



**KTMPPO Project  
Submission Packet  
Cover Sheet**

**Project Name:** Killeen-Ft Hood Regional Trail

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**Application Documents:**

- ☒ Part A – Project Description
- ☒ Part B – Project Narrative

**Required attachments:**

- ☒ Part C - Project location map
- ☒ Part D - TxDOT Assurance Form
- ☒ Part E - Local Support (Documents such as Letters, Resolutions, News articles, ROW agreements, etc.)

**Optional attachments:**

- ☒ Artist's Sketches / Conceptual drawings
- ☐ Cross-sections
- ☐ Photographs of Project Area
- ☐ Other Narrative Statements (as needed)

\*These are to be attached after Required attachments when submitting.

**Part A**  
**Project Details**

**Project Name:** Killeen-Ft Hood Regional Trail

**MPO ID:** NEW

(current MPO ID or 'NEW')

**Facility/Street Name:** N/A

**Project Track** (Check one)

- ☐ Roadway Project
- ☒ Transportation Choices and Livability

**Local Priority:**

(Preferred order, i.e. 1 of 5, 2 of 7)

2 of 2

**Project Readiness:**

**Status (%)**

Preliminary Engineering	10
Right of Way Acquired	25
Environmental Review	10
Utilities Coordination	10

**Project Readiness** - Describe any applicable issues with timing, staging, funding, or coordination with other projects (N/A if none)

City of Killeen considers this is a much needed project to implement its regional trail system. City will implement this project if City receives funding from outside sources.

**Project Attributes:**

Extent From:

w Elms Rd and Robinett Road

Extent To:

Clear Creek Rd (SH201)

Length (miles): 4.5

Estimated Total Cost: \$15,000,000

Planned Let Year: TBD

**Project Description:**

Construction of 10'-12' wide concrete sidewalk / trail mostly along a tributary to provide connectivity as part of City's regional trail system. Project will include ADA ramps, crosswalk, and at least one low water crossing at appropriate locations.

**KTMPO Goals** - Describe how this project addresses the goals set out in Mobility 2045. List any other local plans where this project appears.

This trail system will provide connectivity from the Texas A&M University - Central Texas located at South Clear Creek Road to the future Westside Regional Park to be located just beside the Pershing Lake (also known as Soil Conservation Service Site 1 Reservoir) near W Central Texas Expressway / I -14 and Fort Hood . Therefore, this project will provide hike and bike trail for residents in Killeen and Fort Hood and will improve mobility.

The proposed trail is part of City's plan for regional trail system and Parks Master Plan.

**Purpose and Needs Statement** - Describe what this project will accomplish for the community.

In recent past, City build a concrete trail from Robinett Road to Watercrest Road. If this project is implemented, there will be continuous hike and bike trail from the southwest to the southeast area within the City. This trail will provide alternative mode of transportation in between Texas A&M University - Central Texas and Fort Hood area.

Trail will be mostly 12' wide built of concrete materials for easy and better maintenance. The exact width will slightly vary depending on location/area and space available. In one location, the trail will be matching the existing 6' wide sidewalk just beside the W Stan Schlueter Loop. This hike and bike trail will be utilized as a shared user path for the pedestrian and bikers. This will be a pleasant and useful trail system along the tributary. Proposed improvements will directly contribute to a higher quality of life by enabling more walking, cycling, and other active transportation modes.

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**Scoring Criteria** - Describe how this project addresses the subjective scoring criteria:

**Connectivity and Service Gaps** - This project will encourage pedestrian and biking activities and thus will slightly reduce peak period traffic congestion in nearby streets. The project will provide connectivity to multiple traffic generators including Texas A&M University - Central Texas and future Westside Regional Park. This project will remove existing barriers in the planned bike/pedestrian network. This project will close gaps of pedestrian connectivity along its route.

**Access to Jobs** - This proposed sidewalk once implemented will provide access to businesses located along its close vicinity. Residents living close to the trail system will be able to access to their office or job using the sidewalk.

**Safety** - This project will enhance safety of pedestrian or bicyclists. The trail can possibly provide alternative route to schools and University.

**Local Priority and Support** - In October 2020, City Council issued a memorandum of support for the City of Killeen projects with this project listed as number 3 under Transportation Choices and Livability Project Track. Residents have communicated with City many times expressing their expectation of having this trail and inquiring City's plan for it. The trail will travel through multiple residential subdivision and residents in those subdivision consider this trail system as an added amenity.

**Scope of Benefits** - Proposed improvements will have significant benefits for the area as it will provide option for residents on the west side of the City. The trail will be mostly located along a tributary and at least one low water crossing will be necessary. However, there will be no negative environmental impacts. This project have the potential to enhance economic activities in nearby areas. This project will enhance tourism in the west side of the City as it will allow all types of tourists to easily navigate throughout the area. This project will provide a much needed multi-modal transportation option. This project will improve overall livability of the surrounding area. Low impact development concepts will be taken into account during the design phase of this project. This project will be planned with a sustainability oriented approach. The City will utilize Context Sensitive Solutions for sustainability in the design process. Enhanced public involvement will be part of the project.

This project will improve alternative mode of mobility, improve access to jobs, homes, goods, and services, improve safety, and promote a healthier environment. Thus, this project will meet multiple long-term goals of Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).