



# Agenda

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## BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, February 18, 2015 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers  
Ground Floor, City Hall

### AMENDED

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- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from *January 21, 2015*
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- F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.
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  - Mountain Bike
  - Bike Education and Outreach
  - La Tierra Master Plan
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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

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1. Presentation Regarding an Update of the Approved Resolution Directing Staff to Collaborate with the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Bicycle And Trails Advisory Committee (BTAC) to Study the Costs, Benefits and Potential Locations to Implement a Pilot Project to Install and Evaluate Green Colored Pavement Markings in Bicycle Lanes at High-Risk Intersections within the City Of Santa Fe; Work with the MPO and Other Stakeholders to Conduct a Study of Existing Bicycle Safety Issues; Review the Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan Project Recommendations for On-Road Bikeway Improvements; and Develop an Implementation Plan Over the Next Five Years Targeted at Improving Bicycle Safety within the City Of Santa Fe (Keith Wilson and John Romero).
2. Presentation, Discussion and Action Regarding an update of the 2012 General Obligation Bond - Parks and Trails Implementation Plan (Engineering Staff).
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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF SANTA FÉ**  
**BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

February 18, 2015  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Frank Herdman on this date at approximately 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present:**

Frank Herdman, Vice-Chair  
Joseph Abbatacola  
Shelley Robinson  
Gretchen Grogan  
James Ronald Pacheco  
Tomás Rivera  
Paul Cooley

**Members Absent:**

Patti Bushee, Chair  
John Longworth

**Staff Present:**

Robert Siqueiros, Staff Liaison  
Leroy Pacheco, Engineering Staff  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Siqueiros asked that item G1 be removed from this agenda and put on the next month's agenda due to the absence of John Romero.

**Member Pacheco moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

#### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**January 21, 2015**

**Member Pacheco moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Abbatacola seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

#### **E. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Ms. Barbara Williams, Ecomotive Electric Bicycle Company, said they are leasing space at the end of the depot building for rentals, sales and service. They are also interested in working with the City and BTAC in developing more of a relationship to address bike safety, bike lanes and increasing trails. They would like to be involved with support and planning of a bike share program. They have been in business here in Santa Fé since 2012. They had another location and the lease ended. They found this space and are happy to be there.

#### **F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES**

Mr. Tim Rogers, Santa Fe Conservation Trust, said they have started their work days already this year. He worked with the Fat Tire Society to replace a bridge and fix culverts. It is a pleasure to get going again. He shared a schedule of trail and bike related events by email. Because of the Bike and Brew Festival he will reschedule community crews to a different date. They are promoting Bike to the Ball Game to see our local baseball team and promoting lights on for safety. He is looking forward to March 7 Dale Ball Day. They will celebrate on March 6<sup>th</sup> in afternoon for Kids on the Trails. It seems for certain that the Conservation Trust is going to take over the conservation easement both at the Railyard and at the Plaza. This needs to be addressed at the Railyard with the construction of the theater and opening of the road. There is a neat connection for bicycles and pedestrians. One issue is that once that road is built and open it will become a two-way street. The existing part is one way and is going to remain one way. It would be a good place to put in a contra-flow bike lane.

Member Pacheco asked what a contra-lane looked like.

Mr. Rogers briefly explained it. He was hoping John Romero would have been here since he was the one to make the recommendation to Council. He noted they proposed a contra-flow bike lane in the Bicycle Master Plan.

Mr. Abbatacola praised him on promoting events and asked him to add to his calendar the first graffiti wipe up day on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The more people we can get the better.

Mr. Rogers agreed to follow up on that. There is another event, by the League of American Bicyclists on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Siqueiros said it is in the packet.

Mr. Herdman asked if he dealt with La Tierra

Mr. Rogers said it was.

Mr. Herdman said when he had been out there recently with all the moisture, it was dramatic as to how wide those trails are getting. It needs to be on our radar screen.

Mr. Rogers said it is on his radar screen. He pointed out that the fat bikes are less of a problem but they need to educate people to stay on the trail. If the trail is muddy, consider not riding there. And if you are going to ride, you need to go through the mud not around it.

Mr. Herdman asked if it was within his realm to do educational signs.

Ms. Grogan suggested a sign that says, "If excessively muddy don't use the trails."

