

Agenda

BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday February 19, 2020 5:00 p.m. City Hall – Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Ave

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
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- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 15, 2020
- 5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR
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  - a. Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT); Reporting for City Trail Volunteer Coordinator (Tim Rogers)
  - b. Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Plan Update (Erick Aune, MPO)
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  - b. Discussion regarding trails signage project, maintenance condition of selected trails, and an update on Trails Rules and Etiquette concerning the shared use of Multi-Modal Trails (Richard Thompson, Parks Division Director).
  - c. Discussion and action to re-examine the purpose of establishing the Education Sub-Committee (Rachel Wexler, BTAC Member).
  - d. Discussion and action to fund the participation of a City staff to the League of American Bicyclists National Bike Summit in 2021 (Rachel Wexler, BTAC Member).
  - e. Discussion and action to adopt electric cargo bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation in the City of Santa Fe (Clemente McFarlane, Sirius Cycles Owner & Operator).
  - f. Discussion and action to amend Resolution No. 2010-64 in order to make Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee's Purpose, Duties and Responsibilities internally consistent (Khalil Spencer, BTAC Member).
- 8. BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS (On Road, Education)
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| 7.   | DISCUSSION/ACTION<br>a) Resignation of Member Stelnicki<br>Appointment of Yolanda Eisenstein  | Accepted Resignation & Recommended Appointme                    | ent 6              |
|      | <ul> <li>b) Trails Signs, Maintenance, Etiquette</li> <li>c) Education Subcommittee</li> <li>d) Funding of Staff attendance at a bicycle/pedestrian summit</li> <li>e) Electric cargo bicycles</li> <li>f) BTAC Resolution</li> </ul> | Discussion<br>Approved<br>Not discussed<br>Recommended to Amend | 7-8<br>8-9<br>9-12 |
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#### MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 19, 2020 – 5:00 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee was called to order by Michael Garcia, Chair, on the above date at approximately 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

## 2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

#### PRESENT

Councilor Michael Garcia, Chair Robert Morlino Tom Sharpe Khalil Spencer (arrived at 5:27 pm) Sky Tallman Rachel Wexler

#### ABSENT (excused)

Bruce Finger Sidney Redner Tripp Stelnicki

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Romella Glorioso Moss, Staff Liaison Melissa Byers, Stenographer

#### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Glorioso Moss stated that Item 6(b) was removed because Mr. Aune could not attend the meeting.

**Motion:** Member Tallman moved, seconded by Member Sharpe to approve the agenda, as amended.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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# 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 15, 2020

Ms. Glorioso-Moss requested that the following amendments be made to the minutes:

- Page 5, item b, 6<sup>th</sup> paragraph out of compliance should be "in compliance"
- Page 8, Section 4, 9, prioritize *bicycle and pedestrian related projects* should read "pedestrian <u>trails</u> related projects."
- Page 9, first paragraph, *should read* "The committee has the authority to create subcommittees."
- Page 9, fourth paragraph, 4th line, *organize media and educational complaints* should be "educational <u>campaigns</u>", not complaints.
- **Motion:** Member Morlino moved, seconded by Member Wexler to approve the Minutes of January 15, 2020, as amended.
- **Vote:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## 5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Joe Hay said he contacted Councilor Garcia last month and the Chair invited him to the meeting. He recently moved back to Santa Fe and is without a car, so he uses public transit and bikes. Santa Fe is a great place for biking, but he wanted to share his frustrations on the bicycle infrastructure and perceived safety as a cyclist. He finds it difficult to cross Cerrillos Road near Whole Foods where he lives. He agreed the distance between crosswalks on Cerrillos is a problem and having to maneuver around Cerrillos adds significant time to his commute. He suggested a bike lane between that area of town and Downtown and public pedestrian/bike access is also missing at Ft. Marcy. He thought with a traffic light or cross walk at Whole Foods, it would be safer.

Elena Kayak from Santa Fe Public Schools (SFPS) is in the Facilities Department and works on sustainability projects in the district. She said the schools are grateful to be able to refer their comments, suggestions, and recommendations to the Committee. She had three items she wanted to bring to their attention:

- 1. An invitation for any BTAC member to attend the Safe Routes to School New Mexico State Summit, Friday, April 17, in Albuquerque, coordinated by stakeholders in the State. She offered to send an email with more information.
- 2. Bike Week for Santa Fe is May 9 May 17 and various activities are being organized. Many schools plan to walk /bike to school all week.

