



Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

Scorecard and TMA Planning Certification Report

Public Comment Period

March 16, 2026 - May 22, 2026

Following the close of the public comment period, the finalized Scorecard and TMA Planning Certification Report will be incorporated into the front section of the Public Involvement Plan. This placement provides readers and decision-makers with immediate access to key performance measures, outcomes, and public engagement results.



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Scorecard

SCORECARD

Survey: Planning Better Roads: Federal Review



Key Performance Indicators:

The post generated 887 views and 32 total engagements, including 5 reactions, 20 clicks, and 7 shares, resulting in an engagement rate of 3.61%.

The post generated audience engagement and increased awareness of the survey opportunity through views, clicks, reactions, and shares. While this interest did not translate into survey completions, the post was well received by those who interacted with it. Notably, there were no negative comments or adverse reactions, which is meaningful given the often-divisive nature of transportation funding and public policy discussions.

KTMPO received three survey responses during the Federal Certification Review outreach effort. Respondents demonstrated a strong understanding of KTMPO's role and high recognition of the agency's branding and service area. Feedback regarding KTMPO's transportation planning and public involvement process was overwhelmingly positive, with two respondents rating the process as "Excellent" and one rating it as "Good." The results suggest that participants are generally aware of KTMPO's mission, support its planning values, and have a favorable perception of its public engagement efforts.

There were no public comments received.

Public Meeting:



Key Performance Indicators:

The social media post generated 457 views and 12 total engagements, including 5 reactions, 3 clicks, and 4 shares, resulting in an overall engagement rate of 2.63%.

The number of shares indicates that the content resonated with viewers and was considered worth sharing. In addition, the post garnered one new follower.

About 34 participants representing regional transit, bicycle-pedestrian advocates, city and county leaders, economic development agencies, public housing authorities, school system, TxDOT district and regional planner, as well as FHWA and FTA attended this one-hour discussion.

Conclusion:

Overall, the Federal Certification Review outreach effort effectively increased awareness of KTMP and generated meaningful engagement among both the public and key stakeholders. Social media outreach generated a combined 1,344 views and 44

engagements; including reactions, clicks, and shares, demonstrating interest in the certification review process and KTMPO's transportation planning activities. The number of shares and positive interactions suggests that the content resonated with audiences and helped extend the reach of the campaign. Equally important, no negative comments or adverse reactions were received, indicating a favorable public response to the outreach efforts.

Although survey participation was limited, the outreach activities successfully raised awareness, encouraged engagement, and reinforced KTMPO's positive reputation within the region. The feedback received reflected a strong understanding of KTMPO's role, recognition of its service area and branding, and confidence in its transportation planning and public involvement processes. Collectively, these results demonstrate that KTMPO continues to maintain strong relationships with its stakeholders and the communities it serves and is well-positioned to build upon these outreach strategies in future public involvement initiatives.



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Transportation Management Area Planning Certification Report

Killeen Temple MPO TMA Planning Certification Final Report (FY 2026)

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Date: 05/27/26

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INTRODUCTION

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted the FY 2026 Planning Certification Review of the transportation planning process for the Killeen-Temple MPO (KTMPO) on April 15-16, 2026. The FHWA and FTA are required to jointly review and evaluate the transportation planning process for each urbanized area over 200,000 in population at least every four years to determine compliance with applicable federal metropolitan transportation planning requirements and laws as stipulated in 23 CFR Part 450 and 23 USC 134.

PREVIOUS FINDINGS AND DISPOSITION

The FY 2022 Federal Certification Review found that the metropolitan transportation planning process for the KTMPO TMA substantially met the Federal planning requirements of 23 U.S.C. 134 and 49 U.S.C. 5303. As such, FHWA and FTA certified the transportation planning process for the KTMPO TMA on August 5, 2022.

