

MEETING SUMMARY

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

February 18, 2026

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) met in the Transportation Council Room at the North Central Texas Council of Governments on February 18, 2026.

See Page 6 for meeting attendance.

1. Welcome and Introductions – Daniel Herrig, Chair, City of Richardson

Daniel Herrig welcomed attendees and introduced himself as Chair of BPAC. Garrett Smith introduced himself as Vice Chair. The November 2025 meeting summary was accepted as submitted.

2. Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices Update (Virtual) – Dustin Wiggins, TxDOT Traffic Safety Division

The 2025 Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (TMUTCD) was adopted into State law by the Texas Transportation Commission on November 13, 2025, with an effective date of January 18, 2026. The 2025 TMUTCD was revised based upon the new national MUTCD, 11th Edition, and Texas State laws and practices.

The 2025 TMUTCD includes several bicycle- and pedestrian-related changes. Dustin informed the committee of the updates including but not limited to, revisions to the pedestrian definition, pedestrian and bicycle traffic controls, application of crosswalk markings, colored pavement, provisions for pedestrians and bicyclists, pedestrian detectors, work affecting pedestrian and bicycle facilities, qualifications for crossing guards, and school zone signals and buffers.

Dustin informed the committee that all projects letting during January 18 – June 30, 2026, should comply with the 2025 TMUTCD. At the discretion of the District Engineer, traffic control devices may conform to the 2011 TMUTCD – Revision 2 to minimize impacts to scope, schedule, or budget late in the design process. All projects letting on or after July 1, 2026, shall comply with the 2025 TMUTCD.

To view the 2025 TMUTCD, visit: <https://www.txdot.gov/business/resources/traffic-design-standards/tmutcd.html>

This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

3. Group Discussion: Bicycle Lane and Transit Stop Conflicts and Solutions – BPAC Members

The Chair facilitated a group discussion using the following questions as prompts:

- i. What design guidance do you use when planning and designing bicycle facilities at transit stops (such as NACTO, AASHTO, other local standards)?
- ii. What are the transit operational challenges that should be considered on streets with dedicated bicycle facilities?
- iii. What challenges have you faced integrating ADA boarding and alighting across separated bike lanes? Note these locations typically do not allow a bus to stop at the roadway curb.
- iv. What coordination is needed between transit agencies and local jurisdictions to facilitate transit operations and improve bicyclists' safety and comfort?

Members representing transit agencies expressed the desire for coordination between the city and the transit agency early in the bicycle facility design process as there is currently no formal/standard process. Early in the design phase, if the city is aware that a bicycle facility is planned to be implemented on a

transit corridor, it would be best practice to notify the transit agency as soon as possible ensuring ADA compliance such as integrating ADA boarding and alighting across separated bike lanes, and consideration for the turn radius a bus would need to make around a bicycle facility.

Additionally, from a bike-share perspective, early notification could help plan new bicycle sharing stations in proximity to bus stops where bicycle facilities are present, further supporting each mode of travel.

City representatives expressed that there is no current standard for bicycle facility design on bus corridors. Some BPAC members considered NACTO guidance but are also looking to develop internal standardization.

4. BPAC Member Introductions

BPAC members were asked to introduce themselves by providing their name, title, department, agency, and how many years they have been a part of the BPAC committee. After introductions BPAC members participated in an interactive poll and were asked to “select two topics you would be *most* interested in learning more about” in order to guide APBP webinar selection and future BPAC presentations for 2026. The options were:

- Bike lane and bus stop design configuration best practices
- How to determine when to install a separated bicycle lane versus a side path
- Strategies for pedestrian safety at intersections
- Facility design best practices to reduce conflicts between pedestrians and micromobility users
- Expanding high comfort networks for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Citywide pedestrian safety planning and countermeasures

The top three topics identified in the poll were:

1. Citywide pedestrian safety planning and countermeasures (31%)
2. Strategies for pedestrian safety at intersections (24%)
3. Facility design best practices to reduce conflicts between pedestrians and micromobility users (19%)

BPAC members were then asked to share if there were projects or plans they would like to highlight from their agency.

Member agencies highlighted recently completed or soon to be completed trail projects throughout the region further enhancing safety and connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists. Others highlighted projects focusing on bicycle enhancements such as a pop-up bike lane connection to Fan Fest (Fair Park) during the World Cup events in North Texas and developing standards to upgrade existing bicycle lanes. Other members highlighted pedestrian improvements like conducting a sidewalk gap analysis in critical pedestrian areas.