3. She asked the Committee to consider a start time for the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Chair Garcia asked Ms. Kayak to send the invitation to Ms. Glorioso-Moss to distribute. He noted the start time will be discussed under Matters from the Chair.

Clemente McFarland, owner of Sirius Cycles referred to item (e). He wasn't sure if the Committee has discussed the adoption of electric cargo bicycles for multimodal transportation and City vehicles. He is interested in adding something like that.

Chair Garcia explained the process depended on this Committee which would then forward to other appropriate committees and go on to the Governing Body.

#### 6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

# a. Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT); Reporting for City Trail Volunteer Coordinator (Tim Rogers)

Mr. Rogers provided his report on the SFCT activities. The report for January was sent to Ms. Glorioso-Moss outlining nine tasks. He provided highlights of the report.

Active trail maintenance - This is not done in winter and natural surface trails maintenance begins in late March. He described his work with the Parks Department that includes an interpretive trail and part of a trail along Hyde Park Rd. SFCT will work with the Land Conservancy on a trail across from SFCC and with the Santa Fe Estates subdivision to complete trail connections. He continues to work on MPO projects and the Agua Fina Subdivision.

*Community Events/Promotion* - Spring field trips are being planned with El Camino Real Academy, Pinon Elementary and Nina Otero Community School to go to Dale Ball Trails south towards Picacho Peak. Vamanos Santa Fe Walks will take place May - October. The next meeting of the Arroyo Chamiso Crossing is March 10<sup>th</sup>, it was snowed out twice. He will mostly comment on trail connections that could be possible depending on alignment.

Mr. Rogers reported the offramp from the Relief Route onto St. Francis Drive project includes closing Viento Drive. He has commented to consultants that doing that will create congestion and conflicts between motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

He said the second page of the report has dates of interest. He highlighted the BANFI Film Festival on March 16-17<sup>th</sup>; the Acequia and River cruise in April and a flyer for the Safe Routes to School Summit.

He met with City staff of Public Works on basic wayfinding. The focus is on existing bike routes signage that have no wayfinding information. They will start with the Plaza, the Railyard, and the River Trail. He provided the details of where signage is proposed and currently exists. Since meeting with staff, he developed the next phase and how to connect the Rail Trail and the Acequia Trail via Monterey Drive. Improving the connection is pending the upcoming Rail Trail project.

Mr. Rogers passed out copies of a map requested by City Engineer John Romero. The map shows current wayfinding proposals and proposals for the next phases. They would start with downtown destinations in phases 1A, phase 1B and the next phase (in blue) would incorporate routes ready, such as connecting Rufina to the River Trail via Siler. Phase 3 (in red) is pending improvements and upcoming engineering work.

Member Wexler voiced her concern with equity noting that all of the green is on the east side and in one part of town. She was worried, given the history of the Southside and people who felt their needs are not being met.

She said she heard him say the City has already spent money in the green area in the past. Now they are going to spend more in the same area. She asked how much money was spent on pieces of the system not close to downtown. The signs there are worthless, but for some reason they choose to replace the eastside signs first.

Mr. Rogers replied they chose to replace signs on the east side first because the purpose of providing wayfinding is to indicate preferential routes for cyclists. The roads on the Southside such as Rodeo, Airport, and Cerrillos, and Richards Avenue have bike lanes, but are not preferential. The blue routes are ready to go. Many residents know how to get around the City, but visitors do not.

Member Wexler pointed out they built up the resources and infrastructure on the eastside. Because there are no trails to connect to doesn't mean people do not need wayfinding on the Southside. She thought this compounded the equity issue.

Mr. Rogers respectfully disagreed, stating this is a tiny project compared to investments in infrastructure. He said he and Mr. Romero were sensitive to her point and why the map was created.

Chair Garcia echoed Member Wexler's point, but should ensure while making Santa Fe a more bike friendly city, to grow the infrastructure in the greater downtown area. He asked if there is a clear path from Santa Fe or Capital High School to downtown. He agreed the resources need to be concentrated downtown for tourism economy. But they cannot forget the parts of town that may have less adequate infrastructure if they want to promote biking as a way of life for young folks.

Member Tallman thought the problem on the Southside was not signage, but more the need to use the busy arterials to get anywhere on the Southside. You have no choice but to use Airport Road, South Meadows, or Agua Fria. The block structure is a problem.

Member Spencer said they were talking about two different things. One is an educational program - wayfinding, to best use the resources that exist. The other is accessibility. The bigger issue is the design. The areas of the city more recently developed with things like cul-de-sacs and arterial design is a huge impediment to multi-modal transportation. They need to build to incorporate multi-modal for safe transportation for everyone regardless of the part of the City.

