2017 Annual Report
PMAC Purpose

The Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee (PMAC) is established by the Alamo Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to improve pedestrian mobility within the Alamo Area MPO Study area.

Generally, the PMAC will:

- Provide bold and visionary leadership in all matters affecting pedestrian mobility in the MPO study area
- Be expansive in its vision and assertive with its mission throughout the entire community

PMAC Responsibilities

PMAC is a defined subcommittee under the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). Along with the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee, PMAC directly advises the TAC and Transportation Policy Board on pedestrian and bicycle-related policy issues and projects.

PMAC members are charged with the following specific responsibilities:

- Supporting region-wide transportation initiatives such as Vision Zero and the Traffic Jam Safety Coalition
- Developing recommendations and advice on pedestrian-related projects and policies
- Providing a forum for collaboration among agencies, organizations, and the public to address pedestrian-related issues and enhance the overall walkability of the region
- Participating in the promotion and implementation of the Walkable Community Program as well as other related initiatives
- Communicate the importance of pedestrian travel to the transportation system
- Attend monthly PMAC meetings
This year, the Alamo Area MPO celebrated its 20th Annual Walk & Roll! Walk & Roll is a regional month-long effort held in May to encourage people to walk, ride a bike, take transit, or carpool instead of driving alone. It highlights active forms of transportation that increase quality of life, improve public health, and minimize impacts on the environment. BMAC members helped plan and promote Walk & Roll events throughout the month.

More than 300 people came out for the 21st Annual Walk & Roll Rally, the MPO’s kickoff event for National Bike Month. Participants enjoyed free breakfast, music, a hula hoop contest, transportation trivia contest, Zumba class, and interactive exhibits from community groups and agencies who play a role in making the Alamo area more pedestrian and bicycle friendly. News 4 San Antonio Anchor Randy Beamer was also featured as the event’s emcee.

Other events that took place throughout National Bike Month included group social rides and tours, bike safety classes, and bike buying workshops. BMAC also hosted Bike Night to encourage citizens to come and learn more about transportation plans and projects in the region.
Members of the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee provided input and recommendations for several key plans, projects, and other initiatives in 2017, including:

- The City of San Antonio’s Sidewalk Cost-Sharing Program
- Coordination on minimizing CPS utilities in pedestrian facilities
- Bicycle and pedestrian connections between San Antonio and Austin
- Harry Wurzbach & Austin Highway interchange design
- The Alamo Area Council of Governments’ Walk & Roll Challenge
- The City of San Antonio’s priority bicycle and pedestrian projects
- The Texas Strategic Highway Safety Plan
- The Texas Department of Transportation ADA Transition Plan requirements
- Proposed roadway designs for Avenue B
- The MPO’s Walkable Community Workshop Program
- The City of San Antonio’s Severe Pedestrian Injury Area Study
- The Alamo Area MPO’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan update
- The Alamo Area MPO’s Transportation Improvement Program development process
- MPO technical project scoring

**Transportation Alternatives Projects**

In early 2017, BMAC reviewed projects that were submitted for Transportation Alternatives funding, which is dedicated specifically to bicycle and pedestrian projects. Nine projects were submitted totaling approximately $19 million. However, the MPO only had about $15 million to allocate to projects. BMAC members helped score the projects, and in February, BMAC held a joint evening meeting with the Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee to gather public input on the project proposals. BMAC recommended approval for six projects totaling about $14 million, which the Transportation Policy Board approved in June. The funded projects are listed below:

- Converse Greenway Trail ($1,365,440)
- New Braunfels Citywide Pedestrian Connectivity ($1,516,711)
- Zarzamora Pedestrian Improvements ($4,500,000)
- Schertz Pedestrian Routes and Bike Lanes ($1,158,266)
- Seguin Walnut Springs Trail Extension Project (2,773,234)
- Alazan Creek Linear Hike and Bike Trail ($3,125,000)
Pedestrian Safety

In 2017, 192 people were killed or seriously injured while walking in the MPO study area, down from 238 in 2016.

The Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee is committed to reducing this number further through the 5 E’s: engineering, education, encouragement, enforcement, and evaluation. The MPO continually works with its partner agencies to implement connected, accessible pedestrian facilities. The MPO and the City of San Antonio are also working on analyzing crash data to better understand the underlying causes and contributing factors of serious injury crashes.

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**Pedestrian Fatalities and Serious Injuries in the MPO Study Area**

Source: MPO’s analysis of 2017 Crash Records Information System (CRIS) data. Data includes only TxDOT reportable crashes that occurred in the public right of way.

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**GOALS FOR 2018**

- Increase community awareness of and participation in Walkable Community Workshops
- Continue to support Vision Zero efforts to reduce the number of pedestrian crashes region-wide
- Continue to provide input on local and regional plans, programs, and projects
- Continue to address utilities in the pedestrian right of way by fostering inter-agency communication