CURRENT FINDINGS

As a result of the FY 2026 review, FHWA and FTA certified the metropolitan transportation planning process conducted by the regional planning partners Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), KTMPO, and Hill Country Transit Authority (the “HOP”). There are recommendations in this report that warrant close attention and follow-up, as well as areas that MPO is performing well and are commended within the following report. Two of the commendable areas found by the Federal Review Team in FY 2026 were the KTMPO’s public involvement process and the expansion of the Hill Country Transit Authority’s micro-transit program throughout the MPO planning area.

REVIEW SUMMARY

The FY 2026 TMA Certification Review was conducted by the Federal Review Team through a combination of KTMPO document reviews, public input and engagement, roundtable discussion, and on-site and virtual public meetings with KTMPO staff and regional stakeholders. The Federal Review Team focused on KTMPO’s compliance with federal regulations under 23 CFR Part 450 and other relevant metropolitan planning-related requirements.

The TMA Certification Review focus areas, observations, commendations, and recommendations are summarized in the subsequent tables. For ease, the review areas are ordered by the Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) citation: 23 CFR 420.117; 23 CFR Parts 450 Subpart C; Appendix A to Part 450; as well as Part 490 Subparts B to H.

Requirements Citations	Observations, Commendations, Recommendations and Corrective Actions
ASSESSMENT	
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS (MTPP) 23 U.S.C.134 49 U.S.C.5304 23 CFR 450.306	The Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process (MTPP) is designed to be continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C), ensuring compliance with Federal requirements while effectively addressing applicable planning factors. It employs a performance-based approach to decision-making and utilizes KTMPO staff, consultants, and local partners for implementation. The metropolitan planning process is carried out in coordination with TxDOT's statewide transportation planning process, with compliance ensured through KTMPO's 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (adopted in July 2024), FY 2026-27 Unified Planning Work Program, and FY 2025-28 Transportation Improvement Program. Additionally, the MPO transportation planning process demonstrates effective stakeholder coordination with TxDOT, regional transit providers, local governments, and other partners to foster an integrated multi-modal planning approach. Commendation(s), Recommendation(s) or Corrective Action: RECOMMENDATION: The Federal Review Team recommends that KTMPO provide periodic MPO 101 on-board training for newly elected and existing MPO policy board members.
ASSESSMENT: <i>Compliant</i>	
UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) 23 CFR 450.308	The FY 2026-27 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), adopted on June 18, 2025, complies with all federal regulatory elements outlined in 23 CFR Part 450, providing a comprehensive framework for metropolitan transportation planning. It incorporates performance-based planning principles that align with federal mandates and facilitate data-driven decision-making. The FY 2026-27 UPWP emphasizes full and transparent

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ASSESSMENT: <i>Compliant</i>	public participation, encouraging community involvement to ensure that planning decisions reflect public input. Commendation(s), Recommendation(s) or Corrective Action: COMMENDATION: KTMPO leadership is commended for its efforts to expand the number of MPO staff resources and in-house training of subject matter experts. COMMENDATION: KTMPO's leadership in the metropolitan planning area was highlighted through its continual sharing of transportation-related data, crash information through heat maps, congestion levels, VMT trends, and GIS mapping with its stakeholders was found to be outstanding. RECOMMENDATION: KTMPO should work with TxDOT TPP to develop a current list of available MPO planning-related training for its staff. RECOMMENDATION: The Federal Review Team recommends that the KTMPO update its Regional Freight Plan (originally published in 2018) and Truck Parking studies as part of its UPWP to maintain current freight data and identify future operational needs.
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION DESIGNATION & REDESIGNATION 23 CFR 450.310	KTMPO, established in September 1974, serves as the federally designated MPO for the Killeen-Temple MPO planning area, serving as the regional transportation planning entity for Bell County and surrounding parts of Coryell and Lampasas counties including Fort Hood military base. KTMPO is responsible for coordinating regional transportation planning and managing the allocation of transportation funding in accordance with federal regulations. Its organizational structure consists of a governing Policy Board (PB), a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and a professional staff led by an Executive Director. Commendation(s), Recommendation(s) or Corrective Action: None
ASSESSMENT: <i>Compliant</i>	
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARIES 23 U.S.C. 134(e) 23 CFR 450.312(a)	The Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) encompasses the Urbanized Area (UA) along with a 20-year forecast period, adhering to federal requirements for transportation planning. There is nothing immediately planned for MPA boundary expansion under the 2020 Census update, and no efforts are underway to expand the MPA to accommodate additional counties. KTMPO officially became a new TMA in 2012 after the 2010 Census update. Commendation(s), Recommendation(s) or Corrective Action: None
ASSESSMENT: <i>Compliant</i>	

