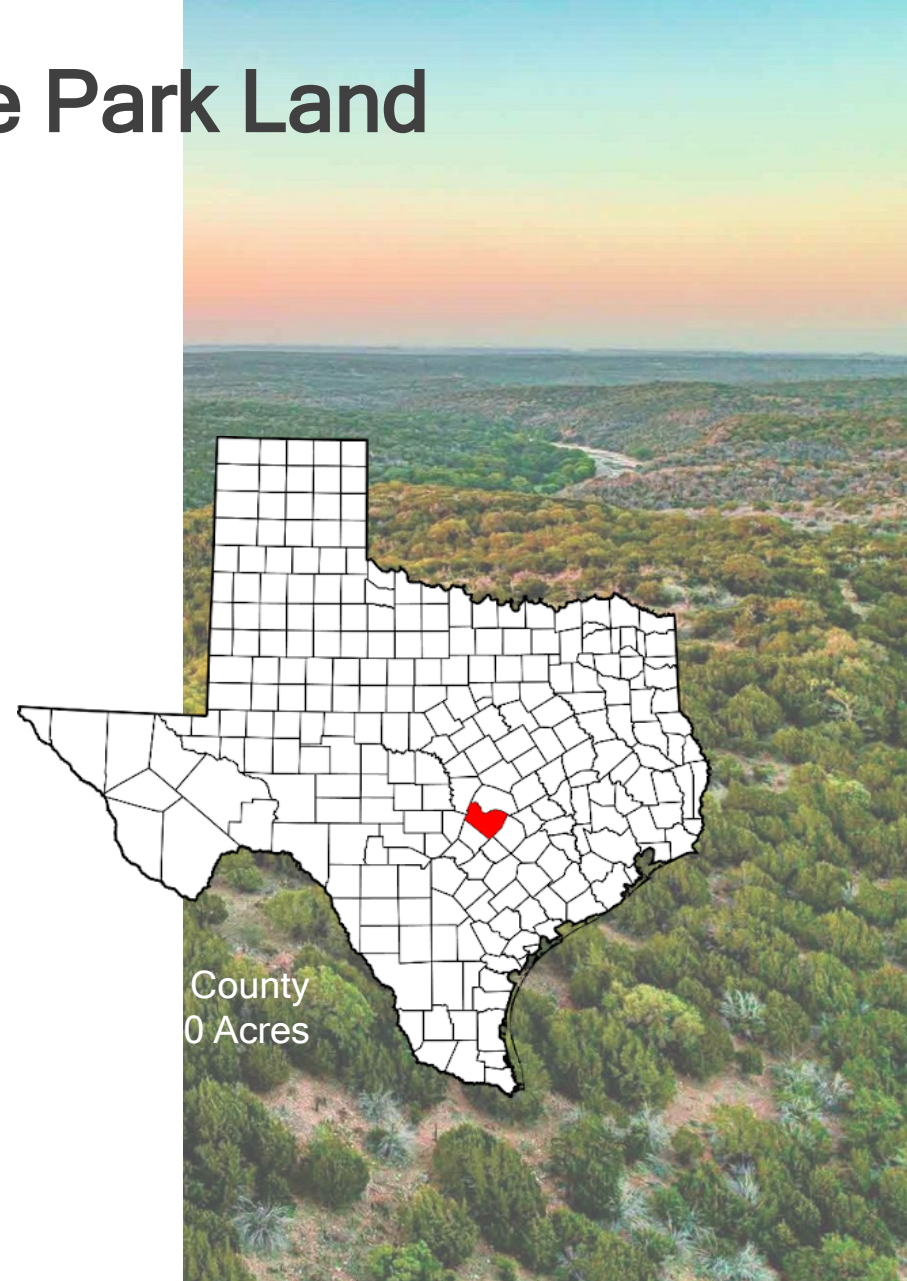
The Need For More State Park Land

Access and Relevance

- Population Growth and Low Rank(Acres/Capita)
- Existing Park Capacities

Land Fragmentation

Land Market Values



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Centennial Parks Conservation Fund

Thank you, Texans!

Centennial Parks Mechanics

- Interest on the Centennial Parks Conservation Fund
- Multiple parks
- Balancing the Needs/Priorities



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Centennial Parks Timeline

12 months - NOW!

Guided Public Day Use -
public hunts, guided tours,
special events

18 months - Fall 2026

Expanded Public Day Use -
Trailhead, restroom, trails,
parking areas

48 months - Spring 2029

Full Park Development -
including utilities, roads,
facilities and park
amenities



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Acquisition and Development Strategy



1. Centennial Parks Plan



2. SGST New Park Development

- Palo Pinto Mountains SP
- Devils River SNA
- Albert & Bessie Kronkosky SNA
- Powderhorn SP
- Chinati Mountains SNA
- Davis Hill SP

3. Existing Parks

- Multiple Funding Sources
- Additions
- Improvements



The Journey To Acquisition and Development

Locations

- Texas Triangle, RGV, East Texas, and Destination Parks

Metrics

- Gaps in Access, Recreation, and Conservation
- Resource Value
- Existing Parks

Mission Critical Categories

- High Resource Value
- Strategic Location
- Visitor Experience and Recreation Opportunities
- Economic and Development Feasibility
- Legal Considerations
- Stakeholder Support



Building a new park is like building a small city...

Utilities

- Electrical
- Wastewater Treatment System
- Public Water System
- Telecom
- Radio

Roads

- Existing Road Improvements
- Park Roads
- Management Roads
- Parking Areas

Facilities

- Day Use
- Overnight Use
- Operations

Trails

- Accessible
- Hiking
- Biking
- Equestrian

...from scratch.



Internal Project Team

State Parks Division

- Business Management
- Cultural Resources
- Facility Management
- Interpretive Services
- Law Enforcement
- Natural Resources
- Preservation Services
- Regional and Park Management



Department

- Communications
- Executive Office
- Information Technology
- Infrastructure
- Inland Fisheries
- Support Resources
 - Sustainability
 - Accessibility
- Wildlife



External Project Team

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LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE + PLANNING
DALLAS, TX

Andrew Duggan, Brian Halsell, Meghan Obernberger,
Aaron Armstrong, and Stacie Sykora



ECOLOGY
AUSTIN, TX

Jonathan Ogren and Brent Ryndak



ARCHITECTURE
SAN ANTONIO, TX

John Allender, Nick Melde



MEP ENGINEERING
SAN ANTONIO, TX

Aaron Lovelock



CIVIL ENGINEERING
AUSTIN, TX

Julia Spelhaug



STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING
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Karina Tribble



WETLAND DELINEATION
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Ross Carrie



