

Killeen Temple TMA Certification Review

PLANNING REVIEW - PUBLIC INPUT MEETING
APRIL 15, 2026 5:00-6:00PM
CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BUILDING
2180 N. MAIN STREET, BELTON

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD MARCH 23 – MAY 22, 2026



U.S. Department of Transportation
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AGENDA



INTRODUCTION



FEDERAL REVIEW
PROCESS



MPO PLANNING
PROCESS



PUBLIC
COMMENT



Meet the Team

Federal Highway Administration (Texas Division)

- Kirk D. Fauver
- Yvette Chacon

Federal Transit Administration (Region 6)

- Tony Ogboli

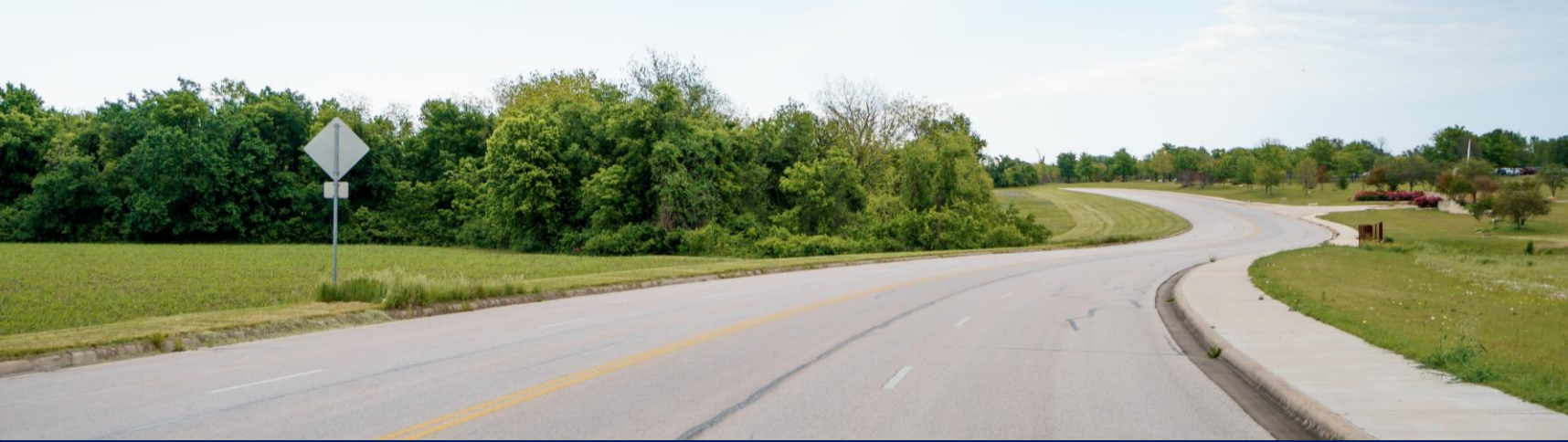


Meet the Team

Killeen-Temple MPO

- Uryan Nelson
- Kendra Coufal
- Anita Janke
- Callie Tullos
- Tay Floy
- David Lopez
- Ashlynn Uschek
- David Rodriguez





Why are we here?

Every 4 years FTA and FHWA jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning process for those areas with over 200,000 population

Part of this review includes seeking public input





Why Does This Matter to You?

It helps ensure that federal transportation dollars continue flowing to our region by confirming that KTMPO follows all required federal planning rules. It helps assess how well local agencies, such as Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), State Departments of Transportation (DOTs), and public transportation operators, work together in planning and delivering transportation projects.

It also makes sure your voice is included in transportation decisions and supports improvements to roads, transit, sidewalks, and overall safety giving decision-makers have the information they need to make informed investment choices.



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Federal Review Process



DESK AUDIT



SITE VISIT



FINAL REPORT

The review process helps identify strengths, challenges, and opportunities for improving the planning process, ensuring that transportation investments align with local, state, and federal goals.