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MPO PLANNING AGREEMENTS 23 U.S.C. 134(d) 23 CFR 450.314(a) Transit Planning 49 U.S.C. 5303 23 U.S.C. 134	KTMPO coordinates with TxDOT, local agencies, and public transit operators to establish performance targets. Formal agreements and coordination meetings are documented to support this collaborative process. KTMPO has developed a TxDOT, Hill Country Transit District (HCTD), and MPO tri-party agreement per 23 CFR 450.314(a). Commendation(s), Recommendation(s) or Corrective Action: COMMENDATION: KTMPO's exceptional interagency coordination with the Hill Country Transit District (HOP) as part of transit and micromobility expansion in its region was identified as a best management practice (BMP). COMMENDATION: KTMPO is commended for its building of outstanding interagency relationships with local elected officials, representatives of economic development, housing, medical, military, and social service agencies within its metropolitan area.
ASSESSMENT: <i>Compliant</i>	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN (PPP) Interested parties, participation, and consultation 23 U.S.C. 134(i)(6) 23 U.S.C. 134(g) 23 CFR 450.316 and 23 CFR 450.324(g)	KTMPO has demonstrated full compliance with the public participation requirements outlined in 23 CFR 450.316, effectively establishing a clear framework for public involvement that includes targeted outreach to its communities. The organization has also embraced virtual engagement options introduced during the COVID-19 pandemic, enhancing accessibility for all community members. Additionally, KTMPO evaluates the effectiveness of its public participation process reflecting full commitment to continuous improvement. Commendation(s), Recommendation(s) or Corrective Action: COMMENDATION: KTMPO has done an outstanding job in expanding its public engagement process and interagency coordination with the Fort Hood military base, Hill Country Transit Authority (the "HOP"), economic development & housing authorities, and other major stakeholders including bicycle-pedestrian active transportation users. KTMPO's outstanding public engagement and involvement process was highlighted as a best management practice (BMP) during this FY 2026 federal certification review. COMMENDATION: KTMPO is updating its website to be 508 compliant per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). COMMENDATION: The development, formation, and implementation of KTMPO's Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) for improved multi-modal bicycle/pedestrian planning and outreach purposes was found to be exceptional.
ASSESSMENT: <i>Compliant</i>	

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	COMMENDATION: KTMPO is commended for its efforts to integrate freight mobility into its metropolitan transportation planning process, including continual outreach and engagement with private freight shippers, users, and providers.