Chair Garcia clarified his comment was more around the signage and that most on the eastside know how to get to downtown and may not necessarily be a priority as it would be for those on the Southside. They need to step back and look at the ultimate priority. He asked Mr. Rogers the reason he prioritized the areas in phase one.

Mr. Rogers explained Phase 1A is existing bike routes. They want to enable cyclists to connect trails and roads to get to destinations. That is why they have Acequia Trail. It is an alignment that is a combination of trails and roads.

Member Wexler said there are locations like where the Acequia Trail ends by Ashbaugh Park that has strange signage. That isn't part of this plan, but it is a connection of a road to a path. She said stood by her comment about the green lines on the map.

Mr. Rogers said he was not mapping all of the wayfinding in town. He was showing where destination wayfinding is needed, and he agreed it could be improved. The map is about adding new wayfinding signage and phase 1B, has wayfinding signage that is up but sometimes misleading or wrong.

#### b. Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Plan Update (Erick Aune, MPO)

Removed from agenda.

## 7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

a. Discussion and action regarding the resignation of BTAC Member Mr. Tripp Stelnicki representing District 1, and the appointment of Atty. Yolanda Eisenstein (District 1) to fill unexpired term ending June 30, 2021 (Romella Glorioso-Moss, BTAC Staff Liaison).

Ms. Glorioso-Moss stated that Mr. Stelnicki submitted a letter of resignation as a member of BTAC. Ms. Glorioso-Moss noted that staff reviewed all of the resumes that had been previously submitted and chose Ms. Eisenstein to fill the vacancy because of her background as an avid biker/hiker and she will bring a female perspective.

Ms. Eisenstein had accepted the nomination and was present. Staff recommended the Committee accept the resignation of Mr. Stelnicki and recommend to the Mayor and City Council the appointment of Yolanda Eisenstein.

Chair Garcia asked Ms. Eisenstein if she wanted to address the Committee.

Ms. Eisenstein commented she had applied last June. She thought this the perfect committee for her. She has been biking, hiking, and running in Santa Fe for over 15 years. She is very interested in the Committee and believes she can bring a different perspective. Although she is a licensed attorney in Santa Fe, she has the time and interest to devote to the Committee.

**Motion:** Member Sharpe moved, seconded by Member Spencer to accept the resignation of Tripp Stelnicki, and recommend the appointment of Yolanda Eisenstein as a member of Bicycle Trails Advisory Committee.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Discussion regarding trails signage project, maintenance condition of selected trails, and an update on Trails Rules and Etiquette concerning the shared use of Multi-Modal Trails (Richard Thompson, Parks Division Director).

Mr. Thompson said he was looking forward to bringing forth information on the etiquette and an action item at the next meeting. He noted the discussion is on a way to standardize wayfinding and the urban trail system. Public Works oversees trail construction design, information, and placement of signage and Parks maintains trails and signage. Parks has requested an increase in service contracts, operating supplies, and remodeling for FY 2020/202 that should go a long way in signage and maintenance.

Parks is also considering an offer from the Mayors Youth Advisory Board (MYAB), who is looking for a project and has funding. Parks will present a proposal to see if they would be interested in participating in the etiquette signage effort. Parks has received approval from Public Works and the Finance Committee for a grant for Safe Routes to Schools through NMDOT. Safe Routes and MPO will also be asked to devote some funds to the etiquette signage program.

Mr. Thompson reported the cost of striping trails was researched and found to be about \$920 a mile, but he thought they could reduce to about \$600 a mile.

On maintenance, Parks has inherited a number of neighborhood trail systems. They are largely asphalt, which are generally narrower and lack base course, which causes upheaval, separation, and deterioration. Equipment has been requested to mend asphalt trails and they will continue to request concrete trails, 5 ft. wide with a stabilized base, underlayment, and striping. Also, Public Works, Facilities Development Division has contracted the re-decking of seven of the multimodal bridges and they expect five more bridges in the next fiscal year.

The wayfinding standardization for signage started about four years ago and is recognized as critical for visitors and new residents and deficient signs will be priority. Parks and the Education Committee discussed interest in branding and possibly a mascot type logo. Research shows people traveling at high speeds react to a color pattern, geographical or animated symbol better than wording. The branding and a mascot type logo will be easily identifiable and a reminder for riders and pedestrians to share the use of the trail.

Member Wexler thanked Mr. Thompson. She is excited about the idea of striping and appreciated the research.

# c. Discussion and action to re-examine the purpose of establishing the Education Sub-Committee (Rachel Wexler, BTAC Member).