Timeline of Review



JANUARY 15
KICKOFF MEETING



JANUARY, FEBRUARY,
MARCH
MONTHLY INTERAGENCY
COORDINATION
MEETINGS



MARCH 23
PUBLIC
COMMENT
PERIOD BEGINS



APRIL 15-16TH
SITE VISIT & PUBLIC
MEETING



MAY 22
PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIOD ENDS



MAY - JUNE
DRAFT & SHARE
REPORT



JULY
ISSUE REPORT &
CERTIFICATION



What is the Outcome of this Review?

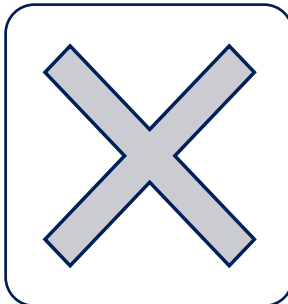
23 CFR 450.336(b)



Certified



Certified subject to corrective actions



Not Certified



What Happens During the Review?

- Federal agencies review documents
 - Meet with KTMPO staff and partners
 - Hold a public meeting for comments
 - Issue a report with findings and recommendations



Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

(23 CFR Part 450)

What is the Planning Process?

- A process by which transportation decisions are made and projects are planned, selected and prioritized for implementation within the region.

Why is it important?

- Decides how a substantial share of Federal funding is spent nationwide.
- The process lays the framework for the future transportation system.

Who is involved?

- MPO
- State and Federal Department(s) of Transportation
- Public Transportation Operator(s)
- Local Jurisdictions (cities, counties)
- Local Citizens
- Interest Groups

How?

- 3-C Approach:
 - Continuing
 - Cooperative
 - Comprehensive
- Multimodal
- Public Input



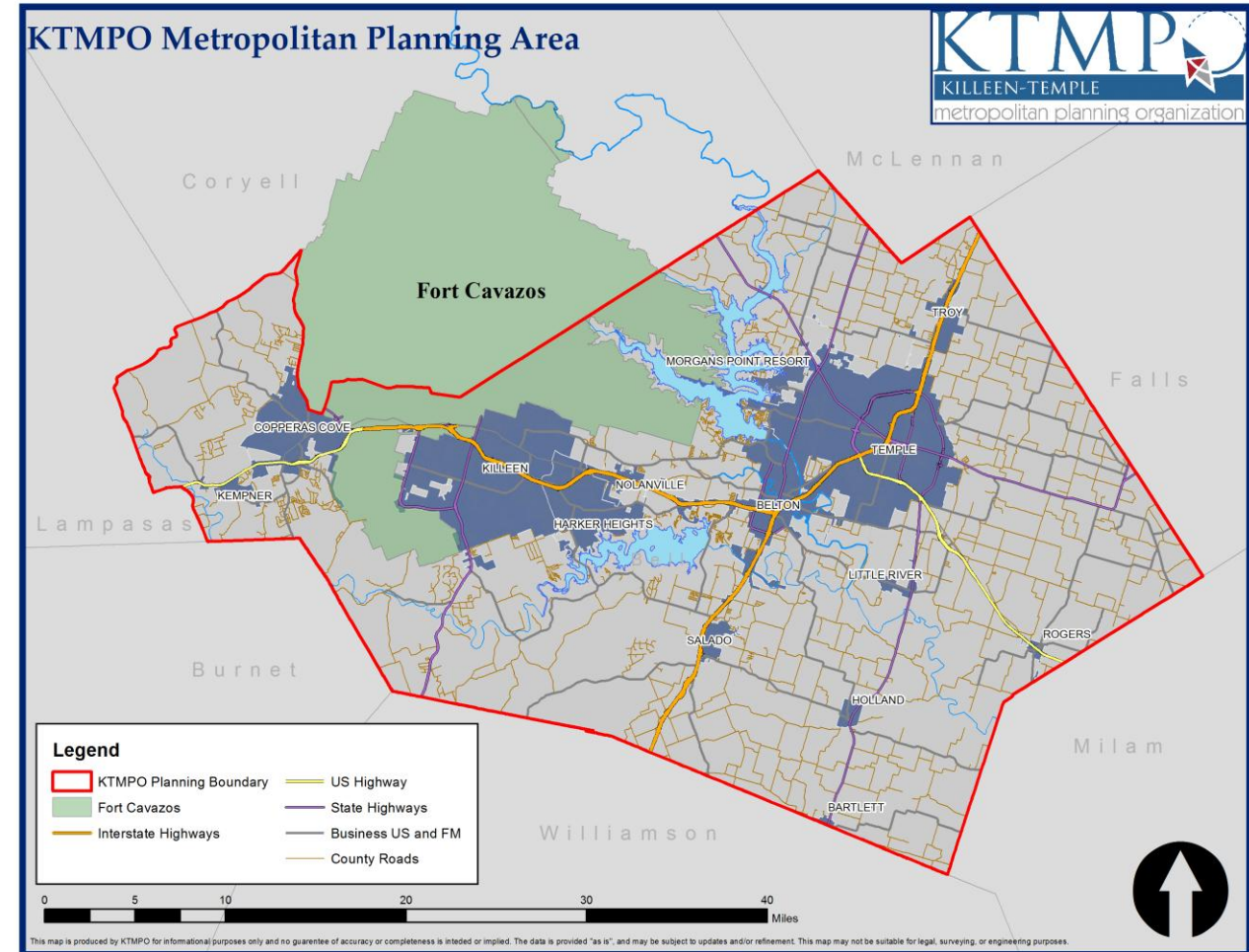
What is Regional Transportation Planning?

The Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO), staffed by the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG), conducts a wide range of transportation planning activities for the Killeen-Temple urbanized area. As the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region, KTMPO's work is primarily funded through the federally authorized Metropolitan Planning Program and is overseen by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). KTMPO staff work collaboratively with federal, state, and local partners to promote informed decision-making and strategic investments in the region's transportation system—addressing both current demands and long-term mobility needs.



The MPO is responsible for carrying out a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process. The KTMPO boundary covers all of Bell County, parts of Coryell and Lampasas counties, portions of Fort Cavazos and encompasses the following cities: Bartlett, Belton, Copperas Cove, Harker Heights, Holland, Kempner, Killeen, Little River-Academy, Morgan's Point Resort, Nolanville, Rogers, Salado, Temple, and Troy.

Where Will the Review Cover?



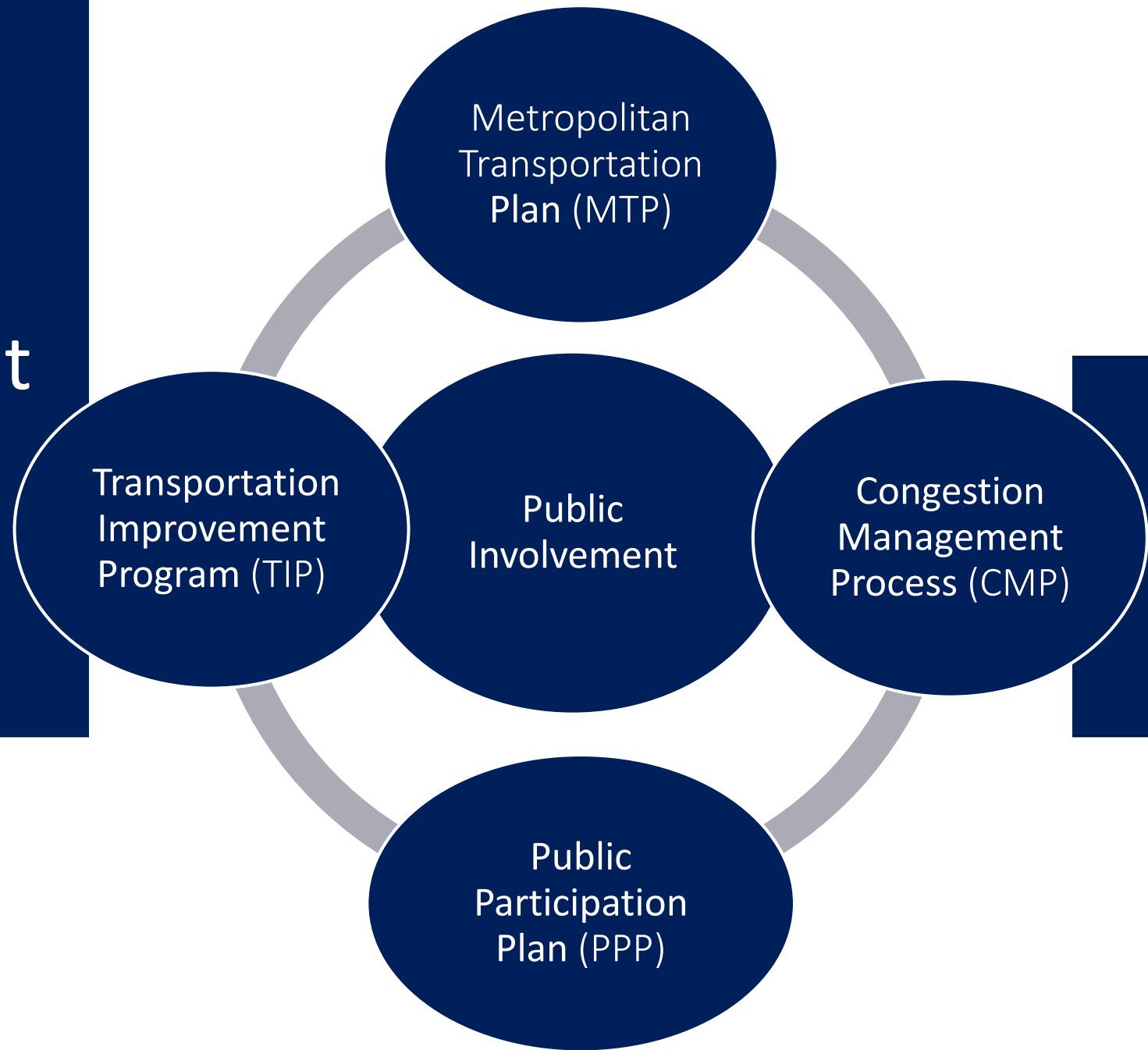
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Regulatory Basis



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How do the products fit together?



Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

(23 CFR Part 450)

Products of the Process

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Uniform Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Congestion Management Process (CMP)
- Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
- Public Participation Plan (PPP)



Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)



2050 MTP

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is the 25-year document that outlines the state of current transportation, projects future needs, and offers projects and other methods for keeping the people and freight in the KTMPO region moving efficiently.

- [23 CFR 450.324 Development and content of the metropolitan transportation plan](#)



Call for Projects