5. Local Community Updates – Various Community and BPAC Members

a. BikeDFW – Heather McNair, BikeDFW

BikeDFW is a regional nonprofit organization serving as an education and encouragement partner for local governments, community leaders, agencies, and businesses across North Texas to encourage the safe use of bicycles. The organization works to bridge the gap between new bicycle infrastructure solutions and practical use of bicycle facilities.

BikeDFW works alongside local partners providing safety education opportunities, information so users understand how to navigate new infrastructure, and encouragement so a bicycle community and culture can grow stronger. BikeDFW helps communities improve local bicycling conditions and culture through

a *Bicycle Friendly Sprint* which includes a baseline assessment, strategy for improvements, and offers support through the League of American Bicyclists Bicycle Friendly Community application. Additionally, BikeDFW recently launched a new safety campaign called *Ride Kind*. The campaign reinforces the messaging that safety is shared between all modes.

BikeDFW is open for new local partnerships to share the message of *Ride Kind*, assist in the Bicycle Friendly Community Application, or promote and support education opportunities for new bicycle infrastructure. Local agencies that are interested should contact Heather McNair at heather@bikedfw.org.

To learn more about BikeDFW visit: <https://www.bikedfw.org>

To learn more about the Ride Kind Campaign visit: <https://www.bikedfw.org/ride-kind.html>

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b. **Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets Policy – Alex Pharmakis, City of Farmers Branch**

The City of Farmers Branch adopted an Active Transportation Plan and Complete Streets Policy in November 2025. The Active Transportation Plan replaces the 2015 Trail Master Plan and recommends a list of projects for short-term and long-term implementation, which will provide safety and connectivity enhancements for pedestrians and cyclists.

Top priority of the Plan is focused on user safety. The plan includes a Complete Streets Policy with a vision for a safe, accessible, connected, and efficient transportation network with transportation infrastructure designed for all modes of transportation. This allows city staff to review transportation projects for opportunities to make the network safer and more accessible for all modes.

To view the City of Farmers Branch Active Transportation Plan, visit: <https://www.farmersbranchtx.gov/402/Active-Transportation-Plan>

To view the City's Complete Streets Policy, visit:

<https://farmersbranch.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=7511741&GUID=B55E2937-FDCB-41AB-860B-C5E923864576&FullText=1>

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c. **Upcoming Events – Daniel Herrig, BPAC Chair**

This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

6. NCTCOG Updates

a. **Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Update – Catherine Richardson**

NCTCOG is conducting a five-year update to the Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan completed in 2021 and updated in 2022. Catherine provided an overview of the timeline for the Plan update as well as an overview of the existing crash data analysis for the period from 2020-2024.

The next step in the plan update process is to review the designated Primary and Secondary Safety Corridors identified in the current plan and adjust based on project implementation and recent crash history.

The existing Regional Pedestrian Safety Plan can be viewed here:

<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/plan/lumo/bikeped/pedestrian-safety-action-plan>

This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC

b. Bike to School Day May 6, 2026 – Kyle Hoener

National Bike & Roll to School Day is an annual event encouraging local communities to support and learn more about students using active transportation-- walking, bicycling and rolling, as a means of traveling to school.

To encourage and support local schools in participating in the Day, NCTCOG provides event planning assistance, promotional resources, and a bike drawing. For schools to be eligible for the bike drawing and promotion materials, schools must complete a Walk & Roll to School Day participation agreement with NCTCOG, register their events on www.walkbiketoschool.org before mid-April, and students and parents must return signed Promise to Street Safety Pledge two weeks before the event to enter the bike drawing.

Kyle asked attendees to help spread the word about the Day and NCTCOG's resources for local schools once the announcements are provided the first week of March.

To learn more about Bike & Roll to School Day visit: <https://www.nctcog.org/walkbikeroll>
This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

c. Upcoming Design Guide Training Courses – Kevin Kokes

Kevin indicated the NCTCOG staff anticipate hosting training during 2026-2027 related to various design guides for pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The tentative schedule for the training courses is:

- July 2026: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Guide 5th Edition
- September 2026: Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines
- October 2026: Safe Routes to School Planning
- February 2027: National Association of City Transportation Officials Guide 3rd Edition

This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

d. TxDOT Dallas and Fort Worth District Bike Plans – Terrence McAllister

TxDOT is developing district bike plans that support safe, thoughtfully designed, and well-maintained bicycling facilities within and between districts. The plans will help identify existing conditions, inform areas of focus, and guide the prioritization of improvements. The plans will be used in coordination with the Bikeway Design User Guide to support consistent, connected bicycle networks across the state. The tentative schedule for completion of the district bike plans is February 2027. During plan development, the State is engaging the public and local stakeholders through technical stakeholder committee meetings, community needs committee meetings, and a virtual public hearing (February 24 - March 24).