GEOTECH ENGINEERING +
HAZARDOUS WASTE
WACO, TX

Rick Klenke, Edward Jaimes, Juan
Torres



WASTEWATER ENGINEERING
AUSTIN, TX



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
AUSTIN, TX

Sebastian Puente and Diane Miller



ARCHAEOLOGY
AUSTIN, TX

Rachel Feit and Victoria Ingalls



COST ESTIMATING
FORT WORTH, TX

Jerome Stock



ACCESSIBILITY
DALLAS, TX

Kim Goss, Elizabeth Hogue



Architectural Specifications - Construction Technology

SPECIFICATIONS
DALLAS, TX

Elizabeth Cummings

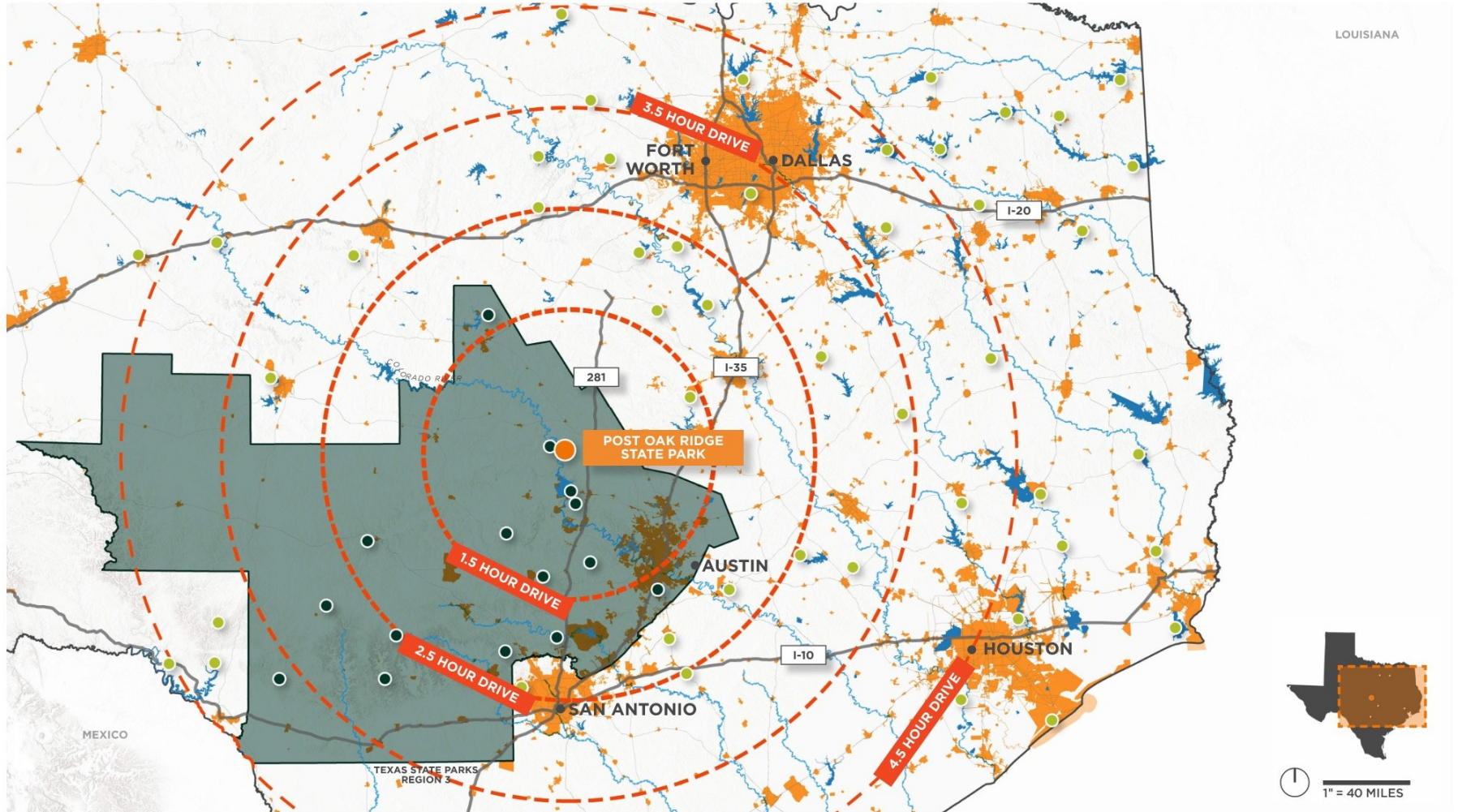


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Site Context



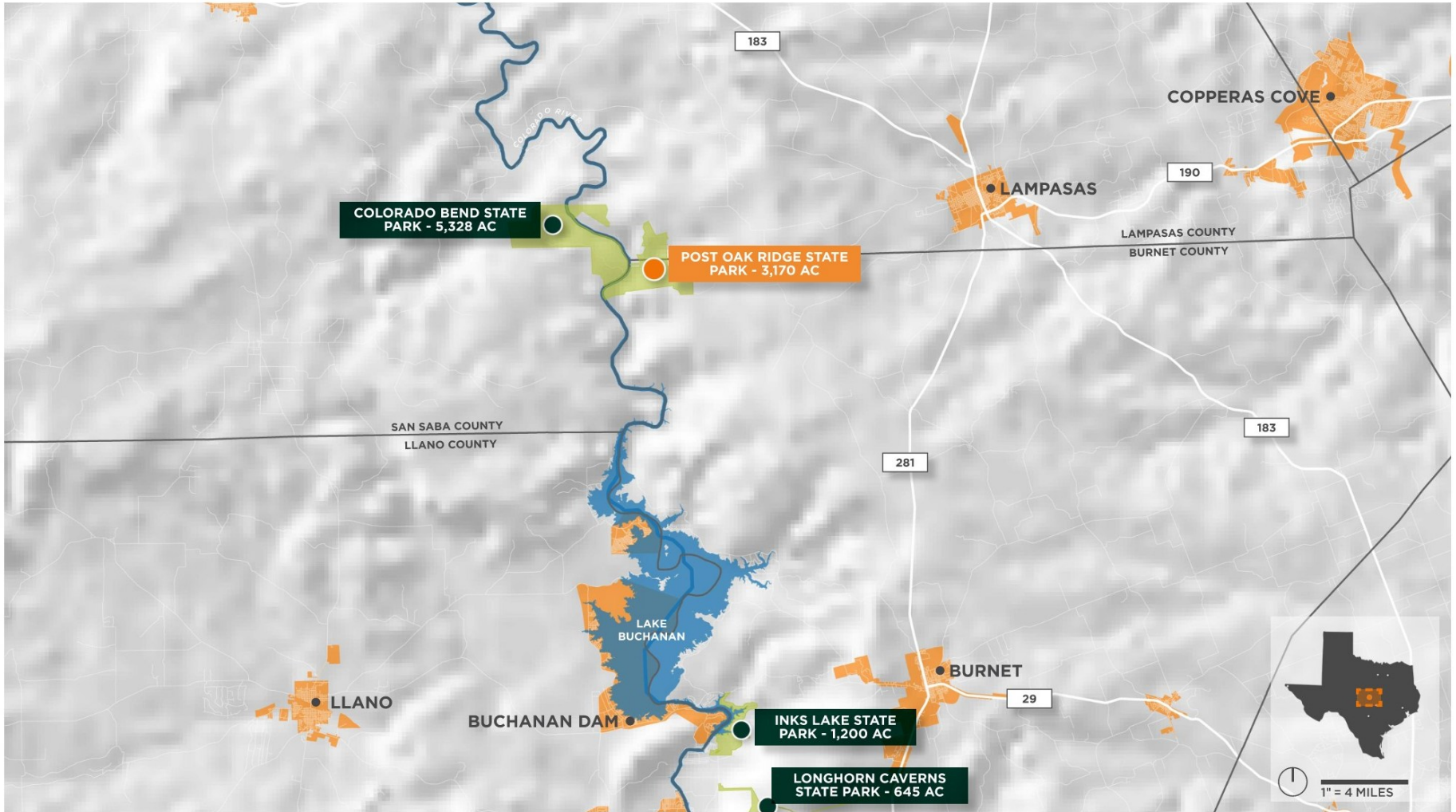
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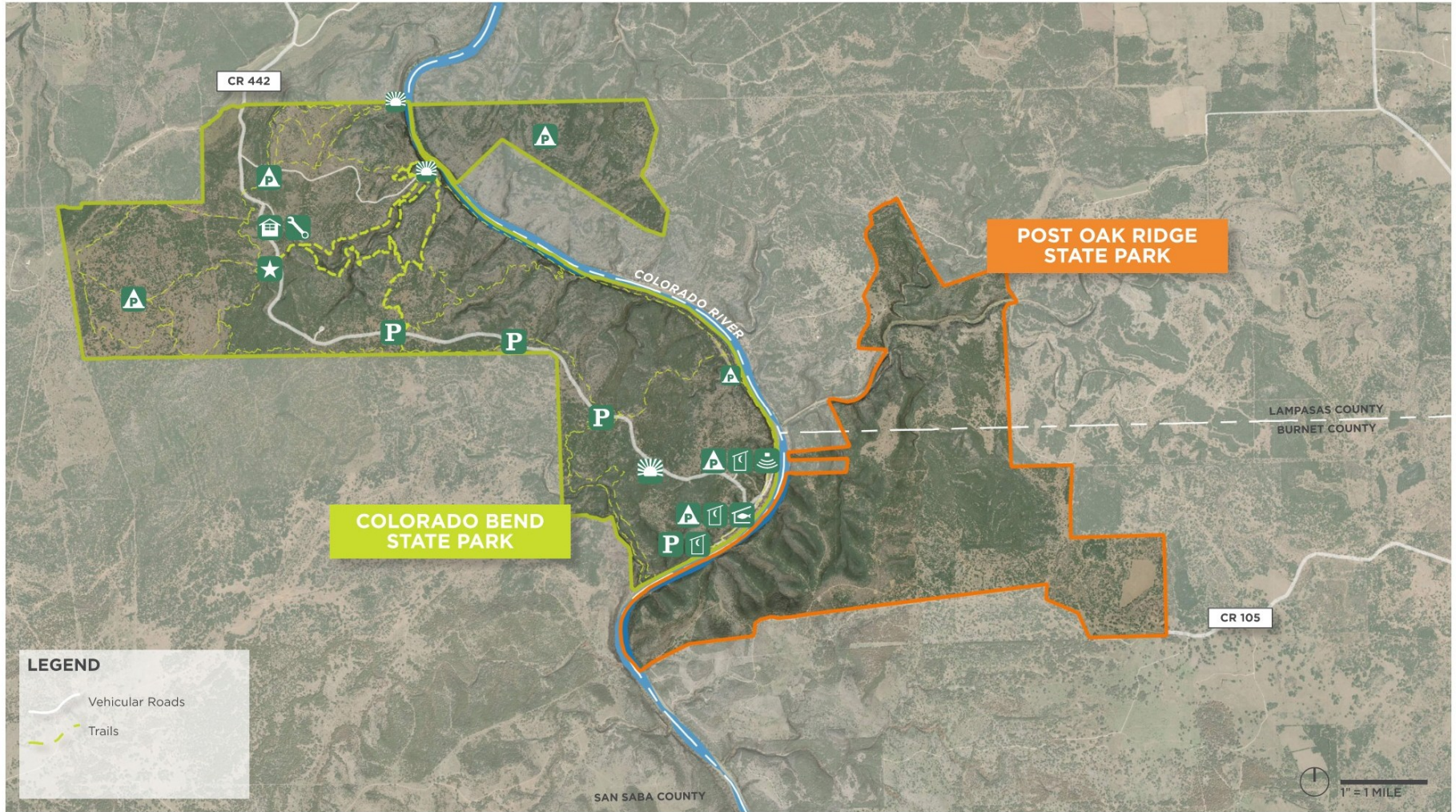


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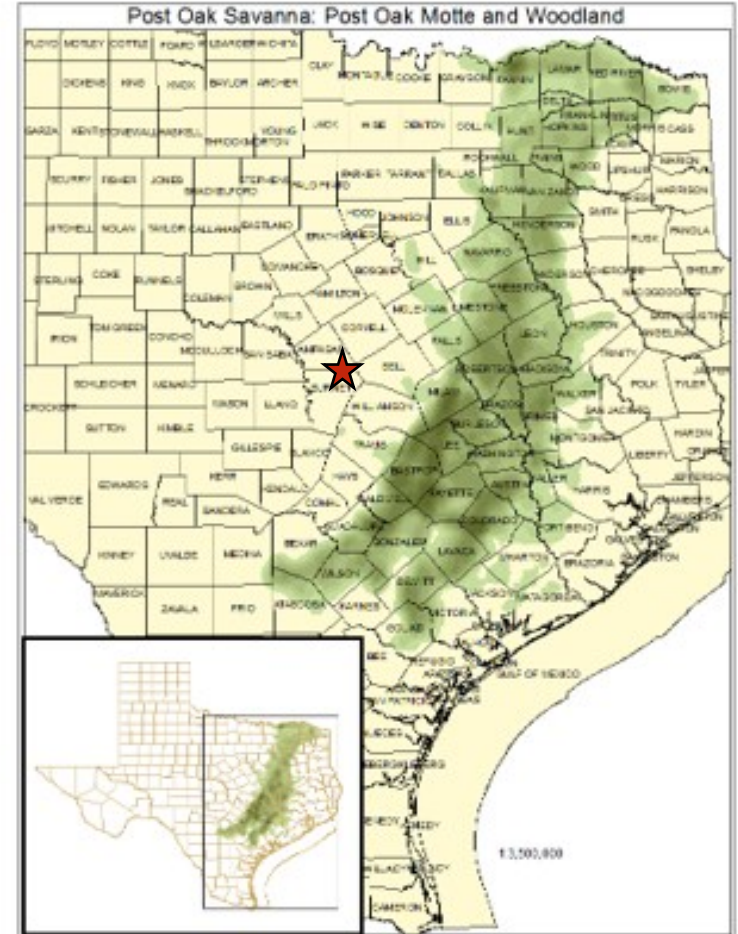
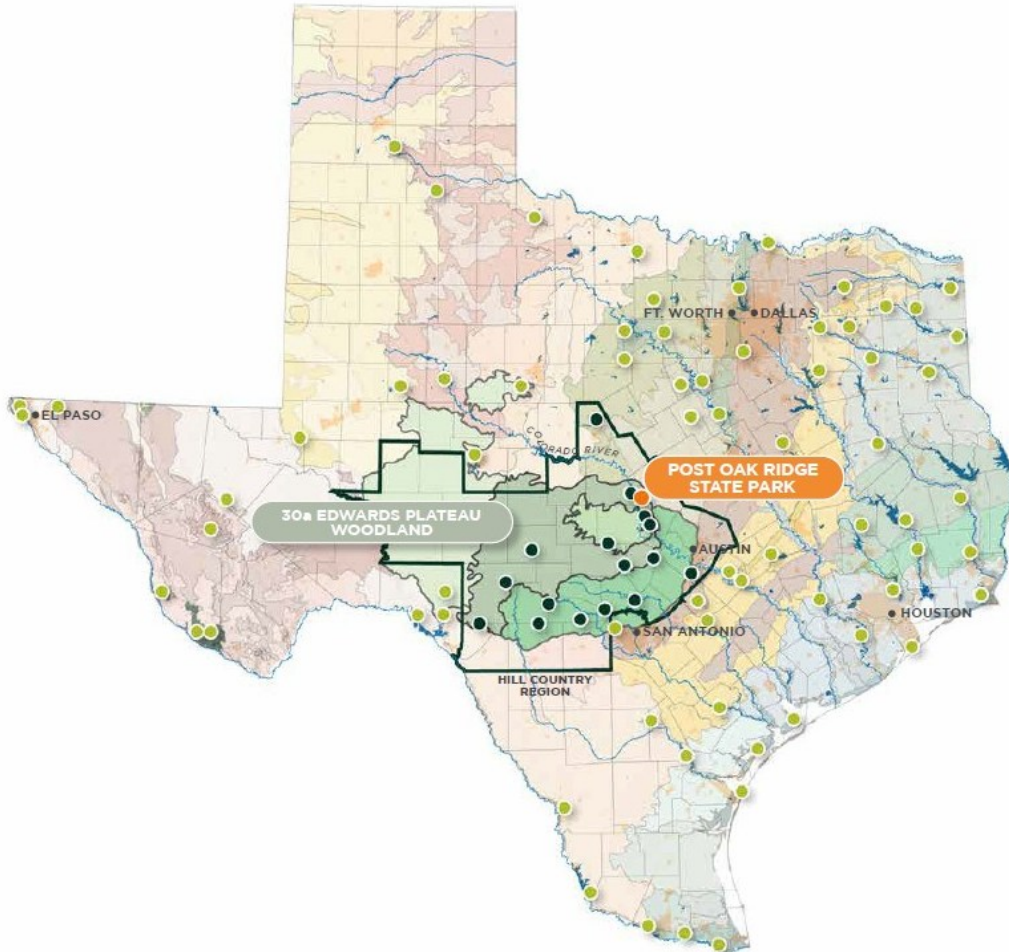