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ASSESSMENT	
CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS (CMP) 23 U.S.C. 134(k)(3) 23 CFR 450.322	The KTMPO's Congestion Management Process (CMP) adopted in 2023 complies with Federal Requirements under 23 CFR 450.322 by establishing a systematic approach to managing congestion through the identification of performance measures, monitoring and evaluation of strategies, and involvement of stakeholders in the planning process. Commendation(s), Recommendation(s) or Corrective Action: Compliant. KTMPO currently has a private consultant firm to review and update its eight-step CMP document to ensure its continued federal regulatory compliance with 23 CFR 450.322. RECOMMENDATION: The Federal Review Team recommends continual improvement of KTMPO's congestion management process (CMP) to ensure it addresses future PM-3 performance targets and other transportation-related operational improvements needed for its region.
ASSESSMENT: <i>Compliant</i>	
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) Metropolitan Transportation Plan 23 U.S.C. 134, 168 23 CFR 450.324 & Appendix A	The 2050 MTP was adopted by the KTMPO policy board on July 24, 2024, and serves as a long-range, 25-year plan that is updated every five years. It establishes goals for safety, mobility, environmental sustainability, and economic development, incorporating federally required performance measures and targets. The 2050 MTP addresses multimodal investments, including highway improvements, transit expansions, pedestrian pathways, freight, resilience planning, and bicycle infrastructure, while coordinating with public transit providers for regional integration. It also includes environmental mitigation strategies for habitat protection and pollution reduction and contains a Title VI analysis. Additionally, the 2050 MTP references the 2023 Congestion Management Process to inform project selection and presents reasonably expected sources of federal and state financial forecasts for proposed revenues as well as expenditures over the 25-year period. Importantly, it aligns with the long-range Statewide Transportation Plan, Unified Transportation Program (UTP), and local plans to ensure consistency and compliance. Commendation(s), Recommendation(s) or Corrective Action: COMMENDATION: KTMPO's adoption of new web-based TIP/MTP software and database system for tracking MTP and TIP project-related data and information was found to be innovative. RECOMMENDATION: KTMPO should develop operations and maintenance (O&M) financial summary tables for its 2050 MTP to demonstrate fiscal constraint including federal, state, and local sources of revenue and expenditures over a 25-year period for its highway program.
ASSESSMENT: <i>Compliant</i>	

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ANNUAL LISTING OF OBLIGATED PROJECTS (ALOP) 23 U.S.C. 134 23 CFR 450.334	The annual listing of obligated projects poses a significant challenge for many Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), including KTMPO. One of the main issues is that the published lists often fail to capture all project obligations, including modifications and grouped projects designated for the metropolitan planning area. This incomplete capture of TIP/STIP project obligations can lead to discrepancies in reporting and hinder effective oversight and planning.
ASSESSMENT: <i>Compliant</i>	Commendation(s), Recommendation(s) or Corrective Action: RECOMMENDATION: KTMPO should develop annual project lists of obligated highway and transit projects as part of its efforts to develop an electronic TIP document. As the new electronic TIP document will track individual projects from planning to construction phases, this new tool will serve to ensure all federal-aid project obligations are tracked by each fiscal year they are authorized for funding.
TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE MEASURES (TPM) Performance Based Planning PM1 – Safety 23 CFR 490.207 PM2 – Pavement & Bridge Condition 23 CFR 490.307 PM3 – System Performance 23 CFR 490.507 PTASP – Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan 49 CFR 673.11 TAM – Transit Asset Management 49 CFR 625.45	KTMPO demonstrates full compliance with Performance-Based Planning (PBPP) and transportation performance management (TPM) as required by metropolitan planning regulations (23 CFR Parts 450 and 490). The MPO utilizes performance measures and target updates related to safety (PM1), pavement and bridge conditions (PM2), and system performance (PM3), ensuring that these metrics guide MTP/TIP/STIP project selection and transportation planning processes. The Federal Review Team noted KTMPO's coordination and collaboration with TxDOT Waco District, Hill Country Transit District to set and support consistent regional performance targets in the metropolitan planning area. Updated performance measures and targets are fully incorporated into the 2050 MTP and the FY 25-28 TIP/STIP, guiding prioritized transportation investment decisions within the metropolitan planning area. The MPO integrates PBPP elements across all transportation planning-related documents (including TIP/STIP, MTP, UPWP, CMP) ensuring that transportation performance measures related to safety, infrastructure, and transit assets are consistently applied in this region. The close working relationships between the KTMPO, TxDOT, and the Hill Country Transit District further enhances consistent and continual performance planning practices.