Ms. Kat Downing said the protocol is to create natural choke points. Signage only does so much. On the boards where people post there are phrases.

Mr. Herdman said this strikes him as an urgent issue. Signage is a good first step. The magnitude of damage within the last month is dramatic.

Ms. Grogan suggested an immediate step would be get in touch with Fat Tire and post on their message board.

Mr. Stephen Newhall said the Fat Tire Society has a trails condition update on their website. The Fat Tire Society has worked on this and is worried about it.

Ms. Robinson arrived.

Mr. Newhall commented that there are responsible and irresponsible users.

Ms. Grogan said shocks would help

Mr. Herdman said signage would not hurt.

Mr. Rogers said they did talk about having choke points. Some of those flat areas are difficult.

Mr. Herdman said it is in those areas where they need to put some signage out there.

## **G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

**1. Presentation, Discussion and Action Regarding an Existing Ordinance or Resolution Pertaining to On-Road Bike Infrastructure Improvements on Repaving City Street Projects (John Romero).**

This agenda item was postponed to the next BTAC meeting because Mr. Romero could not be present.

**2. Discussion and Action Regarding a Bicycle Safety Summit During “Bike to Work” Week and “How Smart Language Helped End Seattle’s Paralyzing Bikelash.” (Councilor Bushee, Bob Siqueiros)**

Mr. Siqueiros said Councilor Bushee asked for this item on the agenda. The Bike to Work task force has been meeting. Attached in packet is an article from Seattle with specific language for bike safety. Elizabeth Mesch is here to speak to it.

Ms. Mesch said she was delighted to be here. She was very happy to see what BTAC does. She said handing out brochures is not effective in promoting cycle safety. She asked people in the community what the shortest message in English and Spanish on how to deal with cyclists would be. The League was focused on educating cyclists. But they understood that was not enough. They needed to work with car drivers. In 2004, cyclists made up 13% of the fatalities on the road. It went down to 5% after their campaign. The person who gave her those stats is no longer with us. The Department of Transportation has since refused to provide those stats. It is important for us to know them.

Ms. Mesch said they went to the Legislature with the Bill which went through the House and the Senate but Governor Martínez vetoed it. The cities of ABQ, Santa Fe and Los Alamos passed a 5 feet safe passing law. This is a grass roots effort in the current campaign for people to know what to do with cyclists on the road.

Now we need to do a new one. We need to thank people for continuing to give bikes 5 feet and think about how to educate cyclists along with automobile drivers. The initial challenge is that some cyclists might be uninformed or act stupid on the road but that is a fringe group. Cyclists are a fringe group and what that does is to give fuel to the majority group of people on the road and it becomes incendiary for some people.

She is trying to figure out how not to give fuel to the majority group and to educate cyclists as well in a positive campaign. Some preliminary ideas are to pick out two rules of the road that are neglected by cyclists and auto drivers as well. Going with the flow of traffic; stopping at red lights.

The other is to interview cyclists and have them become more real - have them be the ones who say they don't like cyclists rolling through red lights. The last one is to do another part of the pamphlet campaign that she did in 2004. She asked for comments.

Ms. Robinson thank you. A couple of years ago we went to one of the driver's ed classes and identified what 5 feet is. We took the class outside and showed the class. She suggested they think about that along with a clever sign about distance.

The sign that came out in 2004 has gone a long way. People do say that the sign has had its time. New colorful graphics would help and place them on lawns.

Ms. Mesch said she was more than happy to do lawn signs again. It is a process of creativity. More colors mean more money. It creates more complexity in the visual meeting of the eyes.

Ms. Robinson liked the recycle signs the schools did. They had painted telephone boxes. It is a more serious issue though.

Ms. Mesch that recycle campaign was put on by the City. The recycle campaign. Some people thought the City did the lawn sign message and that it was a law even though it was grassroots.

Ms. Robinson favored targeting the kids in driver's ed classes.

Mr. Cooley thanked her for those signs. Even though they are a bit dated, they still serve a purpose as good reminders. Another idea for a campaign is a "wait until it is safe to pass" campaign.

Ms. Mesch said she has heard that over and over. At least they are thinking about cyclists. There must be another way to convey a safe passage.