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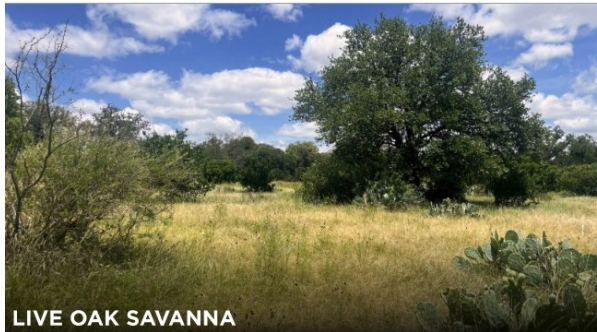
Significant Post Oak Savannah Feature



Diverse Habitats



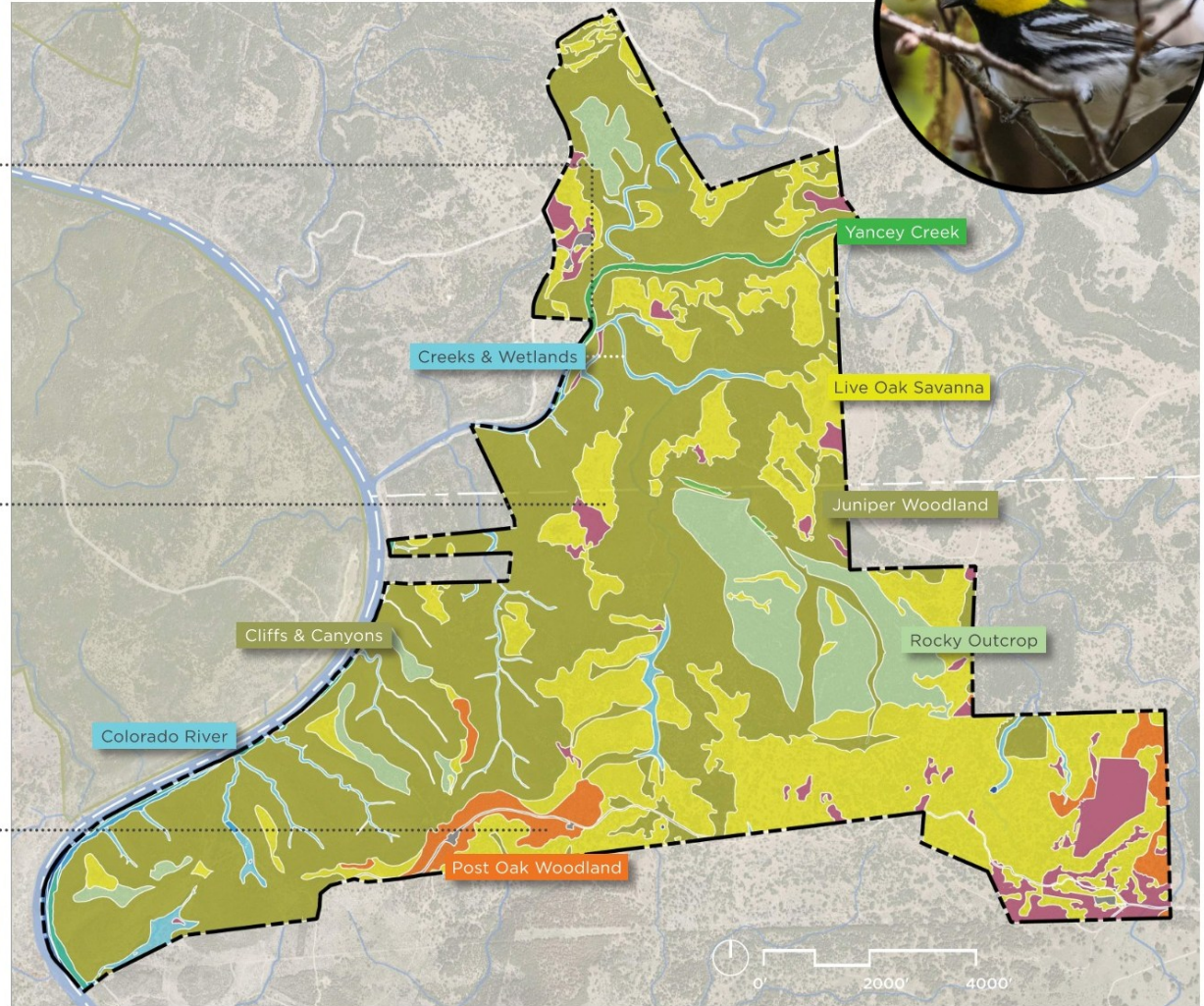
JUNIPER WOODLANDS



LIVE OAK SAVANNA



POST OAK WOODLANDS



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Natural Attractions



COLORADO RIVER



YANCEY CREEK



SCENIC VISTAS



POST OAK FALLS



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Site History



STRUCTURES



SHARED HISTORY & INTERPRETIVE OPPORTUNITIES



Archeology

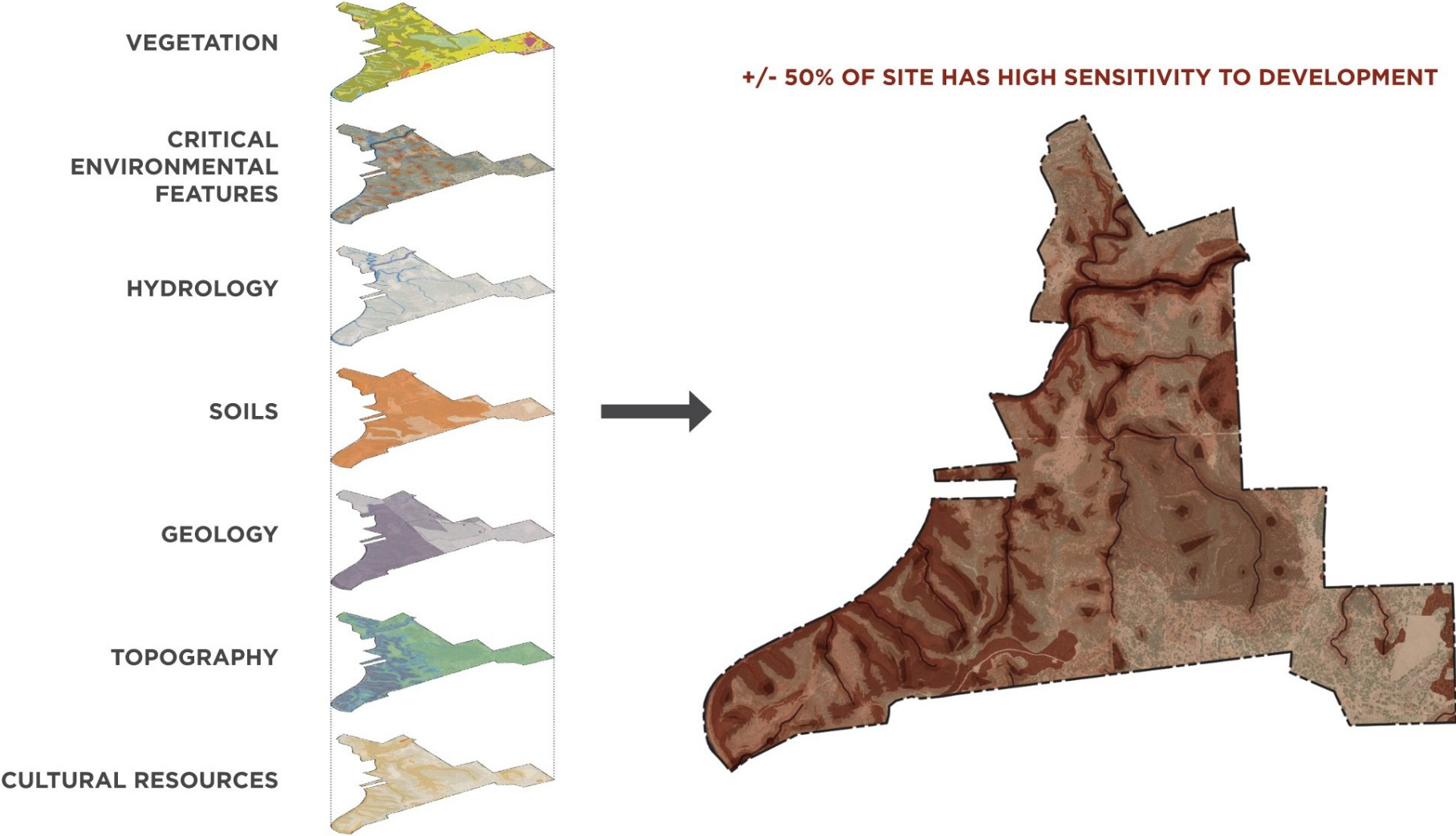


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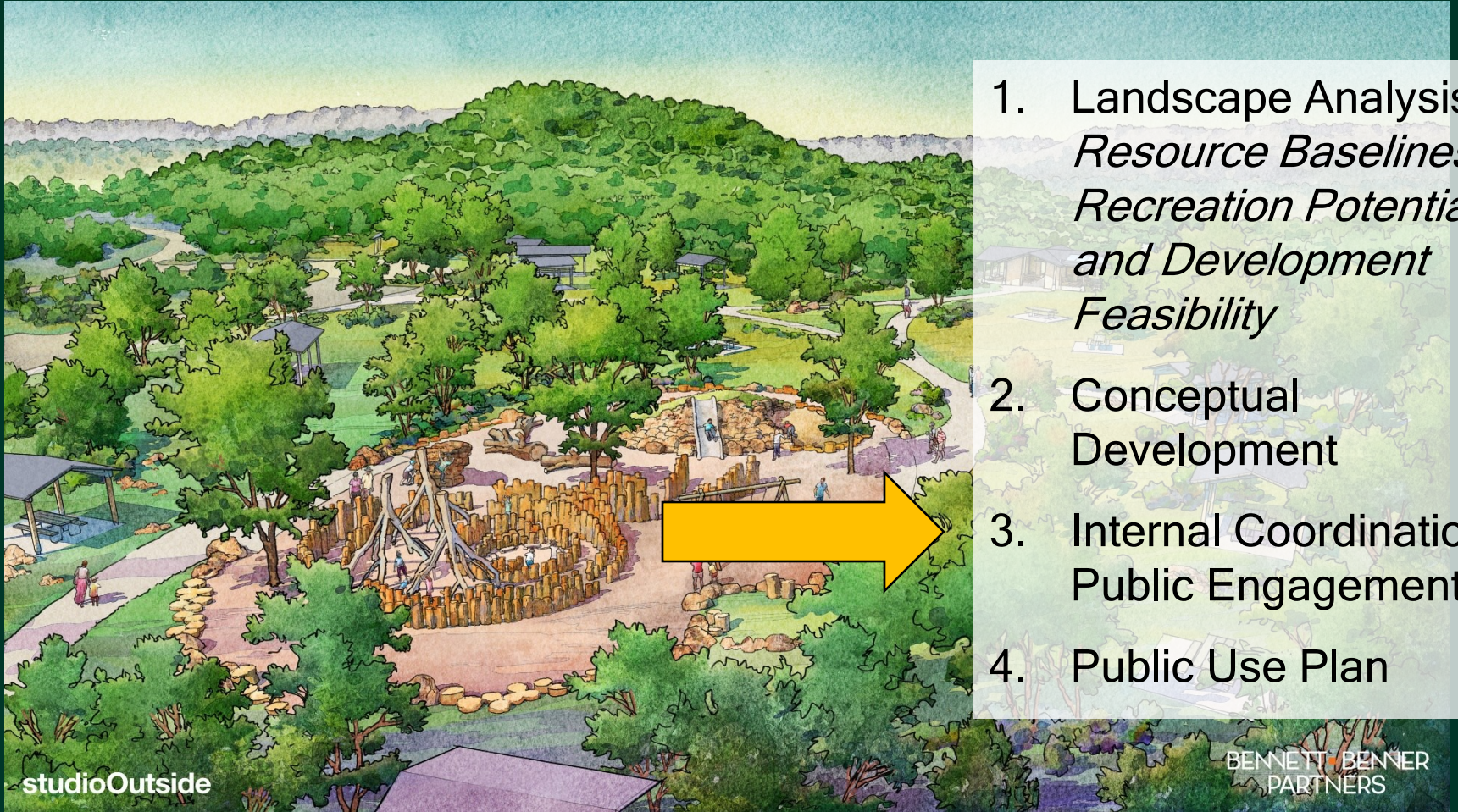


BURNED ROCK MIDDEN

Site Sensitivity



Park Planning Process



1. Landscape Analysis: *Resource Baselines, Recreation Potential and Development Feasibility*
2. Conceptual Development
3. Internal Coordination & Public Engagement
4. Public Use Plan



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Planning for the Visitor



OVERNIGHT USERS



DAY USERS



YOUTH + COMMUNITY GROUPS



TOURISTS



NEIGHORS + LOCALS



ACTIVE RECREATION

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Planning for Experience



RANCH RELICS



COLORADO RIVER



POST OAK FALLS



KARST CAVES



YANCEY CLIFFS



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Planning for Visitor Movement



ACCESSIBLE AMENITIES



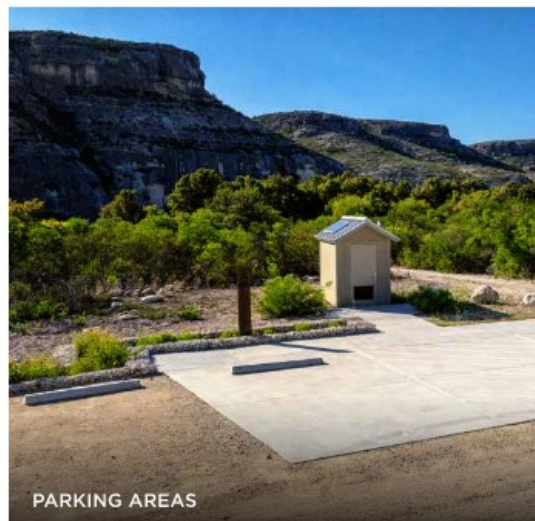
WAYFINDING



TRAIL HIERARCHY



MODE (HIKE/BIKE/CAR)



PARKING AREAS



INTERPRETIVE FEATURES