Member Wexler stated she actually wanted to discuss the make-up of the Education Subcommittee and its purpose. She understood the *Bikes Can Use Full Lanes* study had language that was to be used to develop a marketing plan. She said she has volunteered to be on the subcommittee but has received no response from Jennifer, the chair.

She asked to clarify the makeup of the Education Subcommittee and their work.

Chair Garcia explained subcommittees can have no more than four members of BTAC and 3 members from the public. He suggested an update at the next meeting of the subcommittee's work and goals. He noted that BTAC can dissolve a subcommittee should they determine there is no value.

Member Wexler reiterated her frustration because she wants to be engaged with the subcommittee and there is no communication.

Member Tallman asked about the guidelines for communication and thought that was for the Committee to determine. At minimum the subcommittee should provide a clear picture of their purpose at the next meeting.

Members discussed the subcommittee and current members. Member Wexler understood the Education Subcommittee was charged with an aspect of communication on the ordinance regarding bikes using the full lane. There was to be a marketing plan but confusing how City staff was to be engaged, and there was no budget. The previous chair suggested the subcommittee work on the etiquette project, but she and others met with Mr. Thompson and Jennifer never attended the meetings.

Members discussed the resolution as it related to the subcommittee. The ordinance does not stipulate the chair must be a Committee member. The Committee has to approve the subcommittee development and determine their purpose. The purpose outlines the parameters; they may engage in investigating and assembling facts for the Committee and are advisory in nature. They cannot formulate public policy on behalf of the Committee.

Ms. Glorioso-Moss indicated BTAC has only two subcommittees.

Chair Garcia asked that the Committee members to review the purpose of the Education Subcommittee in March or April and set expectations. The subcommittee could then work toward a common goal and provide information to the Committee.

Mr. Newhall provided history on five or six subcommittees over the years.

Elena Kayak indicated she specifically asked the former chair for a new subcommittee for Safe Routes to Schools. She wanted that to remain on the table and be separate from the Education Subcommittee, which does signage and other things.

Chair Garcia asked Ms. Kayak to email him. He would be happy to explore that and bring it to the Committee and it would be up to the will of the body.

# d. Discussion and action to fund the participation of a City staff to the League of American Bicyclists National Bike Summit in 2021 (Rachel Wexler, BTAC Member).

Member Wexler explained at the last meeting there was a question of whether a Committee member could attend the Summit and it was suggested City staff attend. She thought a Parks & Recreation staff member should go to increase their understanding of the work in outdoor recreation. They could report back.

Member Morlino supported that but suggesting adding a strategy for reporting and disseminating the attendee's findings and policy proposals. He wanted to ensure the expense paid by taxpayers is leveraged meaningfully.

Member Wexler said she found cost would be about \$2300 and suggested it be added in the Recreation Division budget for the next fiscal year.

**Motion:** Member Spencer moved that BTAC advise the Governing Body to fund the participation for a City staff member of the Recreation Division to attend the League of American Bicycle National Bike Summit in 2021. Member Sharpe seconded the motion.

Member Tallman suggested it be to attend any type of bicycle/pedestrian summit. The intent is for professional development among City staff.

Member Spencer and Member Sharpe accepted the friendly amendment.

Member Morlino recommended the attendee be required to present the information to BTAC.

Member Spencer and Member Sharpe accepted the friendly amendment.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

e. Discussion and action to adopt electric cargo bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation in the City of Santa Fe (Clemente McFarlane, Sirius Cycles Owner & Operator).

Ms. Glorioso-Moss noted Mr. McFarlane had left the meeting. She offered to call and see if he could present at the meeting.

f. Discussion and action to amend Resolution No. 2010-64 in order to make Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee's Purpose, Duties and

Responsibilities internally consistent (Khalil Spencer, BTAC Member).

Motion: Member Spencer moved to amend Resolution 2010-64 to make the Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee's purpose, duties, and responsibilities internally consistent.

Chair Garcia noted that the Committee could not amend the resolution, that is up to the Governing Body.

Member Spencer amended his motion to recommend to the Governing Body they amend Resolution 2010-64 with the intent to amend the purpose of the Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee's purpose, duties, and responsibilities internally consistent. Member Morlino seconded the motion.

Member Spencer explained he had specific recommendations he wanted to discuss and forward those to the Governing Body. At least one staff member had questioned at the last meeting if the Committee was within their authority to discuss things outside of trails. He thought the problem was in the purpose in Section 3, page 24 that states the Committee's purpose is to ensure implementation of the City's plans and policies related to bicycle and pedestrian trails and to advise the Governing Body on such matters.