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ASSESSMENT: <i>Compliant</i>	Commendation(s), Recommendation(s) or Corrective Action: COMMENDATION: KTMPO's efforts to successfully integrate transportation performance management (TPM) into its transportation plans, programs, and other metropolitan planning processes was found to be exceptional by the Federal Review Team. COMMENDATION: KTMPO is commended for its efforts to integrate highway safety measures into its metropolitan planning process, including the adoption of Vision Zero goals.

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS FEEDBACK

The Policy Board consists of 16 active members, including local elected officials representing city and county jurisdictions, two representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and one member from the Hill Country Transit District. KTMPO oversees additional committees that support its regional transportation planning efforts, including a Freight Advisory Committee (FAC) and an Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC). Elected policy board members expressed great appreciation of the KTMPO's staff and leadership over the many years since their original formation. KTMPO's ability to provide leadership, expertise, and continual outstanding public involvement were noted by the Federal Review Team in our interviews with the local elected officials.

The Federal Review Team found that KTMPO's leadership in the metropolitan planning area was also highlighted through its open sharing of transportation-related data, crash information through heat maps, congestion levels, VMT trends, and GIS mapping with its stakeholders. This cooperative and continuous sharing of data and information was found to be outstanding by the Federal Review Team. The elected officials' primary concerns centered on ensuring that newly elected MPO policy board officials receive adequate on-boarding and training of metropolitan planning terms, processes, and products. This knowledge sharing and on-boarding efforts by KTMPO staff are necessary and critical to ensure that the newly elected officials perform at a high level as voting members.

PUBLIC LISTENING SESSION

The MPO hosted a Federal Roundtable and public listening session for this Federal Certification Review on the evening of April 15, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM in KTMPO's large conference room. About 34 participants representing regional transit, bicycle-pedestrian advocates, city and county leaders, economic development agencies, public housing authorities, school system, TxDOT district and regional planner, as well as FHWA and FTA attended this one-hour discussion. In addition, a 60-day public comment period was also provided by the Federal Review Team for the submission of written on-line

public comments that began on March 16th and ended on May 22nd. No public comments were submitted during this timeframe to the Federal Review Team.

During the public involvement participation process, several key items were raised by participants. The meeting focused on the effectiveness of the metropolitan planning process and identified key strengths and areas for improvement. Positive aspects included increased social media engagement, improved communication, and effective collaboration among various stakeholders. KTMPO's coordination and cooperation were praised, with significant increases in transit ridership and customer satisfaction found in conjunction with the regional transit authority. Challenges highlighted were the need for better public education on MPO activities, more sources of federal, state, and local funding, and improved project selection processes. Suggestions for improvement included leveraging technology for outreach, enhancing transparency, and ensuring continuous improvement in public participation and project evaluation.

JOINT DETERMINATION BY FHWA TEXAS DIVISION AND FTA REGION 6

FTA-FHWA joint determination: **FULL CERTIFICATION**

Based on the results of the FY 2026 Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review of the Killeen-Temple MPO (KTMPO), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Texas Division and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Region 6 find that the KTMPO metropolitan transportation planning process substantially meets the federal requirements of 23 U.S.C. 134(k)(5) and 23 CFR Part 450.336.



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Overview of Public Engagement

Who • Why • How • When • Where

OVERVIEW OF PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Killeen–Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (KTMPO) Public Engagement Plan reflects a strong commitment to meaningful, community-centered public involvement. KTMPO seeks to go beyond basic regulatory requirements by ensuring that public engagement activities are accessible, representative, and responsive to the communities it serves.

Guided by these principles, KTMPO focuses on creating opportunities for residents to participate in ways that are clear, open, and designed to encourage broad involvement. As engagement progresses toward deeper collaboration, strong partnerships emerge between

Authentic community partnerships are built when planning concerns are simultaneously shifted between the public and decision-makers through policy boards and advisory committees with continued communication toward resolving transportation related issues.

the public and regional transportation planners. This process ensures that community perspectives—through feedback, comments, and concerns—meaningfully influence transportation decisions.