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Day Use Facilities



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Overnight Facilities



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Connection to Surrounding Communities



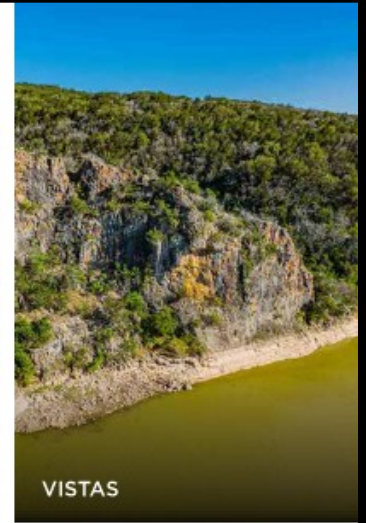
TRAIL CONNECTIONS



RIVER



DAY USE CONNECTIONS



VISTAS



BRIDGE



OVERNIGHT USE CONNECTIONS



OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS



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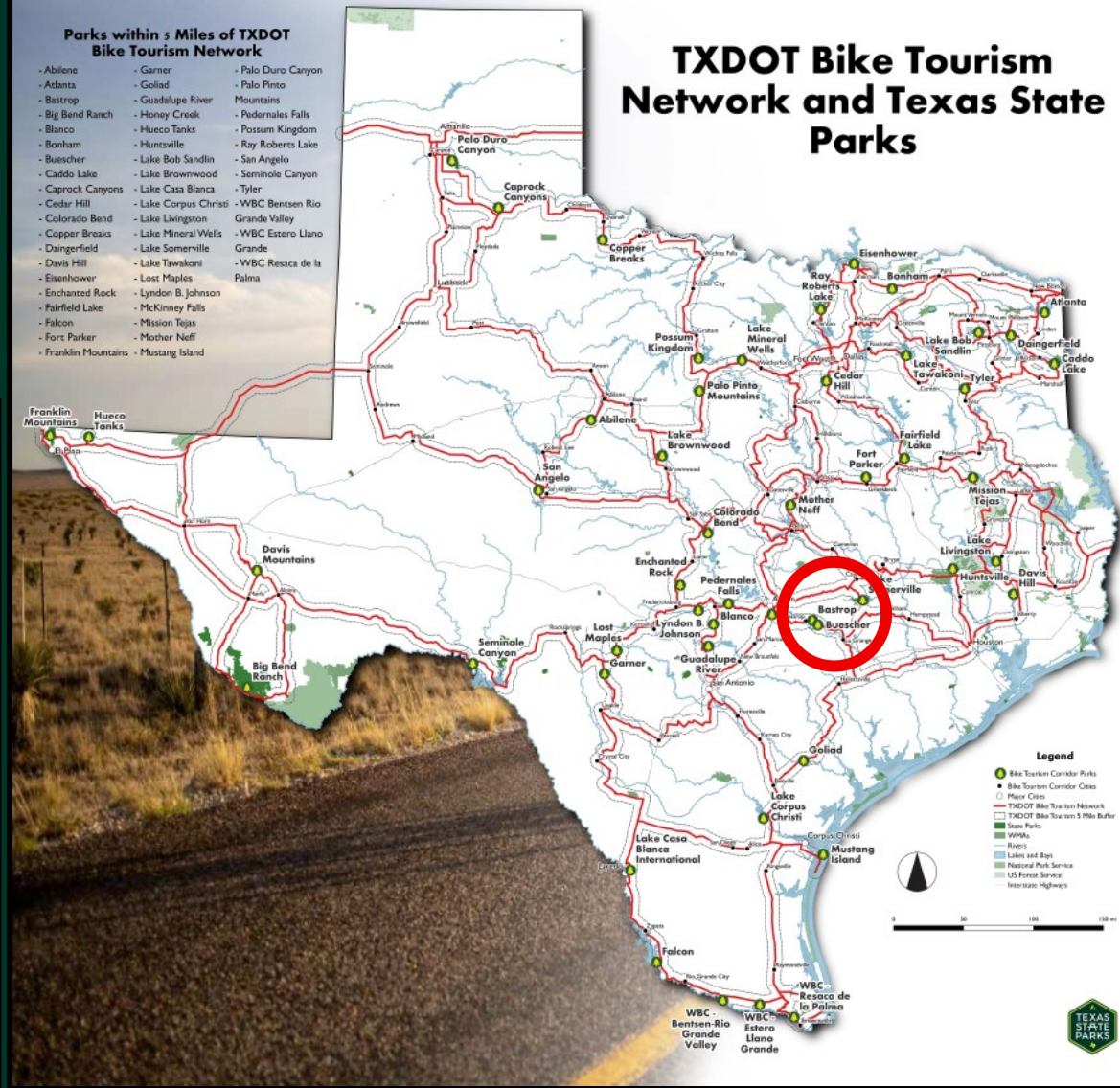
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Texas State Parks & Bike Tourism Network

Parks within 5 Miles of TXDOT Bike Tourism Network

- Abilene
- Atlanta
- Bastrop
- Big Bend Ranch
- Blanco
- Bonham
- Buescher
- Caddo Lake
- Caprock Canyons
- Cedar Hill
- Colorado Bend
- Copper Breaks
- Dangerfield
- Davis Hill
- Eisenhower
- Enchanted Rock
- Fairfield Lake
- Falcon
- Fort Parker
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- Garner
- Goliad
- Guadalupe River
- Honey Creek
- Hueco Tanks
- Huntsville
- Lake Bob Sandlin
- Lake Brownwood
- Lake Casa Blanca
- Lake Corpus Christi
- Lake Livingston
- Lake Mineral Wells
- Lake Somerville
- Lake Tawakoni
- Lost Maples
- Lyndon B. Johnson
- McKinney Falls
- Mission Tejas
- Mother Neff
- Franklin Mountains
- Mustang Island
- Palo Duro Canyon
- Palo Pinto
- Mountains
- Pedernales Falls
- Possum Kingdom
- Ray Roberts Lake
- San Angelo
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- WBC Estero Llano Grande
- WBC Resaca de la Palma

