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. Along with the Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committee, PMAC directly advises the Technical Advisory Committee and Transportation Policy Board on pedestrian-related policy issues and projects.

PMAC members are charged with the following specific responsibilities:

- Attend monthly PMAC meetings
- Participate in all regional transportation planning activities
- Explore and recommend pedestrian-related studies and projects
- Support region-wide transportation initiatives such as Vision Zero
- Develop recommendations and advice on pedestrian-related projects and policies
- Participate in the promotion and implementation of the Walkable Community Program as well as other related initiatives
- Provide a forum for collaboration among agencies, organizations, and the public to address pedestrian-related issues and enhance the overall walkability of the region
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. PMAC members helped plan and promote Walk & Roll events throughout the month.

More than 300 people came out for the 20th Annual Walk & Roll Rally, the MPO’s kickoff event for National Bike Month. Participants enjoyed free breakfast, local art and music, a bike contest, and interactive exhibits from community groups and agencies who play a role in making the Alamo area more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

Walk & Roll by the Numbers:

- 300+ people attended the Walk & Roll Rally
- 1,750 dollars raised by community sponsors
In April, the Transportation Policy Board selected projects to include in the FY 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program. A working group comprised of members from PMAC and BMAC evaluated the pedestrian and bicycle-related projects and made recommendations to the Policy Board. In total, 20 projects were funded that incorporate shared-use paths, sidewalks, or pedestrian accommodations, including five projects that highlight pedestrian-related improvements:

- Complete Street reconstruction of Broadway Street
- Complete Street reconstruction of Crestway Road
- Citywide pedestrian and bicycle improvements in San Antonio
- Construction of VIA passenger amenities to improve pedestrian connectivity and safety
- Construction of sidewalks along IH-35

Several projects with pedestrian components were let for construction this year, including:

- Expanding FM 306 from River Chase Way to Hoffman Lane and adding sidewalks and bike lanes (Comal County)
- Adding sidewalks to the Fair Oaks Parkway bridge over IH-10 West (Bexar County)
- Constructing curb ramps, curbs, sidewalks, and other pedestrian-related infrastructure within the US 281 North, Loop 345, FM 78, and FM 1516 corridors (Bexar County)
- Constructing sidewalks and bike lanes on SH 123B (Guadalupe County)
- Enhancing Landa Street pedestrian and bicycle facilities (City of New Braunfels)
- Adding bus stop amenities including sidewalks at various locations in Bexar County

With guidance and feedback from the Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility Advisory Committees, the MPO worked with Half\ Associates and Toole Design Group to develop the Alamo Area MPO Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Study. In addition to addressing specific needs within the City of San Antonio, the study was intended to help integrate new member cities into the region’s active transportation planning framework. The study was broken into five components:

1. San Antonio Pedestrian Study
2. Mission Trail Access Study
3. City of Boerne
4. City of New Braunfels
5. City of Seguin

Each chapter included an analysis of existing conditions, recommendations for improving pedestrian and/or bicycle infrastructure and connectivity, and a guide to implement those recommendations. The report’s findings were informed by feedback from an online survey, interactive map, and public meetings, as well as ongoing communication with agency staff and local stakeholders.

The final report can be found at: http://www.alamoareampo.org/Studies/
Walkable Community Workshops

Walkable Community Workshops are interactive events that bring together neighborhood residents, public agency staff, elected officials, and advocates to improve the walkability of a community. Stakeholders conduct walking audits and mapping exercises to identify problem areas, then come up with potential strategies to make the area friendlier to people walking.

In 2016, PMAC members participated in Walkable Community Workshops in Castle Hills and in the California/Lakeview area in New Braunfels. These workshops resulted in recommendations that could later be implemented to improve the walkability of the community.

To view the final reports and recommendations from workshops in communities throughout the Alamo area, visit www.alamoareampo.org/WCP/

A variety of other projects and policy issues were presented to BMAC for knowledge-sharing opportunities, input, and review during regular monthly meetings. These include:

- City of San Antonio’s Vision Zero Initiative
- City of San Antonio’s proposed 2017-2022 bond program
- Next steps for SA Tomorrow
- VIA’s vanpool and paratransit services
- VIA’s Ingram Transit Center, 5 Points, and Passenger Amenities projects
- The Alamo Area Council of Governments’ Commute Solutions Program
- Utilities in the pedestrian right-of-way
- Safe Kids Distraction Study
- Transportation Alternatives Program project selection process and scoring criteria
- PMAC membership and procedures
- Creation of a new PMAC logo
Walking Mode Share

According to the Alliance for Biking and Walking Benchmarking Reports, the percentage of people who commute by walking in the City of San Antonio has decreased in recent years. The Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee is committed to increasing the share of people who walk to their work, school, or volunteer location through its role in funding pedestrian infrastructure projects and communicating the importance of pedestrian safety.

Pedestrian Safety

216 people were killed or seriously injured while walking in the MPO study area in 2016, a steady increase over previous years. The Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committee is committed to reducing this number by working with its transportation partners to promote safer street design and educate drivers and pedestrians on safe behavior.

Pedestrian Fatalities and Serious Injuries in the MPO Study Area

Source: MPO’s analysis of 2016 Crash Records Information System (CRIS) data. Data includes only TxDOT reportable crashes that occurred in the public right of way.
GOALS FOR 2017

- 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