Who?

This public involvement opportunity is open to and intended for:

- Residents and commuters within the KTMPO planning area
- Local governments and elected officials
- Transportation agencies and service providers
- Businesses, freight operators, and employers
- Community organizations and advocacy groups
- Traditionally underserved populations, including low-income and minority communities, older adults, and individuals with disabilities
- And YOU!

Public input helps ensure regional transportation plans and programs reflect the needs, priorities, and values of the community.

WHY?

The KTMPO is responsible for coordinating regional transportation planning and prioritizing the allocation of federal and state transportation funding for roadway, transit, freight, bicycle, and pedestrian systems in the region.

Every four years, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) must certify that each metropolitan planning organization (MPO) serving a transportation management area (TMA) – a designation by DOT of an urbanized area with a population over 200,000 as defined by the Bureau of the Census or smaller urbanized areas on request by the Governor and MPO – is carrying out the metropolitan planning process in adherence with federal statutes and regulations.

- To ensure that KTMPO's transportation planning process remains ongoing, collaborative, and comprehensive, and continues to meet federal requirements for metropolitan transportation planning.
- To review how planning efforts are working, including the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), performance-based planning, public involvement, the Congestion Management Process, and Hill Country Transit District, when applicable.
- To highlight strengths and best practices, and to identify opportunities for improvement that help strengthen regional planning efforts and maintain eligibility for federal transportation funding.
- The Federal TMA Certification Review checks that KTMPO's transportation plans support safe, fair, and efficient transportation for the Killeen–Temple–Fort Hood region.
- Finally, it provides an independent review and helps improve coordination among KTMPO, TxDOT, transit providers, local governments, and the public.

Certification - Public Hearing

In making certification determinations under this paragraph, the Secretary shall provide for public involvement appropriate to the metropolitan area under review.

[23 USC 134(k)(5)(D)]

In conducting a certification review, the FHWA and the FTA shall provide opportunities for public involvement within the metropolitan planning area under review. The FHWA and the FTA shall consider the public input received in arriving at a decision on a certification action.

[23 CFR 450.336(b)(4)]

HOW?

KTMPO values public input. During the Certification Review, survey responses and public comments are submitted directly to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). KTMPO receives this feedback later as part of the scorecard process. We use the results to help improve regional transportation planning, and any recommendations or follow-up actions from the review will be addressed in coordination with our federal and state partners, with opportunities for continued public awareness and engagement.

Take the online survey, email your comments, and/or attend a public meeting.

Survey: [Planning Better Roads: Federal Review](#)

Marketing Content:



Let the [U.S. Department of Transportation](#) know how we are doing.

To take the Survey:

Planning Better Roads: Federal Certification Review <https://bit.ly/46YiFVq>

Public input helps ensure regional transportation plans and programs reflect the needs, priorities, and values of the community.

Curious about the Federal Certification Review? Here's the Who, How, When, Where, and Why. <https://bit.ly/4rGd5hP>

Email Comments to Federal Highway Administration, Texas Division:

Kirk.fauver@dot.gov or Tony.ogboli@dot.gov

WHEN?

The Public Comment Period begins on March 16, 2026 and ends on May 22, 2026.

Attend the Public Meeting:

Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Time: 5 – 6 PM

WHERE?

Location: Central Texas Council of Governments
2180 North Main Street, Belton, TX 78613

Marketing Content:

Save The Date
Federal Certification Review Roundtable
Date: April 15, 2026
Time: 5-6PM
Location: 2180 N Main St, Belton, TX 76502
A box meal will be provided. Please RSVP!

Please RSVP
KTMPO@ctcog.org

This Federal Certification Review Roundtable focuses solely on KTMPO's transportation planning processes and does not address specific or individual projects.

The Certification Review is a periodic evaluation conducted by federal partners to review how the KTMPO carries out its transportation planning work, not to evaluate or select specific transportation projects. The focus is on the planning process itself, including public involvement, decision making, and compliance with federal requirements.