TXDOT Bike Tourism Network and Texas State Parks



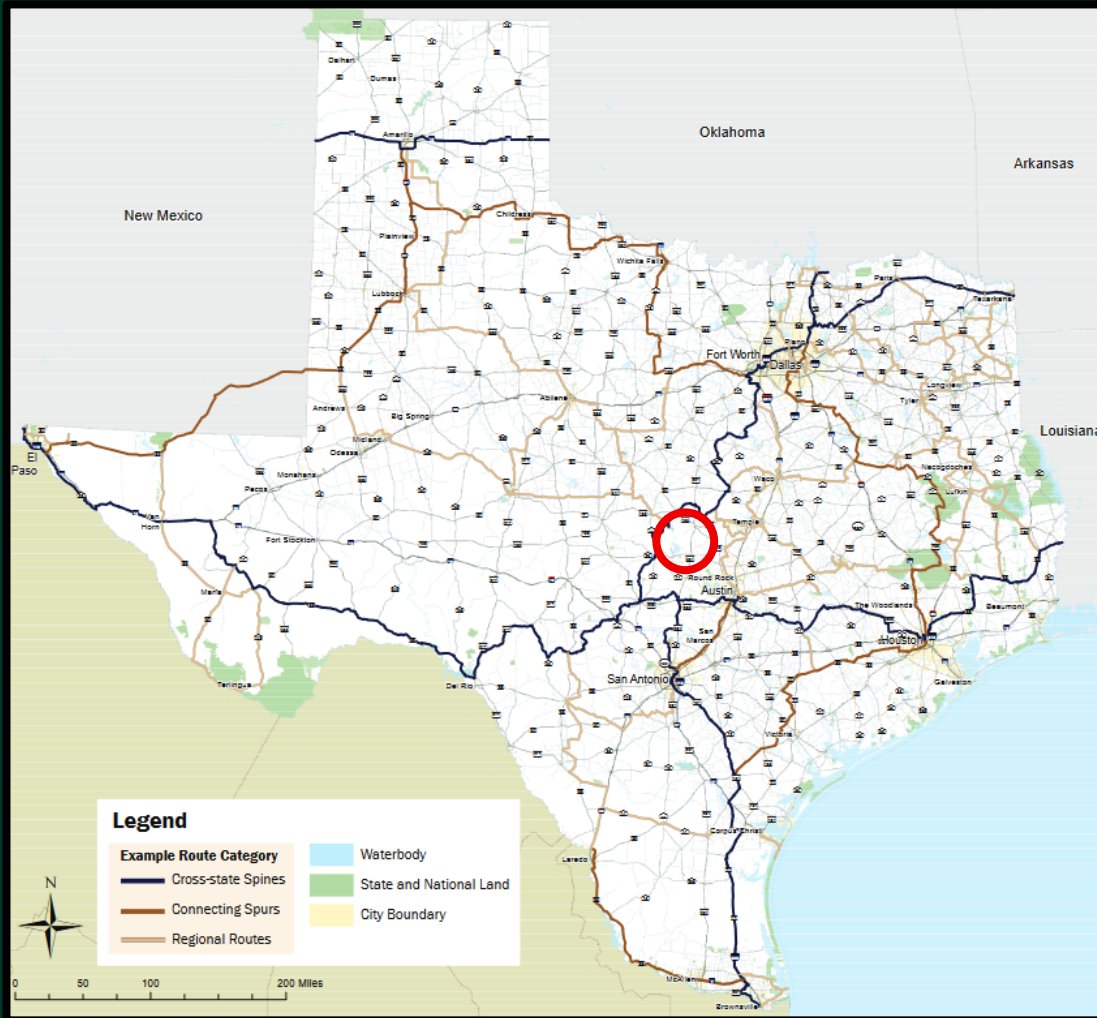
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TxDOT Bicycle Tourism Plan



Attractions within 10 miles of the Example Network



18 National Parks/Forests/Historic Sites



110 State Parks/Forests/Historic Sites



6,705 Historical markers



65 Texas Main Street Communities



540 Small Cities (under 5,000 people)



243 Medium Cities (5,000 to 200,000 people)



13 Large Urban Areas (over 200,000 people)

Elements of the Example Network:

Cross-state Spines

- Routes of statewide significance which connect to other states and link major urban areas
- May be candidates for US Bicycle Route System (USBRS)

Connecting Spurs

- Routes of statewide significance which connect major urban areas, state/national parks, and other destinations
- Provide important links between cross-state spines

Regional Routes

- Routes of regional significance that connect to scenic areas and frequently form regional loops

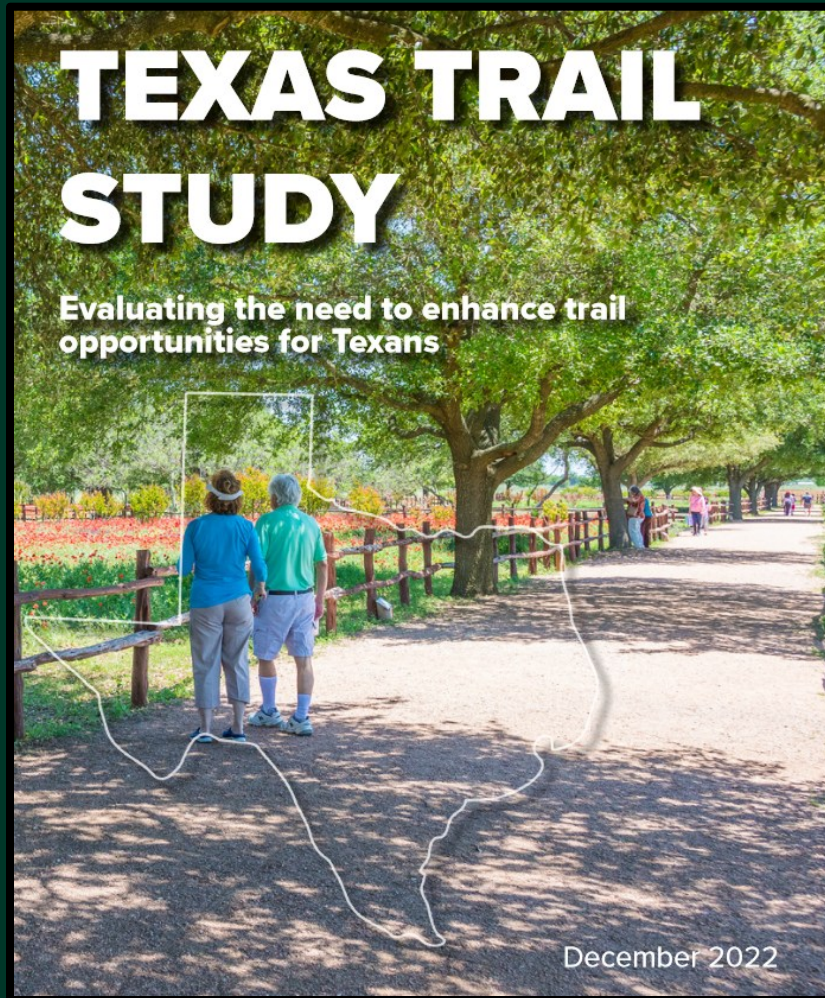


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Texas Trail Study - December 2022



House Bill 4499 of the 87th Texas Legislature Session - **“Rider 40: Trail Study.**

TPWD shall work jointly with TXDOT and THC, to conduct a study to determine the potential for historic, scenic, and/or recreational trails to be created in Texas and to identify potential partners to promote local and regional preservation efforts related to the trails studied.



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TRAIL REGIONS



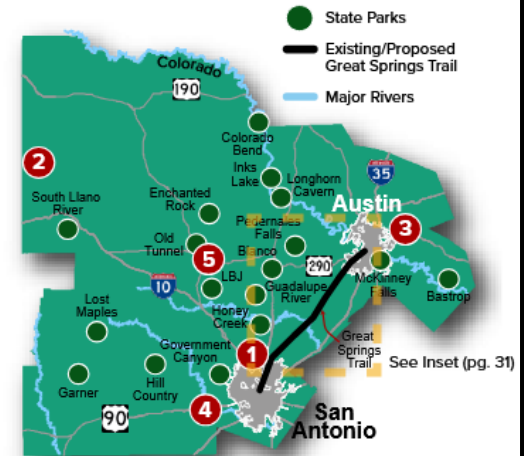
For purposes of this study, Texas is divided into the six regions that best align with Texas Park and Wildlife Department's State Park regions.

REGION 3 CENTRAL TEXAS

Region 3 is located in Central Texas and is primarily comprised of the following eco-regions: Edwards Plateau, Texas Blackland Prairie, and a small portion of Southern Texas Plain. Major cities in this region include Austin and San Antonio. One of the regional trail efforts in this region includes the proposed Great Springs Project (see page 31).

State Historic Sites

- 1 Casa Navarro, San Antonio
- 2 Fort McKavett, near Menard
- 3 French Legation, Austin
- 4 Landmark Inn, Castroville
- 5 National Museum of the Pacific War, Fredericksburg



PUBLIC INPUT

ROUND ROCK CITIZENS WANT THEIR CITY TO HAVE ONE OF THE BEST TRAILS SYSTEMS IN THE ENTIRE STATE²⁷ **80%**

REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

Several municipalities within the Central Texas region indicated a particular desire for improved local and regional trail connectivity, especially to connect various areas of their cities and parks²⁷



Texas Trail Study - December 2022

Trail Users and Trail Types



Source: Travel Texas

HIKERS

Hikers typically utilize trails for recreation purposes, especially trails in natural settings.



WALKERS AND RUNNERS

Walkers and runners may find trail networks an ideal setting for fitness, sport, and leisure.



Source: TPWD

PEOPLE/PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Many trail systems accommodate trail users who utilize a walker, wheelchair, stroller, or similar wheeled assistive device.



Source: Travel Texas

EQUESTRIAN RIDERS

Equestrian users, or horseback riders, may use trails for recreational use.



Source: TPWD

CYCLISTS

General cyclists may feel most comfortable riding in parks, along shared- and multi-use paths, or on-street in neighborhoods with low traffic. There is increasing use of e-bikes.



Source: TPWD

MOUNTAIN BIKERS

Mountain bikers will typically utilize trails found in large natural settings and programmed specifically for off-road cycling.

Health Snapshots



STATE HEALTH RANKING

31st

HEALTHIEST STATE IN THE UNITED STATES⁵

YOUTH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN TEXAS

79%

OF TEXAS YOUTH FAIL TO MEET THE RECOMMENDED DAILY 60+ MINUTES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY⁶

ADULT PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IN TEXAS



PADDLERS

Some trails systems include coastal and inland paddling trails which accommodate stand-up paddle boarders, canoers, and kayakers, and sometimes boats.



Source: TxDOT

IN-LINE SKATERS AND SKATEBOARDERS

Paved multi-use trails that accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists are likely to attract in-line skaters and skateboarders as well.



