

AAMPO

Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Overview

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Outline of today's agenda item

- What is ATAC?
 - Highlight of bylaws and future focus areas.
- Introduction of ATAC members.
- Housekeeping items.
 - Overview of important meeting elements of ATAC.



What is ATAC?

Purpose of ATAC

- Including, but not limited to:
 - Consideration of technical, policy, and user experience issues related to active transportation mobility
 - Advisory committee to the MPO's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Transportation Policy Board (TPB)
 - Participatory role in MPO project calls
 - Participatory role in active transportation planning studies
 - Focus on accomplishing goals with a regional approach

Background

- Bicycle and Pedestrian Mobility Advisory Committees (BMAC and PMAC) were combined to create ATAC
- ATAC was created on December 13, 2021 following approval by the MPO's TPB
- As part of the BMAC/PMAC combination process, an eight member BMAC/PMAC working group was instrumental in helping staff create a new set of bylaws for what would eventually become ATAC

How are we defining active transportation?

- Active transportation refers to human powered transportation, and low speed electronic assist devices. Examples include but are not limited to walking, bicycles, electric bicycles, tricycles, scooters, electric scooters, wheelchairs, electric wheelchairs/“scooters”, skates, and skateboards.
- Active transportation is a critical component in developing and implementing sustainable community strategies, improving air quality, increasing public health, and making the region a more enjoyable place to live, work, and play. Active transportation is often a solution for the first mile and last mile people travel.



Membership

- Balanced membership with a goal of ensuring opportunity to participate and be a part of discussion
- Representation of cycling and pedestrian communities
- Composition of governmental agency and community organization representatives
- Introduction of co-chair positions
- 23 members

Governmental Membership Composition

Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG)	1 representative
Bexar County, alternate from the Alamo Regional Mobility Authority (ARMA)	1 representative
Comal County or local municipal representative	1 representative
Guadalupe County or local municipal representative	1 representative
City of Boerne, alternate from Kendall County	1 representative
City of New Braunfels	1 representative
City of San Antonio	3 representatives (One (1) from the Transportation Department and two (2) from other departments)
City of Seguin	1 representative
San Antonio River Authority	1 representative
TxDOT San Antonio District (TxDOT)	1 representative
VIA Metropolitan Transit	1 representative
Advanced Transportation District (ATD)	1 representative
Greater Bexar County Council of Cities (GBCCC)	1 representative (Not to be represented by a member of the NE Partnership.)
Northeast Partnership (NEP)	1 representative

Community Membership Composition

Organization representing people with disabilities	1 representative, on a rotating basis
Bicycling organization (s)	2 representatives, on a rotating basis
Pedestrian or walking organization (s)	2 representatives, on a rotating basis (at least one from a group representing vulnerable road users)
Professional organization	1 representative, on a rotating basis
Shared micromobility provider	1 representative

Bylaws

- ATAC bylaws guide the function and role of ATAC.
- Bylaws may also be amended by ATAC as needed.

ATAC Future Focus Areas

- National Pedestrian Safety Month
- FHWA Pedestrian Focused Approach to Safety
- National Bike Month
- Studies related to active transportation
- Deeper dive in active transportation safety
- Active transportation education on infrastructure and safety



Introduction of ATAC Members

ATAC Intros

- As a part of the ATAC upstart process, we'd like to learn more about you!
- Tell us:
 - Your name
 - Your position (at the organization you're representing)
 - Name of the organization you represent
- Please be concise to allow time for all members to participate.



Housekeeping items

Open Meetings Act (OMA)

- The AAMPO is subject to the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- Consequently, all members must complete the appropriate training and provide the online course completion certificate to MPO staff within the appropriate timeline.
- Both primary and alternate members require this certification.

Alternate Members

- Each agency/entity on the ATAC will be allowed to designate one alternate from within the same agency/entity for each representative serving on the ATAC.
- If the representative cannot attend the ATAC meeting, the designated alternate may attend and vote as the agency/entity representative.
- Proxies will not be allowed.
- Members (both primary and alternate) may not represent more than one entity at a time.

Meeting Access

- All ATAC meetings are open and accessible for anyone in the public to attend.
- Meeting participants can either attend and participate in the meeting in-person or online.
- Citizens are also encouraged to participate through *Citizens to be Heard* sessions during meetings.
- According to current OMA laws, a committee representative, such as one of the co-chairs must be present at the previously determined physical meeting location site.

Meeting Times

- ATAC shall meet regularly and no less than quarterly.
- Today's meeting occurs on the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. – the same time and week occurrence as previous BMAC meetings.
 - Committee members are invited to provide feedback if this is an appropriate time or if another time should be considered.
- ATAC will also continue to host evening *Walk & Bike Nights* 2-3x per year to provide an extra opportunity for the public to participate outside of normal business hours.
 - The next Walk & Bike Night is scheduled to take place in April.

Consideration of ATAC Members on TAC

- ATAC will designate two (2) representatives and alternates to serve on the voting membership of the TAC.
- Designation shall be recorded in ATAC's meeting minutes to be officially recognized by the MPO.
- Ylda Capriccioso and Robert Hanley currently serve as TAC representatives for BMAC and PMAC, respectively.
- Members may discuss any nominations at today's meeting and at the next meeting, ATAC members chosen to serve on TAC will formally approved by the committee.

Feedback is welcome!

- Please let us know how we can improve the core functions of ATAC to better serve the committee, the MPO, and the community!
- Stay engaged and help propose future agenda items.

Questions?

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