Terrence asked the committee for assistance in providing contacts for the technical stakeholder and community needs committee members.

The next community needs committee meeting will be held in March/April. Meeting date to be determined. The next technical stakeholder committee meeting will be held virtually in May.

To review completed district bike plans and receive updates about the plans in process visit: <https://www.txdot.gov/projects/planning/bicycle-pedestrian-planning-designing/statewide-bicycle-analysis-district-bicycle-plan-pilot.html>

This presentation can be found on the BPAC website at: www.nctcog.org/BPAC.

e. Cotton Belt Trail Branding and Wayfinding Signage Plan – Chris Nelson

In Spring 2026, NCTCOG will release a request for proposals for Cotton Belt Trail Branding and Wayfinding Signage Plan. The plan will result in a unified brand/logo for the 50+ mile regional rail trail extending from Plano on the east to Fort Worth on the west, including wayfinding sign typologies (e.g. shapes, sizes, colors, and messaging), recommendations for signage placement and locations for the various types of wayfinding signs (including quantities by sign type), and design intent and engineering shop drawings for future construction and installation of the signs.

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f. Trinity Railway Express Bikeways to Rail Stations Study – Chris Nelson

In Spring 2026, NCTCOG will release a request for proposals for a study to determine feasible roadway retrofits in 31 roadway corridors to accommodate new dedicated bikeway facilities and related intersection safety improvements, resulting in high comfort bikeways suitable for people of all ages and abilities. The bikeways will connect nearby areas to CentrePort/DFW Airport Station, Downtown Irving/Heritage Crossing Station, and Trinity Lakes Station. The study will prepare 15 percent conceptual schematics based on best practices and design guidance from AASHTO and NACTO and will provide opinions of probable construction costs.

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g. Active Transportation Connections to Rail Stations Study – Daniel Snyder

Item was postponed to a future meeting date.

h. Status of Transportation Alternatives Program Funded Projects – Daniel Snyder

Item was postponed to a future meeting date.

7. Other Business

After receiving no comments, Daniel Herrig informed the committee the next scheduled BPAC meeting will be held on May 20, 2026. Daniel adjourned the meeting.

Members in Attendance at the February 18, 2026 BPAC meeting

Agency	Name
City of Arlington	Joyce Palmer
City of Burleson	Randy Morrison
City of Carrollton	Tom Hammons
City of Cedar Hill	Robert Foust
City of Cleburne	Kenneth Overstreet
City of Colleyville	Larry Wright
City of Coppell	C Baker for Aaron Tainter
City of Dallas	Jessica Scott
City of Denton	Roya Etminani
City of Duncanville	Bart Stevenson
City of Euless	Duane Strawn
City of Farmers Branch	Alex Pharmakis
City of Frisco	Michael Kim
City of Grand Prairie	Brett Huntsman
City of Grapevine	Kathy Nelson
City of Greenville	Britt Hutcheson
City of Haltom City	Will Wiegand
City of Hurst	Kyle Gordon
City of Keller	Cody Maberry
City of Lewisville	Sirwan Shahooie
City of Mansfield	Garett Smith
City of McKinney	Robyn Root
City of Midlothian	Heather Dowell
City of North Richland Hills	Michael Wilson
City of Plano	Jason Aprill
City of Richardson	Daniel Herrig
City of The Colony	Nathan Love
City of Waxahachie	David Jones
City of Weatherford	Matt Leppla
City of Wylie	Matt Green for Rico Govea
Dallas Area Rapid Transit	Patricio Gallo
Dallas County	Minesha Reese
Denton County	Rina Maloney
Denton County Transportation Authority	Karina Maldonado
Hood County	Mandy Clark
Hunt County	Kevin St Jacques
Town of Addison	Amber Davis
Town of Flower Mound	John Habern
Town of Little Elm	Michelle Kuzov
Trinity Metro	Shawn Tubre
TxDOT, Dallas District	Rachael Twiggs

TxDOT, Fort Worth District	Terrence McAllister
Wise County	Chad Davis

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance at the February 18, 2026 BPAC Meeting

Kevin Kokes
Chris Nelson
Catherine Richardson
Daniel Snyder
Kyle Hoener