- KTMPO staff meet with local jurisdictions and transit agencies to determine the status of current projects and discuss the need for new projects.
- Project sponsor completes project application that includes purpose and need of project, project description, cost estimates, location maps and phasing estimates.
- Projects are scored, ranked, and prioritized.
- KTMPO staff prepare fiscally constrained project list utilizing prioritized list of projects.
- KTMPO Technical Advisory Committee reviews fiscally constrained prioritized list of projects.
- Recommended projects undergo public review.
- KTMPO Policy Board reviews recommended list of projects and public comments, and approves final list to be incorporated into the MTP.



Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)



2025 – 2028

TIP

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is the four-year transportation planning document that includes a detailed listing of projects reasonably expected to begin construction within a four-year period. The TIP is updated every two years. Projects included in the TIP must also be included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and are chosen based on regional priority and available funding.

- [23 CFR 450.326 Development and content of the transportation improvement program](#)



TIP

Annual Listing of Obligated Projects

- Obtain Information from current plans, TxDOT and Transit Operator
- Staff review
- Share with TAC / TPPB

Self Certification for TIP

- Staff verifies the Self Certification checklist is up to date with partners
- A new checklist is presented to the Board during TIP adoption
- Self Certification checklist is signed & included in each TIP amendment packet



Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)



2026 – 2027

UPWP

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) provides descriptive and scheduling details for the MPO's planning process. It serves as a base document for carrying on the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in the Killeen-Temple urbanized area. The UPWP includes a 2-year budget plan for MPO planning dollars and outlines estimated planning funds to be received by the MPO over the 2-year planning period.

