

# Agenda

## BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday May 15, 2019 5:00 p.m

City Hall – Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Ave

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 17, 2019
5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR
6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES (5-minutes per agency)
  - a. Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT); Reporting for City Trail Volunteer Coordinator (Tim Rogers)
7. DISCUSSION
  - a. Discussion Regarding the Santa Fe River Trail to Siler Road Connection (Stephen Newhall, BTAC Member)
  - b. Regarding On-Road Bicycle Wayfinding, including "Bike Route66" (Stephen Newhall, BTAC Member)
  - c. Regarding Bicycle Safety Ordinance (Sky Tallman, BTAC Member)
  - d. Regarding Free Bicycle Counters for Short Term Counts (Sky Tallman, BTAC Member)
  - e. Regarding Street Sweeping Bike Lanes (Sid Redner, BTAC Member)
  - f. Regarding Maintenance of State Roads within the City of Santa Fe (Sid Redner, BTAC Member)
  - g. Regarding The Current Condition of Route 14 Between BLM and Bonanza Road (Sid Redner, BTAC Member)
8. BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS (On Road, Education)
9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS
10. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS
11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR
12. ADJOURNMENT

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**Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee**

**May 15, 2019**

**5:00 pm – 6:30 pm**

**City Council Chambers**

**Santa Fe, NM 87501**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair, Jo Anne Vigil Coppler, called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm, City Council Chambers.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Roll Call reflects a quorum.

**PRESENT**

Councilor Jo Anne Vigil Coppler

Jennifer Wellington

Stephen Newhall

Sky Tallman

Khalil Spencer

Sidney Redner

Rachel Wexler

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**

Bruce Finger

Tom Sharpe

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Bob Siqueiros, Project Administrator

Fran Lucero, Stenographer

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Mr. Spencer moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Mr. Tallman, motion carried by unanimous voice vote.*

**4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2019 MINUTES**

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Ms. Wellington pointed out grammatical errors.

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*Ms. Wexler moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2019 as amended second by Ms. Wellington, motion carried by unanimous voice vote*

**5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR**

**None**

**6. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES (5 MINUTES)**

**Santa Fe Conservation Trust, Tim Rogers**

It was discussed at a previous BTAC meeting that members would participate in the Vamonos walks. Mr. Rodgers stated that what the members have is correct information. Another one that will happen is on June 8<sup>th</sup> /Take a Kid Hiking Day which is also a part of the Vamonos walks. This year it takes place on a Saturday and it will go up part of the Atalaya trail. It will be publicized in schools for the kid's participation. They will work with Camino Real Charter school and Nina only signed up for one field trip this semester. They have focused on southside schools, others have shared interest.

Khalil: Pump Track

Pump track is a small dirt track that has risen and curbs, it looks like a BMX park but there are no jumps, it is the way you pump a swing. New Mexico School for the deaf is interested in that; it is a major reason why we are having the fiesta behind their school.

Khalil: I haven't heard any discussions about that and I would like to be a part of it, there is an interesting park between Larragoite and Ashbaugh and there is a nice biking trail parallel to the trail.

Jennifer Wellington: How do we get that to happen, Elena Kayak from SFPS was a part of this endeavor. The person who initiated it this at Larragoite School should contact the Parks Department, Richard Thompson. I would like to be a part of that.

Jennifer Wellington: I am interested I haven't seen a newspaper article, the city received a \$300,000 to have a safe route to school coordinator, under Parks and Recreation. This is somebody I would like to see a report from monthly.

Mr. Siqueiros: It is a safe route to school grant; federal transportation funding is awarded on a reimbursement basement. They are told they will be reimbursed when they start using the money. There are a lot of ways to get that notice. I would like to talk to Mr. Thompson. City Manager did sign a letter confirming that the City did have a match. Mr. Thompson has to show that there is significant funding. There are legal agreements that need to be signed. Timeline, that is up to City Parks on how to proceed. They would issue a request for proposals. It is not set up to hire a staff person. This transportation alternative funding is mostly for the project, funding for a coordinator is optional. Safe

Route to School Coordinator in Las Cruces is hired by the MPO. I don't think it is set up to hire a person here.

Jennifer Wellington: Can you find out from Planning when they plan to start.