Source: Barnwell Mountain Recreation Area






OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE / MOTORIZED USERS

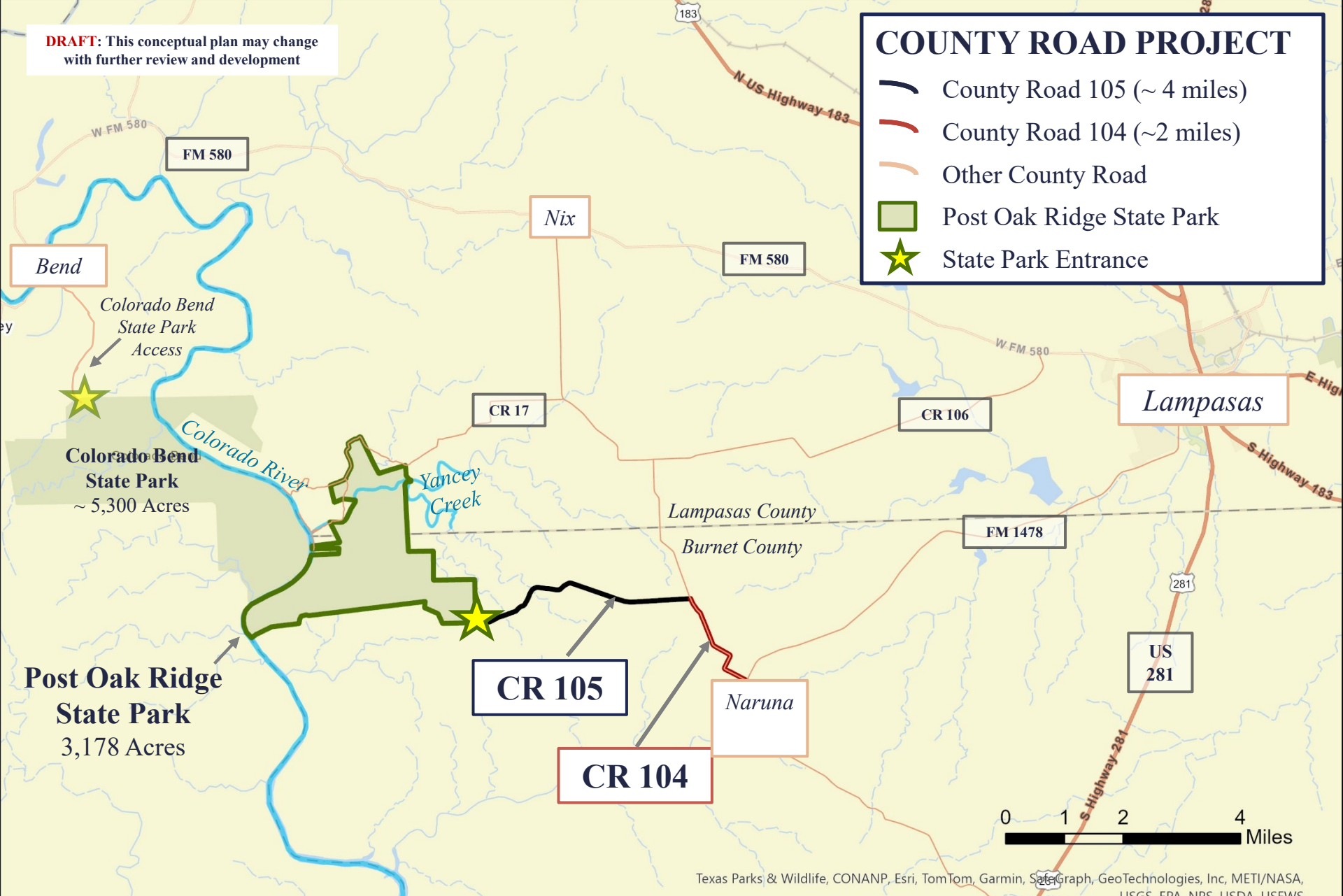
Some natural trail systems may be designed for motorized users on a variety of vehicles, which may include all-terrain vehicles or off-road motor bikes.



DRAFT: This conceptual plan may change with further review and development

COUNTY ROAD PROJECT

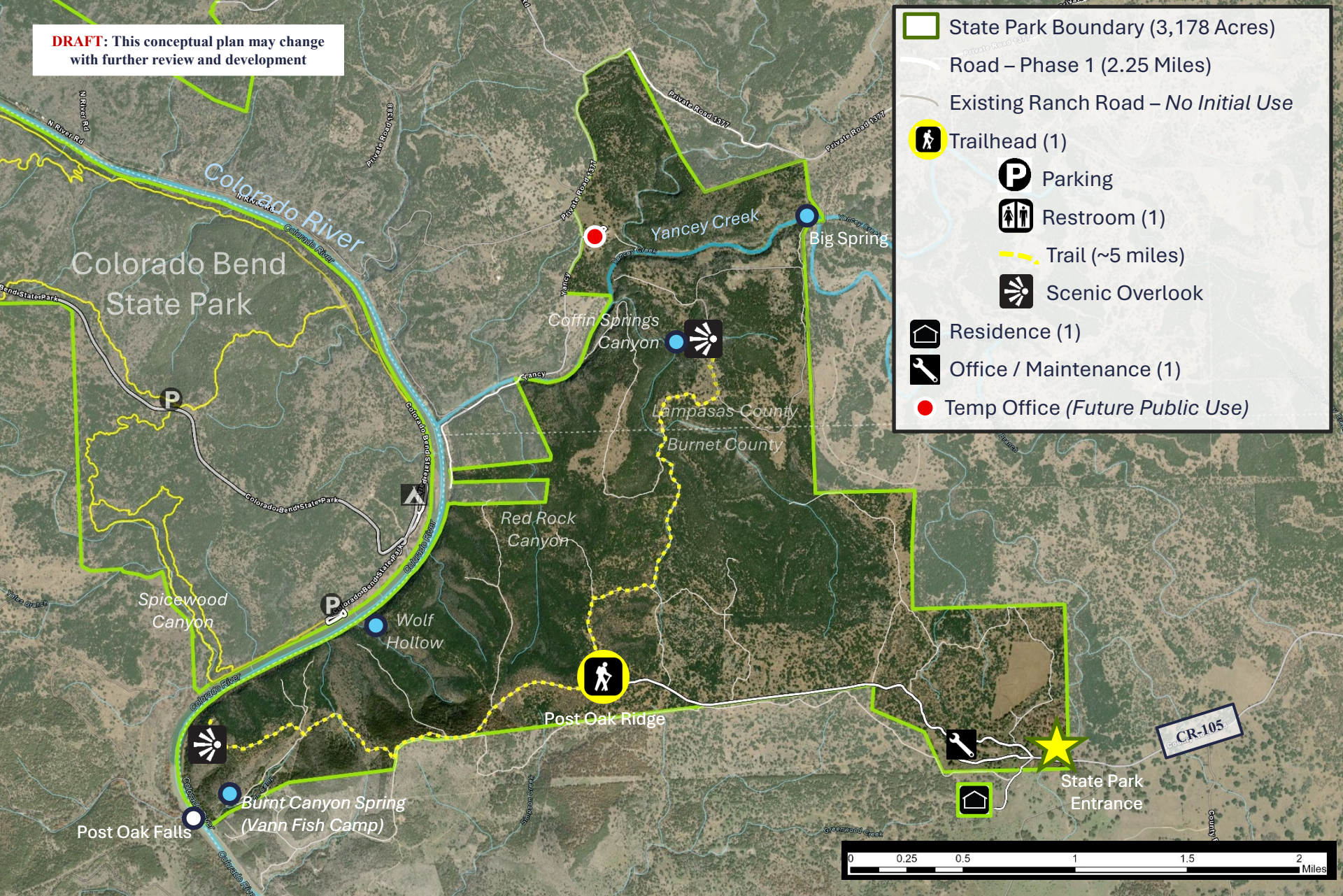
-  County Road 105 (~ 4 miles)
-  County Road 104 (~2 miles)
-  Other County Road
-  Post Oak Ridge State Park
-  State Park Entrance



Texas Parks & Wildlife, CONANP, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, StateGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, USDA, USEWS



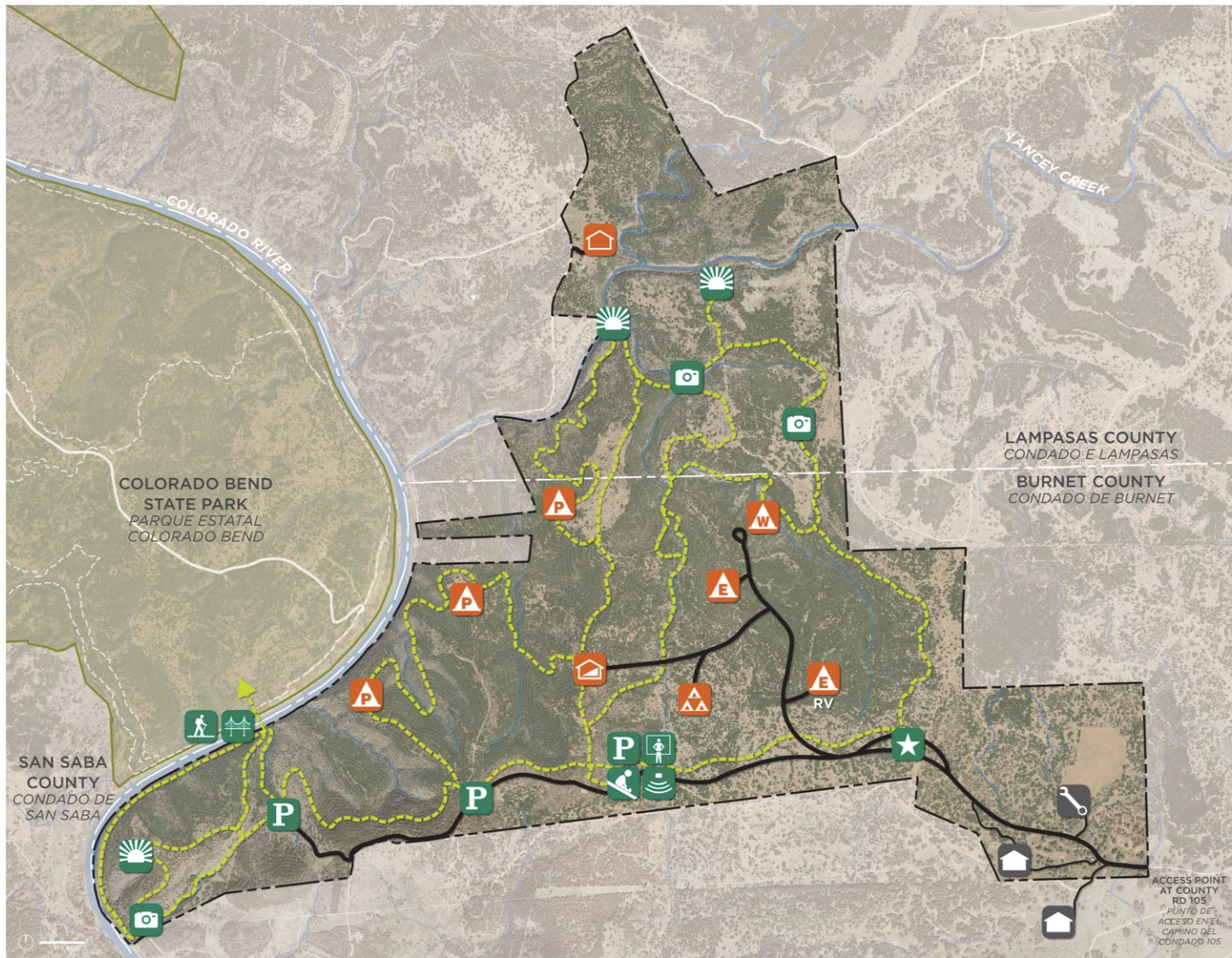
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LEGEND / LEYENDA

- Colorado Bend State Park / Parque Estatal Colorado Bend
- Roads - 9.5 mi / Caminos - 9.5 millas
- Trails - 24.5 mi / Senderos - 24.5 millas