The review includes a public roundtable where citizens are encouraged to listen, ask questions, and share feedback.

Your participation would simply involve attending the meeting and, if you choose, providing comments or asking questions. KTMPO staff and federal

reviewers will be available to help explain the process and answer questions throughout the review.

This is an opportunity to share perspectives, ask questions, and connect with regional partners involved in transportation planning.

Please use the links below to RSVP and add the event to your calendar:

- RSVP: RSVP for KTMPO's Federal Certification Roundtable. Fill out form <https://forms.office.com/r/Z8cU7DYjDZ>
- Add to your Calendar: <https://calendarlink.com/event/KEebr>
- Public Comment and More Information: <https://ktmpo.org/.../public-meeting-comment-period.../>

Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone who may be interested in attending and providing comments or perspectives on the transportation planning process in our region. We hope you can join us and be part of the conversation.

Language Assistance & ADA Accommodations

Español



ESPAÑOL

La reunión sobre la revisión de la certificación federal está programada para el 15 de abril de 2026 y se llevará a cabo en inglés. Si necesita un intérprete o un traductor de documentos porque su idioma principal no es el inglés o tiene dificultades para comunicarse eficazmente en inglés, se le proporcionará uno. Si tiene una discapacidad y necesita ayuda, se pueden hacer arreglos especiales para satisfacer la mayoría de las necesidades. Si necesita servicios de interpretación o traducción, o si es una persona con discapacidad que necesita una adaptación para asistir y participar en reuniones públicas, póngase en contacto con Anita Janke, Killeen-Temple MPO, en el 254-770-2364 antes de las 4:00 p. m., hora central, al menos tres días antes de la reunión pública.

***NOTE OF BASIC REQUIREMENT**

Please note that public notice of public involvement activities and time established for public review and comment on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and TIP development (and/or other planning documents) will satisfy the Program of Projects requirements of the Urbanized Area Formula Program (FTA Section 5307) operated by Hill Country Transit District (HCTD), the transit provider for the region.

The Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodation and equal opportunity for effective communications will be provided upon request. Please contact the KTMP O office at 254-770-2200 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed.

Official Announcement

Announcement: Upcoming TMA Certification Review for the Killeen-Temple MPO

The U.S. Department of Transportation (FHWA Texas Division and FTA Region 6) will conduct a Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review of the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) planning process on April 15-16, 2026. This review is being carried out pursuant to federal law under 23 U.S.C. § 134 and the metropolitan planning regulations at 23 CFR Part 450 to evaluate the MPO's metropolitan planning process and compliance with federal requirements.

Purpose

- To evaluate whether the KTMPO's planning process is continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (the "3C" process) and is meeting federal requirements for metropolitan transportation planning under 23 U.S.C. § 134 and 23 CFR Part 450.
- To assess the effectiveness of key planning products and procedures, including the KTMPO's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), performance-based planning and programming, public involvement and consultation, and the Congestion Management Process (if applicable).
- To identify strengths, best practices, and any corrective actions or recommendations for KTMPO to improve the regional planning process and ensure continued eligibility for federal funding.

Why Does This Matter?

- The Federal TMA Certification Review helps ensure the KTMPO's plans and programs support safe, efficient, equitable, and performance-based transportation investments for the Killeen-Temple-Fort Cavazos region.
- It provides an independent federal assessment and an opportunity to strengthen coordination among the KTMPO, Texas Department of Transportation, transit providers, local governments, and the public.

Public Participation

- The Review will include opportunities for public input. Details on public meetings, comment periods, and how to submit comments will be posted here and shared through MPO notification channels (See the Public Input Form on the KTMPO's website).
- We encourage residents, stakeholders, and partner agencies to participate and share feedback on the regional transportation planning process.