Ms. Grogan thank her for all her work. Ms. Downing was involved in working with the DMV to get some questions on the study guide related to bicycles. Some of that information was used to create questions in the written test. She was not sure they were still in existence.

Ms. Grogan said education regarding the sharrows project should be undertaken. A lot of people don't know what that symbol means. It would be great if you could be part of the subcommittee on education. She talked with Jon Bulthuis about having the bike message on buses.

Ms. Mesch said she would consider that for sure. She went to the DMV to renew her license and she did come across at least three or four questions on there related to cyclists.

Mr. Herdman suggested going to the Plaza and asking people what a sharrow is. And at the end explaining to them what a sharrow is. Capitalizing on the five foot thing and the 10 year old saying, "Give me 5" would be a message to keep.

Ms. Mesch thanked them for the great ideas.

Mr. Newhall said he is a league certified instructor and offers the traffic school 101 class from the League of American Cyclists curriculum. It is a foundation of safe cycling and he would offer to conduct it.

Mr. Siqueiros said that will be on the agenda in March.

### **3. Presentation, Discussion and Action Regarding an update of the 2012 General Obligation**



## **Bond - Parks and Trails Implementation Plan (Engineering Staff).**

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said he brought together an active working list of 17 of at least 30 to 40 projects the engineering section has been involved in. The new coordinator is Lisa McDonald. Brian Drypolcher retired. The 17 projects will go through them. The spread sheet is in the packet.

Member Pacheco said these are all the trail projects.

Mr. Cooley asked about the design. He asked if the City is planning to do a protective walk signal.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said the design details have not been figured out. It is a design detail that would not be ready at this point.

Mr. Herdman asked if that would come back to BTAC.

Mr. L. Pacheco said he could bring this question up if it is in the scope. It did go to City Council so you can see it on line.

Member Pacheco thanked him for his work on the underpass. Now it is going to happen.

Ms. Grogan asked if BTAC could have a presentation about where the design stands for the underpass on Acequia Trail so BTAC could look at plans and give feedback.

Mr. L. Pacheco said because it is now federally funded, the protocol for clearances of funds is specific to their requirements. But he could make an informal presentation. They are doing the final design and that has to be certified by the feds. He could bring up as informational but not necessarily for feedback or changes. It will already have been certified by the feds.

Ms. Grogan didn't want any presentation to complicate the design process in terms of what is settled on by designers or what is incorporated. None of us has any idea of what is included in the design.

Mr. L. Pacheco said the legal process and framework is a given, due to the relationship with DOT. Members could call the designers as an individual person but not as a body. His expectation is that BTAC will be thrilled with it. He suggested doing a presentation post federal ratification which means in April.

Member Pacheco said BTAC was not going to change anything but it would be nice to see it now.

Mr. L. Pacheco would get back to the Committee and share it at the earliest possible juncture. He was not able to commit to a date now. The DOT certification will be in March. He said he could send a PDF that depicts the design.

Ms. Robinson said she didn't remember ever hearing discussion about the artist.

Mr. L. Pacheco said they brought in the artist very early - Chrissy Orr. They have been working with the Arts Commission.

Ms. Robinson felt this project is a jewel to the City. There are ways to keep it as a respected piece like a school mural.

Mr. L. Pacheco agreed and they are involved with the artist.

Ms. Grogan said she didn't want to complicate the design process but felt that having some input from BTAC on the design before it is finalized would be a good idea. As a procedural thing when projects like this come up involving the Committee and the public more helps. She asked if BTAC could see what that looks like.

Mr. L. Pacheco said the BTAC involvement in design and the public involvement in design has been huge. The Committee's early involvement and public involvement is what got us to this point. He acknowledged that the input has been exceedingly great and valuable. That involvement is a model for the City and State.

Ms. Grogan agreed that BTAC did have a large voice and conceptually, had a lot of input in this. She was just saying she thought it would have been great if someone had come to BTAC and get feedback. Going forward, she suggested the City incorporate that additional step.

Member Pacheco said Leroy has done a fantastic job but since the charrette was done BTAC has not seen it. The Committee would just like to see it on paper.