- [450.308 Funding for transportation planning and unified planning work programs.](#)



Congestion Management Process (CMP)



CMP

The Congestion Management Process (CMP) is a systematic approach for managing congestion that provides accurate, up-to-date information on transportation system performance and assess alternative strategies for congestion management that meet state and local needs.

- [23 CFR 450.322 Congestion management process in transportation management areas](#)
- [23 CFR 450.324 Development and content of the metropolitan transportation plan](#)



Regional Multimodal Plan (RMP)



[2018 RMP](#)

The Regional Multimodal Plan (RMP) is the MPO's planning document that seeks to incorporate and integrate multiple modes of travel into the current transportation system that has historically been automobile dominant. The plan looks at how to better adapt to the changing modes of transportation and shift the focus from primarily automobiles to all modes of travel.



Transportation Safety Planning



SAFETY ACTION PLAN

The Central Texas Roadway Safety Action Plan identifies transportation safety needs and recommendations for Central Texas, in partnership with member cities, counties, and other regional transportation authorities. Over the five years from 2018-2022, there were 406 fatalities and 1,594 incapacitating injuries from crashes on Central Texas roadways.

- [23 CFR 450.306 Scope of the metropolitan transportation planning process](#)
- [23 U.S.C. 148 Highway safety improvement program](#)



Public Engagement Plan (PEP)



PEP

The Public Engagement Plan (PEP) serves as the official policy document and toolkit for board members, advisory committees, staff and the public.

The public engagement process begins and ends with you in mind. KTMPO intentionally designed each section of this plan to connect with you, your points of view and interests, and your comments about specific transportation issues and concerns that may otherwise be unknown.

- [450.316 Interested parties, participation, and consultation.](#)



Title VI Plan



[TITLE IV PLAN](#)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in any program or activity that receives Federal funds or other Federal financial assistance. As a recipient of Federal transportation funds, KTMPO is required to create and implement a Title VI program for compliance purposes. The Title VI Plan provides an overview of the organization and details how the Title VI program will be implemented by KTMPO.

- [49 CFR 21 Nondiscrimination in Federally-Assisted Programs of the \[USDOT\]](#)



Freight Planning



FREIGHT

Freight along the IH 35 corridor has increased dramatically due to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) from points south of the region originating in Mexico via Laredo and Brownsville. NAFTA has also caused increased port activity resulting in the movement of goods from Corpus Christi, Galveston, Houston, and Beaumont. Central Texas will continue to experience increased cargo movement via truck, rail and air in the foreseeable future. As a major connector for national transportation systems, infrastructure in Central Texas is critical to the effective movement of goods and services. As a truck and rail corridor, KTMPO services the markets that connect Canada, United States & Mexico, including the Houston to Dallas, and Dallas to San Antonio markets in between.

- [23 CFR 450.306 Scope of the metropolitan transportation planning process](#)



Air Quality



AIR QUALITY

The MPO is currently in attainment of all air quality standards.

- [40 CFR Part 51 — Requirements for Preparation, Adoption, and Submittal of Implementation Plans](#)
- [40 CFR Part 93 — Determining Conformity of Federal Actions to State or Federal Implementation Plans](#)
- [23 CFR § 450.324 — Development and content of the metropolitan transportation plan](#)



We want to hear from you!

Comments?

Do you have an adequate opportunity to participate in the MPO Transportation Planning Process?

Have you been involved in the MPO Transportation Planning Process?

What are your views of the process?



Contact Us!



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**Federal Highway
Administration**

Share any additional comments at our
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The deadline to provide public comments
to FHWA Texas Division and FTA Region 6
is by **May 22, 2026**