Chair Coppler Vigil will give staff direction.

Stephen Newhall: The Fat Tire Society would like to be a part of these discussions.

## **7. DISCUSSION**

### **a. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SANTA FE RIVER TRAIL TO SILER ROAD CONNECTION**

Stephen Newhall: The River Trail to Siler connection was badly designed, and ends up on the sidewalk, which does not connect to the bike lane on the street. Riders are currently required to ride about 6 feet of dirt or mud to make it onto the road. Even though that section is a city project, it was a county project and I get asked why it is not fixed. Mr. Newhall asked who our counterpart is at the county?

Chair asked if Bob Siquieros could have a discussion with the County?

Rachel Wexler: Someone told me that it was intentional, that it is the city business design, it would be up to the city to fill in the remaining space.

Audience: Tim Rogers

Research: The county justified it for reasons that weren't acceptable. The fact of the matter is that what they designed should in fact connect, it is in the Master Plan and it is being included in the Bike Master Plan. Scott Kaseman is the River Coordinator for Santa Fe County; it is almost a moot point for the city to go back. It would be something to bring to city public works.

Chair asked Bob Siqueiros to follow up with Santa Fe County as this is a joint city/county project.

### **b. REGARDING ON ROAD BICYCLE WAYFINDING INCLUDING BIKE ROUTE 66**

Santa Fe has generic "bike route" signs on various streets dating from 1993. The value of this signage today is questionable especially since we have made more and more bike-friendly roads and trails available as alternative routes for cyclists.

Chair has spoken with the City Manager and the Mayor and she will send information to them to give direction to Public Works to see if the department can cover the cost and encourage the sub-committee to come up with a list to see if we have sufficient budget.

Khalil Spencer: Does the city have a map? Where do you get off the trails? Sky is also on the subcommittee and would like to start trading a list on where is the first intersection that they should sign. Consultants don't know the locations like we do as the riders. We can work on doing this; it is a bit of a long-term project to work on our intersections, new signage and how it would work for bikes.

Rachel Wexler: This is a separate topic, Albuquerque has great signage, all the basic rules you need to have on a trail. She will take pictures this week when she is there and share with the committee.

Jennifer Wellington: Shared her frustration that there are so many things that are good in the 2012 Bicycle Plan but they were never picked up by Engineering Department and the sign shop and here we are 2019 still trying to get this right. We didn't have it as an agenda item; in January or February we got it passed (Resolution Useful Lane and 5' to pass). What a waste of money what a waste of time, BTAC asked that we have a newsworthy event when the signs went up. Why and where does the disconnect happen, it is a waste of time. We would have liked to do during Bike week and now we are being told that we might need to wait until the new FY. How do we get this right so we don't have to take 3 steps back to get it right? Who am I directing this to, Bob?

Bob Siqueiros: I don't know how to make it right.

Chair: The signs wording and sign are not correct. We had pictures that we approved and this is what they should have followed.

Jennifer Wellington: Why is it when it gets to the sign shop it is a diamond and incorrect?

Chair: We need to talk to Regina Wheeler, Public Works Director and let her know that is not what the council approved.

Summary: Ms. Newhall's group will come up with a list of signs, prioritize and language for the signs w and where they should be placed.

**No motion at this meeting.**

**Several examples of signage in question included in the meeting packet.**

**c. REGARDING BICYCLE SAFETY ORDINANCE**

Sky Tallman

Referred to information in the meeting packet relating to the action taken in Cambridge, MA who recently passed a progressive bicycle ordinance that mandates that protected bicycle lanes be installed on all streets when they are constructed or reconstructed. Implementing a similar ordinance in Santa Fe would have a significant and positive effect on improving the bikeability of our roads and it would ensure that bicycle infrastructure would be included in all parts of the city as roads come due for reconstruction. Link to a summary and analysis of the ordinance: <https://www.citylab.com/transportation/2-19/04/protected-bike-lanes-traffic-safety-cambridge-bicycle-plan/586876/>

By connecting the expansion of the bicycle network to road construction is an equitable, decentralized and economical ordinance that will likely lead to mode-shift within the city. Connecting bicycle and pedestrian safety infrastructure to road construction projects will save the city money because the cost of reconstructing a road with or without bicycle infrastructure will be similar, and cheaper than adding bicycle infrastructure as a separate project. The long-term result will be greatly increased connectivity and bicycle safety across the city.