Mr. L. Pacheco said that when they got through the charrette they had funding to complete the design. It was in October that they got the funding and they had to work through City Council in an extremely complicated process. So they have been pushing to get the final design done and processed. It was not a lack of desire to come back to BTAC. He agreed to speak to the design team.

Ms. Grogan also wanted to see way finding.

Mr. Abbatacola thanked him for all of his work. Regarding the Zia underpass he asked if the City was going to take some of the lessons learned. He has seen a lot of cracks in the ceiling at Zia. With the concrete cracking, water is cause for concern. There is also the graffiti issue. He would also be interested in seeing the way finding designs.

Mr. Herdman asked if the River Trail at St. Francis to Guadalupe was part of this.

Mr. L. Pacheco said it was part of phase one.

Mr. Herdman said it seemed to be a big missing link.

Mr. L. Pacheco said the plans are complete and they are awaiting DOT certification and moving towards summer construction. The funding is in place. The design is 100% complete and approved by our ADA committee, HDRB and other committees.

Mr. Herdman asked if the design could be circulated.

Mr. L. Pacheco said the door is always open on an individual basis.

Mr. Herdman said it was too bad that it was not vetted by BTAC as well. On the La Tierra Flow Trail he asked that before that is finalized, a design come back to BTAC. Good integration is needed.

Ms. Robinson was under impression that there was some containment in it.

Mr. Herdman understood it is a one-way trail and mountain bike specific.

Mr. L. Pacheco explained that this is not a City-led project. The City is transferring the \$10,000. The alignment is with Conservation Trust and it is cleared for archaeology.

Mr. Herdman asked if someone at the City overlooking this could make sure it comes back to BTAC for feedback.

Mr. L. Pacheco said the Santa Fé Fat Tire Society contract is with Trail Solutions. He advised them not to do anything until they have a MOU.

Mr. Herdman asked if he could put in a sentence that says BTAC will review the design.

Mr. L. Pacheco was not sure about the timing. The design, basically, is similar to the design from the National Park Service. The City was not taking the lead but he would try to put that in the MOA.

Mr. Newhall said Mr. Herdman needed to go out and look at the trail. This is being built by people who do this for a living. It was specifically designed and located for lack of conflict with other trail users.

Mr. L. Pacheco asked Mr. Herdman to articulate that request in writing and the City can make it part of the design review. He was concerned about the schedule.

Mr. Herdman pointed out there were just two very different uses and when they come together, they all need to be aware of safety precautions.

#### **4. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:**

##### **a. On-Road**

##### **b. Mountain Bike**

##### **c. Bike Education and Outreach**

#### **d. La Tierra Master Plan**

There were no subcommittee reports.

### **H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Siqueiros announced the April 8 League of American Bicyclists meeting. The Santa Fé Conservation Trust is putting together a bike tour. The main thing is how to attain gold. Our silver is good until 2017. At the next meeting he would have more information and detail about it.

Ms. Robinson noted the meeting was on a Wednesday. It sounds like they want a community ride but she couldn't participate until 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Siqueiros said he would know more at the next meeting. They are looking at Market Station to meet.

Mr. Herdman asked if this is open to the public.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed. In order to reach gold status, they will evaluate our situation now and will send a report afterward.

Ms. Robinson thought it was amazing that they picked Santa Fe.

Mr. Siqueiros said they picked 100 cities and Santa Fe is a priority city.

Mr. Newhall note the bicycle education being offered. The next one is a presentation on the Route 66 route. Adventure Cycling is a brand new event and will be from Chicago to Southern California using the Old Route 66.

Mr. Siqueiros said he got an email from Steve Clark, who said the goal of the visit is to see all the good things Santa Fe has done and to explain how to get gold status.

Mr. Herdman sounds great. Exciting. We should be prepared to be candid about our deficiencies. Great to get good feedback and to get gold.

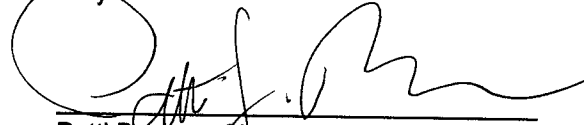
### **I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no Committee communications.

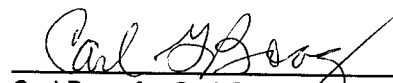
## J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p. m.

Approved by:

  
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Patti Bushee, Chair

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