OPERATIONS / OPERACIONES

- Staff Residence / Residencia del personal
- Maintenance / Mantenimiento

DAY USE / USO DE DÍA

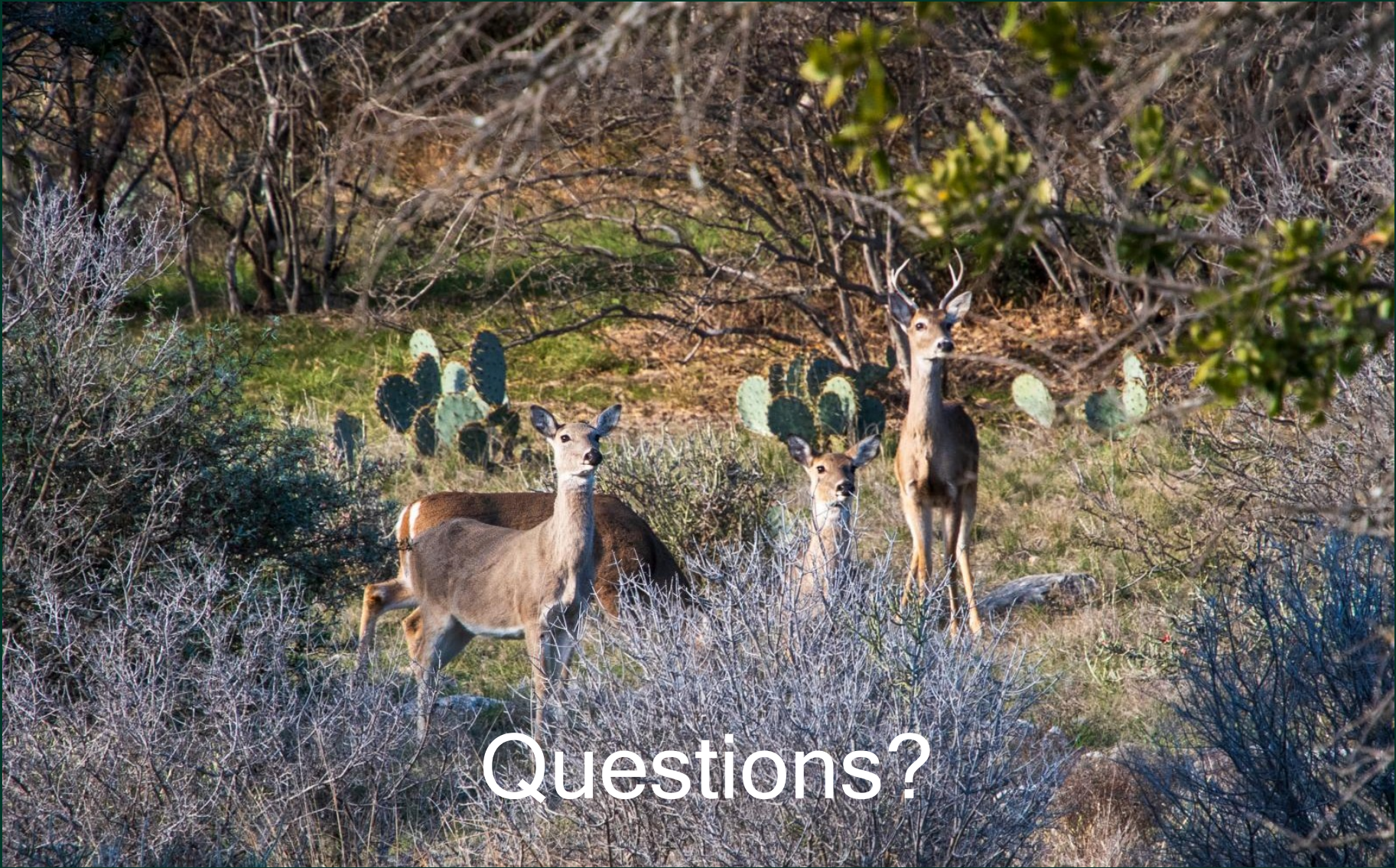
- Scenic Overlook / Vista panorámica
- Point of Interest / Punto de interés
- Headquarters / Oficinas administrativas
- Parking / Estacionamiento
- Nature Center / Centro natural
- Playground / Área de juegos
- Amphitheater / Anfiteatro
- Bridge / Puente
- Low Water Crossing / Cruce de aguas bajas

OVERNIGHT / VISITA DE NOCHE

- Campsites - Water & Electric / Sitios para acampar - agua y electricidad
- Campsites - Water / Sitios para acampar - agua
- Campsites - Primitive / Sitios para acampar - rupestre
- Group Camp / Campamento grupal
- Mini-Cabins / Mini-cabañas
- Yancey Creek House / Casa Yancey Creek

ACCESS POINT
AT COUNTY
RD 105
PUNTO DE
ACCESO EN EL
CAMINO DEL
CONDADO DE
105





Questions?



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Thank you for your SUPPORT, EXPERTIZE & PASSION



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Item #10

Transportation Grants

Transportation Grants

The following list of Transportation Grants have been compiled as a resource for KTMP regional partners.

1. (BUILD) Grant Program (FY 2026)

- **Program Status:** Open (Competitive). **Application Deadline:** February 24, 2026 (5:00 PM ET). **Funding Limits:** \$1M–\$25M (Rural) | \$5M–\$25M (Urban) | No minimum for Planning.
- **Overview**
 - Provider: Department of Transportation (DOT) via IIJA Funds.
 - Purpose: To fund surface transportation projects that have a significant local or regional impact and support national goals.
 - Selection Timeline: Awards are expected to be announced by June 28, 2026.
- **Eligible Project Types**
- *The Secretary may fund any surface transportation project necessary to advance program goals, including:*
 - Road & Rail: Highway and bridge projects, passenger rail, and freight rail.
 - Transit & Intermodal: Public transportation and intermodal projects.
 - Maritime & Aviation: Port infrastructure (including inland and land ports) and surface transportation components of airport projects.
 - Specialized Infrastructure: Projects on Tribal land, culvert replacement/rehabilitation, and stormwater runoff prevention for habitat improvement.
- https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2025-12/FY_2026_BUILD_NOFO_Final.pdf

2. All-Electric Vehicle & Equipment Program

- **Program Status:** Open (First-come, first-served). **Application Deadline:** August 31, 2026 (5:00 PM CST). **Available Funding:** ~\$29.7 Million remaining (\$109.2M Total Portfolio).
- **Overview**
 - Provider: Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP) via TCEQ.
 - Purpose: To repower or replace older diesel vehicles and equipment with all-electric models to reduce emissions.
- **Eligible Project Categories**
- *To qualify, applicants must replace/repower models from the following categories:*
 - Large Trucks: Class 8 Local Freight and Port Drayage Trucks (Model Years 1992–2009).
 - Buses: Class 4-8 School, Shuttle, and Transit Buses (School buses must be 2009 or older).
 - Medium Trucks: Class 4-7 Local Freight Trucks (Model Years 1992–2009).
 - Specialized Equipment: * Airport Ground Support: Tugs, stair trucks, and forklifts (Tier 0–2 diesel).
 - Port Cargo Handling: Forklifts and handling equipment (8,000+ lb lift capacity).
 - Freight Switchers: Locomotives moving rail cars within a yard (Pre-Tier 4).

- Infrastructure: Additional funding is available for electric or hydrogen refueling stations when paired with a vehicle purchase.
- <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/trust/all-electric>

3. State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Loan

- **Program Status:** Open (Currently accepting applications). **Application Deadline:** Last Monday of every month. **Funding Limits:** Up to **\$58M per project** | Up to **\$116M per borrower**.
- **Overview**
 - Provider: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).
 - Purpose: To provide innovative, low-interest financing to help communities accelerate infrastructure needs.
- **Eligible Project Costs**
- *SIB funds cover costs incidental to construction/reconstruction, including:*
 - Pre-Construction: Engineering, design, environmental studies, and legal/financial fees.
 - Acquisition: Right-of-Way (ROW) and utility relocation.
 - Construction: On-system or off-system work, inspections, and construction engineering.
 - Local Support: Local match requirements, joint bid contributions (AFA), and rising cost contingencies.
- <https://www.txdot.gov/business/grants-and-funding/state-infrastructure-bank.html>

4. EDA Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA)

- **Program Status:** Open (Rolling/Ongoing—No Deadline) **Funding Limits:** \$100,000 (Floor) to \$30M (Ceiling) **Match Requirement:** Typically 50% (can be as low as 20% for severely distressed areas)
- **Overview**
 - **Provider:** Economic Development Administration (EDA).
 - **Purpose:** To help distressed communities upgrade physical infrastructure to attract new industry and create long-term, private-sector jobs.
 - **Key Feature:** This is a **rolling application**; there is no fixed deadline. They review applications as they come in until the money is gone.
- **Eligible Transportation Uses**
 - **Construction:** Roads, bridges, rail spurs, and port improvements that serve a specific economic hub.
 - **Planning:** Technical assistance or design for infrastructure that supports regional competitiveness.
 - **Non-Construction:** Revolving loan funds (RLF) or strategy grants for economic recovery.
- <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/346815>

5. EDA Disaster Recovery

- **Program Status:** Open (Rolling/Ongoing applications) **Available Funding:** \$1.45 Billion (FY 2025/2026 Supplemental) **Key Requirement:** Must align with a **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)**.
- **Overview**
 - **Provider:** Economic Development Administration (EDA).
 - **Purpose:** To support long-term economic recovery and resilience in regions impacted by natural disasters through strategic planning and infrastructure construction.
 - **Lead Role:** EDA acts as the lead agency for the **Economic Recovery Support Function (ERSF)** under the National Disaster Recovery Framework.
- **Eligible Project Types**
- *The EDA funds both "hard" and "soft" infrastructure aimed at job creation:*
 - **Construction:** Public works projects such as water/sewer systems, **access roads**, and industrial park improvements.
 - **Strategic Planning:** Developing economic recovery strategies and disaster resilience plans.
 - **Business Support:** Rebuilding business districts and creating economic opportunities to bolster employment.
 - **Resilience:** Projects designed to help communities "withstand and recover" from future catastrophic incidents.