For more information

- Visit the [Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization - Central Texas Transportation Planning](#) for updates and scheduled public participation input opportunities.
- Contact: Kendra Coufal, Senior Planner, 254-770-2363, Kendra.Coufal@ctcog.org



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January 13, 2026

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Announcement of the Transportation Management Area (TMA)
Certification Review for the Killeen-Temple
Metropolitan Planning Organization
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Dear Chairman Whitson:

A federal certification is required by law for all Transportation Management Area (TMA – an urbanized area over 200,000 in population), at least once every four years as required by Title 23 United States Code (USC) Section 134(k)(5) per 23 USC 134. The last TMA Certification Review for KTMPO was completed by FHWA and FTA Region 6 in May 2022. Our staff have been working closely with representatives of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO) to arrange a review of the metropolitan transportation planning (“3-C”) process for the region. This letter is to formally notify you that the FHWA and FTA Region 6 will be conducting our on-site joint federal certification review of the KTMPO from April 15-16th, 2026.

The federal certification review will be held in person at the KTMPO office, 2180 North Main Street in Belton, Texas. For regional planning partners with limited travel or availability a virtual on-line option for participation will also be available. It is important that the regional planning partners leadership and staff (TxDOT Planning Division, TxDOT District, Transit, MPO) fully participate in the KTMPO federal certification review. Furthermore, we would appreciate if the Hill Country Transit District (HCTD) regional transit agency leadership and staff would attend and participate in this federal certification review. Please contact Kirk D. Fauver (512) 536-5952 of the FHWA Texas Division, or Tony Ogboli at (817) 978-0566 of the FTA Region 6 with any questions concerning this review. We look forward to seeing you in April 2026.

Sincerely yours,

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KILLEEN-TEMPO MPO (KTMPO) TMA CERTIFICATION REVIEW AGENDA April 15-16, 2026

LOCATION: 2180 North Main Street, Belton, TX 76513

Wednesday, April 15, 2026 (Day #1)

Start Time	Review Topics	Discussion Lead
8:30-8:50 AM	1st Interview with Local Elected Official	FHWA-FTA Only
9:00-9:20 AM	2 nd Interview with Local Elected Official	FHWA-FTA Only
9:30-10:30 AM	KTMPO Policy Board Meeting	
10:40-11:00AM	3 rd Interview with Local Elected Official	FHWA-FTA Only
11:00-11:30 AM	BREAK	
11:30-12:30 PM	LUNCH	
12:30-12:45 PM	Introduction and Purpose of Review	FHWA-FTA Region 6
12:45-1:00 PM	Background History of KTMPO	KTMPO
1:00-2:00 PM	Public Participation Process (PPP)	FHWA-FTA Region 6
2:00-2:45 PM	Integration of Safety into the MPO Planning Process	FHWA-FTA Region 6
2:45-3:15 PM	BREAK	
3:15-3:45 PM	2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Financial Plan Update (including Ops & Maintenance Costs and Revenues)	KTMPO
3:45-4:45 PM	Congestion Management Process (CMP)	KTMPO
4:45-5:00 PM	BREAK	
5:00-6:00 PM	FTA-FHWA Regional Roundtable Discussion	MPO Stakeholders, TxDOT District, TPP, FTA/FHWA, KTMPO, Public Transit

Thursday, April 16, 2026 (Day #2)

Start Time	Review Topics	Discussion Lead
8:30-9:00 AM	Freight and Intermodal Planning	FHWA-FTA Region 6
9:00-9:30 AM	Transportation Performance Management (TPM)	FHWA-FTA Region 6
9:30-10:30 AM	Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)	KTMPO
10:30-11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:00-11:15 AM	MPO Staffing and Training Needs	KTMPO
11:15-11:45 AM	Preliminary FHWA-FTA Observations	FHWA-FTA Region 6
11:45-12:15 PM	Close Out of Review and Next Steps	FHWA-FTA Region 6
12:15 PM	Adjourn (Day #2)	

End of Packet