The most important thing that the MPO can do is to consider the needs of all bicyclist. When you build infrastructure, it shows changes in behavior. There are Safe Route to school programs in 4 different cities, improving infrastructure and improving 18% - bike lanes 21-%. I am proposing any part of a street ordinance; it was recognized and will make a difference on how people move.

If we can tweak the language with repaving and construction of roads, that would make a big difference in bicycling in Santa Fe. One other thing we do as a city is change the way we analyze the road projects, look at per capita to see the impact and multi modal to include bicycle improvements.

This resolution is in line with policy and our existing plans, these specs do apply to new road construction.

Stephen Newhall: I agree that we want to stop battling these one-by-one lanes. I was under the impression, sub-collector on up, there is a mixed use collector and it was meant to cover the downtown area. That is the excuse they used for Alta Vista, they could have lanes and they replaced with parking. One of the things we need to do is no new road can be mixed collector,



Sky Tallman: Over the next 6 years we plan to build 1 mile of protected bike lanes.

Chair: This is a very good example of where we can go.

Bob Siqueiros: When they start the rewrite of the Ordinance Chapter 14, they do have some sections of complete street and they increased their staff with a Transportation Planner and we could have this person look at the code.

Chair: We don't want to miss the re-write. Staff direction is to coordinate more closely when those rewrites are going to happen and to notify when the Transportation Planner is hired. The Chair heard this was going to be done, but when will that occur. It might happen sooner than later to get the work out and so they know we want to incorporate or create the Ordinance and create the plan. Rely on staff direction on which avenue to take.

Bob Siqueiros: Transportation Planner is going to be a critical position, and the hopes are to have him/her in the process by July 1<sup>st</sup> – look in to it and contact Sky.

Jennifer Wellington: Is it possible to send Chapter 14 to the BTAC members.

Bob Siqueiros: We can send you the link, it is a big document. 14-9-2-1. Attached to meeting packet: Chapter 4 – Bicycle Facility Toolbox and Ordinance No. 1406.

***Commission recommendation is to move forward on the timeliness of the transportation plan.***

**d. REGARDING FREE BICYCLE COUNTERS FOR SHORT TERM COUNTS**

Sky Tallman – NMDOT has bicycle counters for short-term counts available free of charge to local public agencies such as the City of Santa Fe. Counters can be used on roads with car traffic as well as on dedicated non-motorized paths. To more fully understand bicycle usage across the city and to measure the impact of transportation and development projects on bicycling, the City of Santa Fe should take advantage of the availability of bicycle counters to collect data along major and minor bicycle corridors. Data should be collected near all proposed bicycle-related projects to be prepared to conduct before and after studies. We would like to have a long term count. All it would require is staff time to put them up and take them down.

Bob Siqueiros will take this information back to the transportation planner. He will talk to the staff to see if there is a place where they could be placed and what time.

There have been some bike counts in the past, MPO has bike counters.

Areas to consider are: Rodeo Rd., Zafarano and Camino Carlos Rey are where you can get a firm count. It is high density and multi-use area.

Stephen Newhall: The device counts cars separately than bikes? I would like to see them separately.

Sky Tallman: It counts the distance between the axles and it has 18 classifications of the axles.

Rachel Wexler: I am all for data and I have seen that the counters they placed did not do the count appropriately. It is a double edge sword to say we are using counting to show need.

Sky Tallman: They have changed over time and there is a need for the count.

Rachel Wexler stated that there are city staff that say there is no need because there is no demand.

Jennifer Wellington asked if there is a Contractor that is going to do the counting.

Bob Siqueiros: We use traffic counting for traffic projects; they show where the bike users are and the traffic count helps us for modeling. In MPO we never used it.

Jennifer Wellington: I am concerned that if traffic counts are being done they should include bicycles. They have to be part of the traffic count. If they are counting traffic, bicycles should be part of the traffic count.

The Chair stated if a connector is built it would include bicycle land to get around as well. The purpose is to determine how much traffic could we offload in those streets. I haven't seen the RFP; I am reporting what the city council has learned.