<https://www.eda.gov/strategic-initiatives/disaster-recovery>

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

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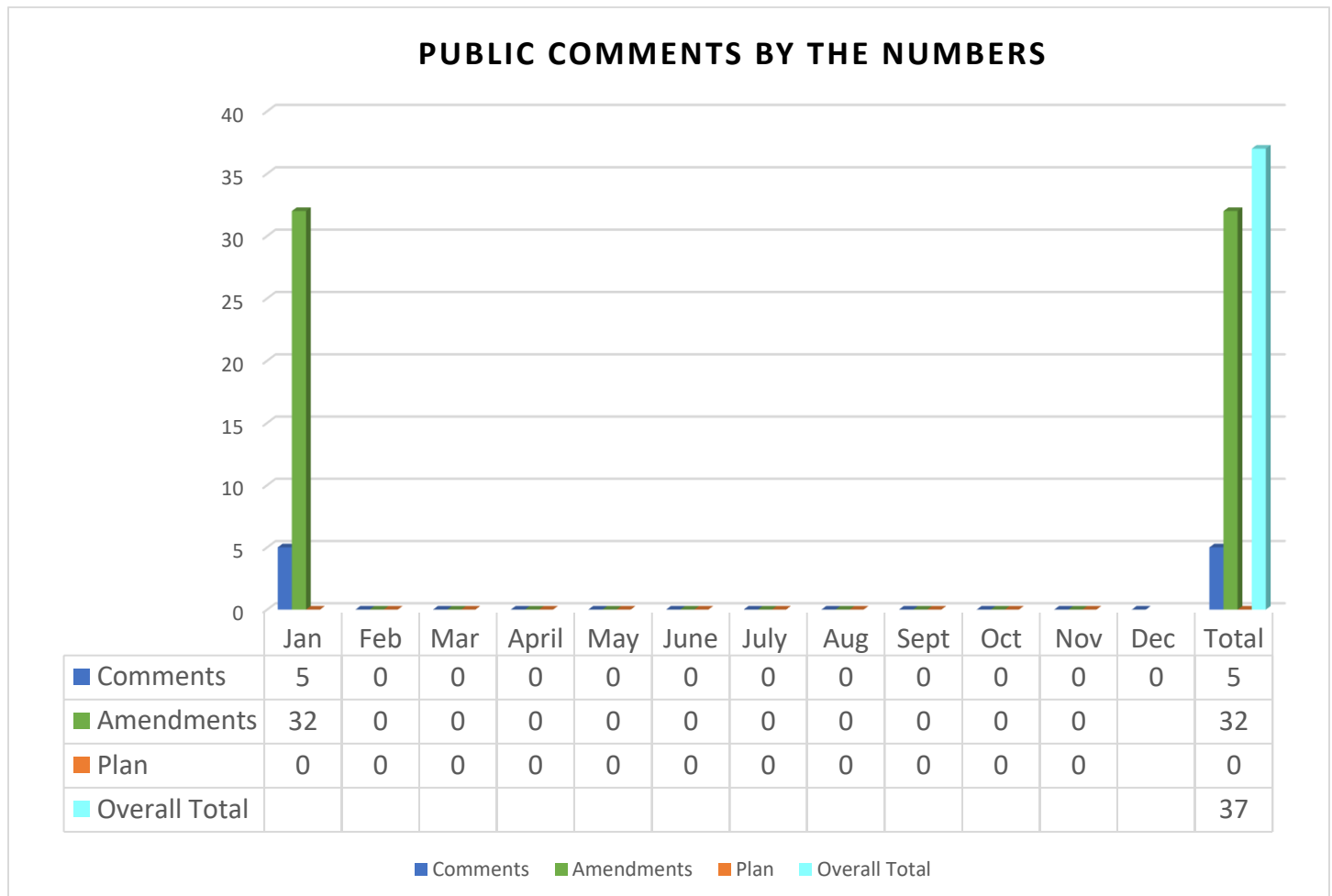
Public Input

Public Input Received through the Previous Month

KTMPO has been collecting public comments received online, via emails, public meetings, workshops, community activities, social media platforms, 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.

Survey responses and public comments submitted for the proposed Amendments to the FY25–28 TIP and the 2050 MTP Project Listing are included in the graph metrics.

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



Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Public Comments							
2026							
Date Received	Source	Topic	Jurisdiction	Comment	Is the Project in the 2050 MTP?	KTMPO Response	Name
1/29/2026	Social Media	Bike/Ped	KTMPO	Location of the Post Oak Ridge State Park presentation.	No	Staff provided the three ways to attend the meeting and moved the information up on the post.	J.O
1/10/2026	Public Comment Period	Safety	City of Copperas Cove	Wolf Road needs lighting and sidewalks	No	Thank you for your comment regarding sidewalks and roadway safety. We recognize the importance of safety in all transportation planning efforts. While this specific project is not included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), your comment has been noted and will be forwarded to the appropriate local jurisdiction for their review.	C.C
1/13/2026	Social Media	I-14 Extension: I-35 Improvements from Belton to Temple	TxDOT - Waco	"This was presented at the property owner meeting in 2024" [schematic Segment 1 Existing and Proposed Typical Sections along I-35]	Yes	KTMPO provided two responses to Ms. Bieb. In the first response, KTMPO thanked her for commenting on the post, clarified that the organization was promoting the TxDOT public meeting, and stated that KTMPO could not confirm project details because the project was believed not to be included in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) or Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The response also directed her to TxDOT for further information and provided a point of contact. In the second response, KTMPO provided clarification that the project is in fact included in the 2050 MTP and TIP, listed the relevant MPO project identification numbers, and invited Ms. Bieb to contact the MPO directly for additional information. - <i>Summarized</i>	K.B.
1/13/2026	Email Phone Website	Public Transit	HCTD CTRTAG	I am reaching out because I have several employees who work at Fort Hood and are having a difficult time accessing reliable transportation. I would love to schedule a call with a staff member to review how the HOP works, requesting rides, etc.	No	My apologies for the delay in responding to your email. Thank you for reaching out—it's always a pleasure to connect with folks working to help their clients access transportation options. I'd like to add you to our quarterly meetings invite, so you can receive first hand updates about transit activities in our region. Even if you're unable to attend, you'll still receive the information we share. Tomorrow, I'll also send an email introducing you to the HCTD staff. How does that sound and if you want to go in a different direction, please let me know. <i>Thanks again.</i>	R.H.
1/13/2026	Other	Road/Highway Project	TxDOT - Brownwood	Andrew of Will Scott called to find out if the construction project to US 190 & 2536 Big Divide has been awarded.	No	Staff provided information so Andrew could self refer to Brownwood District first and then Waco District. Respondent mentioned he had the point of contacts for those districts.	Andrew

Item #12

Staff Update



February 11, 2026

Staff Update

- a) Webinars

Listed below are the upcoming KTMPO meetings:

Date	Meeting
February 11, 2026	Active Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
February 18, 2026	Transportation Planning Policy Board Meeting
March 4, 2026	Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
March 24, 2026	Transportation Planning Policy Board Meeting

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).

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Item #13

Member Comments and Updates on Community Activities



February 11, 2026

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Agenda Item # 13

Member Comments and Updates on Community Activities

As we move into spring, longer days and renewed energy are bringing fresh momentum across the region. Like new sprouts emerging after winter, the continued efforts invested in active transportation are taking root and beginning to flourish.

This season presents an ideal opportunity to highlight and support the work of ATAC members who promote community wellness through organized runs, bike races, and recreational events. These activities not only encourage active transportation and healthy lifestyles, but also serve as valuable platforms for engaging the public in conversations about mobility, safety, and accessibility as families look for ways to get outside and stay active.

Action Needed: No action needed; for discussion only.

Meeting Attendance

ATAC Meeting Membership Attendance for FY24-FY26											
Entity Interest	Name	Date Appointed	3/13/2024	6/12/2024	9/11/2024	12/11/2024	2/12/2025	5/14/2025	8/13/2025	11/12/2025	
Pedestrian Interest	Kara Escajeda, Chair (11/12/2023)	Sep-24	N/A	N/A	-	M	-	M	M	M	
City of Belton	Joe Dyer, Vice Chair (6/24)	Nov-23	M	M	M	-	M	-	M	M	
Cycling Interest	Geary McCabe	Dec-23	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	
Cycling Interest	Keller Matthews	Dec-23	M	-	M	M	M	M	M	M	
Cycling Interest	Chad Welch	Dec-23	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	P	
City of Temple	Jason Deckman	Mar-21	M	O	O	M	M	M	-	M	
City of Copperas Cove	Jeff Stoddard	Dec-23	-	-	M	-	M	M	-	-	
City of Notanville	Tersa Chandler	Jun-24	-	O	O	M	O	O	-	O	
Fort Hood	Gene Roberts	Dec-23	M	M	M	-	M	O	O	-	
Hill Country Transit District	James Wickham	Dec-24	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	O	O	O	O	
TxDOT Waco District	Racheal Perry	Feb-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	O	O	O	P	
City of Harker Heights	Amy Atkins	Feb-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	-	O	O	O	
Other: Running Events	KD Hill w/Barrow Brewing	Feb-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	O	O	-	
Other: Economic Development	Holly Owens	Feb-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	-	O	-	
Youth Interest	Lauren Morrell	May-25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	M	-	
Equestrian Interest	Vacant		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Pedestrian Interest	Vacant		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Municipality	Vacant		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
County	Vacant		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Other	Vacant		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

Attendance Legend	
Member	M
Proxy	P
Online	O
Provided Advanced Notice	-
Not Present	-

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Members				
Interest	Entity	Name	Number	Email
Municipality	City of Belton	Vice-Chair , Joe Dyer	(254) 317-0687	jdyer@beltontexas.gov
Municipality	City of Copperas Cove	Jeff Stoddard	(254) 542-2719	jestoddard@copperascovetx.gov
Municipality	City of Harker Heights	Amy Atkins	(254) 953-5657	aatkins@harkerheights.gov
Municipality	VACANT	VACANT		
Municipality	City of Nolanville	Teresa Chandler	(254) 551-6622	tchandler@nolanvilletx.gov
Municipality	City of Temple	Jason Deckman	(254) 298-5668	jdeckman@templetx.gov
Fort Hood	Fort Hood	VACANT		
TxDOT Waco District	TxDOT Waco District	VACANT		
Public Transit	HCTD	James Wickham	(254) 933-3700	jwickham@takethehop.com
County Government	VACANT	VACANT		
Cycling	VACANT	VACANT		
Cycling	Sun Country Cycling	Geary McCabe	(254) 447-7793	geary.mccabe@gmail.com
Cycling	Citizen Rep.	Keller Matthews		kellbiker@gmail.com
Pedestrian	Citizen Rep.	Chair , Kara Escajeda		Kara.Escajeda@tpwd.texas.gov
Pedestrian	VACANT	VACANT		
Equestrian	VACANT	VACANT		
Youth	Citizen Rep.	Lauren Morrell	(315) 405-2504	laurenmorrell84@gmail.com
Other: Economic Development	City of Gatesville	Holly Owens	(254) 290-0545	howens@gatesvilletx.com
Other: Running Events	Barrow Brewing	KD Hill	(254) 947-3544	kd@barrowbrewing.com
Other	VACANT	VACANT		

KTMPO Contacts, Acronyms, and Terms

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Commonly Used Transportation Related Acronyms and Terms

Organizations	Terms
KTMPPO	TMA
Killeen – Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization	Transportation Management Area
TPPB (KTMPPO)	MAP - 21
Transportation Planning Policy Board	Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21 st Century (legislation replaced SAFETEA-LU in July 2012)
TAC (KTMPPO)	SAFETEA – LU
Technical Advisory Committee	Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act
FHWA	MPO
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration	Metropolitan Planning Organization
FTA	UPWP
U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration	Unified Planning Work Program
TxDOT	MTP
Texas Department of Transportation	Metropolitan Transportation Plan
TCEQ	TIP
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Transportation Improvement Program
TTI	STIP
Texas A&M Transportation Institute	Statewide Transportation Improvement Program
CTCOG	STP-MM
Central Texas Council of Governments	Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility
HCTD or “The HOP”	TAP
Hill Country Transit District	Transportation Alternatives Program
CTRTAG	UTP
Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group	Unified Transportation Program
BPAC	CMAQ
Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program
	UA or UZA
	Urbanized Area
	EJ or “Title VI”
	Environmental Justice
	CMP
	Congestion Management Process
	ITS
	Intelligent Transportation Systems
	NAAQS
	National Ambient Air Quality Standards

A comprehensive listing with definitions is available under Transportation Planning Resources at www.ktmppo.org. Pages 61-65 of the publication “The Transportation Planning Process... is a great resource for commonly used Transportation terms.

End of Packet