#### **e. STREET SWEEPING BIKE LANES**

Over the past few years, the City of Santa Fe has created bike lanes in various locales throughout the city. However, many of these bikes have been neglected and are full of debris, rendering them unusable.

Mr. Redner stated that bike lanes are always full of debris. He does not see any evidence if there is a regular schedule of sweeping streets nor can we ask for a regular schedule especially for bike lanes.

The Chair asked Bob Siqueiros to bring a schedule to next meeting.

Ms. Wellington asked if they should have someone from Public Works come in so they could hear it directly from the BTAC members. She has turned in several street sweeping reports and they haven't been done.

Mr. Redner stated that motorists are more aggressive because bicycles should be in the bike lane, but the bike lane is full of debris or glass.

The Chair stated that the point is well taken and we do want to see the schedule at next meeting.

**f. REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF STATE ROADS WITHIN THE CITY**

Mr. Redner: Many of the roads in the worst condition in the City of Santa Fe are actually state roads (e.g. Paseo de Peralta, St. Michael's Drive). Because of the lack of local ownership, these types of roads are poorly maintained and are in such bad condition that they are hazardous to both motorists and bicyclist.

The Chair asked Mr. Siqueiros if there is an agreement from the state that St. Michael's would be repaired by the state.

Mr. Siqueiros: Paseo de Peralta and St Michaels and Sandoval are in the agreement. One of the biggest complaints right now is pot holes. What concerns me the most is re-repaving.

Rachel Wexler: Can we invite someone from NMDOT to come to a meeting?

Mr. Siqueiros will follow up with NMDOT and report at next meeting.

**g. REGARDING THE CURRENT CONDITION OF ROUTE 14 BETWEEN BLM AND BONANZA ROAD**

Last year, Rte. 14 was repaved between the BLM and Bonanza Creek Road. However, the repaving was done only on the roadway and about 6" of the shoulder area. There is now a significant lip between the shoulder and the repaved part of the shoulder. There are a lot of local people that bike along Rte. / 14 and it's an issue for many Santa Fe residents that this portion of the roadway is now less safe than before the repaving.

Mr. Redner asked if there is there a report on the re-paving of roads as they are dangerous?

Rachel Wexler: Commented that the state has created a new Department of Outdoor Recreation. There is an opportunity; it would be nice if we could create opportunities to intersect with the state.

Ms. Wellington asked if staff could send out ASAP the names of the Commissioners on the NMDOT and the dates of meetings.

Rachel Wexler: In terms of city infrastructure, is the city doing anything with outdoor recreation?

Mr. Siqueiros said yes and that goes through Randy Randall, Tourism Director.

BTAC members would like to have a conversation with Mr. Randall to discuss outdoor recreation.

The Chair noted that he did give a report at city council and they spoke about signage and she mentioned BTAC's concerns.

How do we leverage the city of outdoor recreation?

Chair: We can control what we can within the city and work with staff, we have staff people who keep that in the forefront of design.

Ms. Wellington made the suggestion that BTAC write letters as a committee and express their needs.

#### **8. BTAC Sub-Committee Communications (On-Road Education)**

Jennifer Wellington: Talked about the League Cycling Training (LCI's) through Bike Santa Fe. They had two classes with bike cycling and the League of American Cyclist, 12 started and 11 graduated and now have 6 instructors in Santa Fe. Once certified as an LCI, you're able to teach the curriculum and are covered by an insurance policy that indemnifies you while teaching a class.

#### **9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Siqueiros stated that the next meeting is on the 19<sup>th</sup> of June. There are four BTAC members whose terms will end at the end of June and the Chair will be consulted.

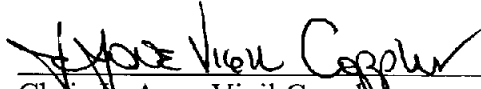
#### **10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

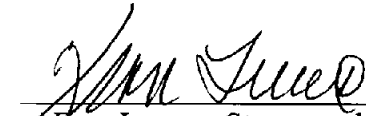
**None**

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the BTAC committee, the Chair called for adjournment at 6:30 pm

### SIGNATURE PAGE:

  
Chair Jo Anne Vigil Coppler

  
Fran Lucero, Stenographer