He thought the intent of the resolution was apparent. BTAC authorizes subcommittees and clarifies duties related to cycling and pedestrian and the safe alternative means of transportation. That includes both on and off-road bicycling/pedestrian facilities. He read on page 23, lines 3-5, *many existing streets are used as bicycle routes* and further on, *street improvements can be made to provide safe accommodations by applying road design standards which meet the intent of complete streets*. He noted on lines 18-21, the Santa Fe MPO, of which the Governing Body is a member, in its 2010/12 unified planning work, *will undertake planning tasks, develop a Bikeways Master Plan, a Pedestrian Master Plan and a form of Safe Routes to School's program for the MPO.* He noted a subcommittee had worked to get Santa Fe as a Silver Level bicycle friendly community.

Lastly in the Duties and Responsibilities, line 22, 23, the City states to advise on policies, projects, ordinances, and funding as they

relate to cycling and pedestrians as a safe, alternative means of transportation on roads and trails.

Member Spencer said the implied purpose is that the Committee is to advise on many things related to bicycle planning and implementation, but the purpose seems to be self-limiting if the duties and responsibilities in the resolution are not read.

He recommended the City at least amend their purpose to something along the lines of: *The purpose of the Bicycle Trails Advisory Committee is to ensure implementation of the City's plans and policies related to bicycle and pedestrian transportation within the City , including responsibility to deliberate on plans and policies that impact both trail and road resources, and to advise the Governing Body in all such matters.* 

Chair Garcia said Member Spencer was proposing to change the resolution but did not have the language. He suggested it best if they have the motion with specific language.

Ms. Glorioso-Moss informed the Chair that resolutions are drafted by the City Attorney's office. She advised them to refrain from a motion until she could work with the City Attorney liaison on the language. She will present the amended resolution at the next meeting for the Committee to recommend to the Governing Body to adopt.

Chair Garcia suggested approving Ms. Glorioso-Moss to work with the City Attorney to draft language and bring that back to the Committee.

Member Tallman said key points in Member Spencer's suggestion is to change the resolution from just trails to bicycle and pedestrian transportation. Legal could develop language to shift their purpose from trails to transportation and any other purposes bicycling may have.

Chair Garcia suggested Bicycle Trails and Transportation Advisory Committee.

Members discussed the renaming of the Committee and what the committee is called in other cities. Member Tallman suggested the

revision include the City's goal to become carbon neutral by 2040 and facilitate alternative modes of transportation.

Chair Garcia said the motion by Member Spencer is to recommend to the Governing Body they amend Resolution 2010-64 with the intent to amend the purpose of the Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee's purpose, duties, and responsibilities internally consistent. The motion was seconded by Member Morlino.

**Vote:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

#### 8. BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

#### On-Road:

Stephen Newhall said he was the only one who showed the last two months. He congratulated Mr. Thompson on the good job by Parks plowing the various trails. He said his answers to the maintenance questions were answered and he has noticed the City is sweeping. He congratulated the person responsible because it is important to a cyclist.

#### Education:

Mr. Newhall indicated he has been working with Nina Otero School who received a grant for 25 bikes in 2018. They are now receiving smaller to midsize adult bikes for the 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The upcoming bike to school event will meet at Swan Park and ride to Nina Otero. Jennifer worked with El Camino Real School on a grant for kindergartners and second graders. They received about 20 bikes and have a sevenweek program.

They need to pursue the status of the grant money available for a Safe Routes to School coordinator. He suggested the April agenda include a report on the National Bike Summit. He will attend and would be happy to provide that.

Ms. Glorioso-Moss reported the project went before the Public Works Committee led by Parks & Recreation. The Public Works Committee will recommend approval to Finance and the Governing Body and the Mayor will sign the agreement which goes to DOT for approval. She noted that DOT has already funded the grant and PWC has already approved the matching funds of \$40,000 (14.56%). She would give an update at the March meeting.

## 9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Glorioso-Moss provided an update on the Presbyterian trail that is unfinished. The developer had to redesign the trail because the grade is higher and creates a 3-foot drop to the connecting street. Removal of the existing asphalt and regrading began Monday. They plan to repave today depending on temperature and possibly finish this week. She thanked the Land Use Department and their engineer Dee Beingessner who worked hard to make this happen.

She stated that Mr. Isaacson, Land Use Director, is drafting an RFP for the Land Use Code rewrite. He will request input from BTAC once they have a consultant and offered to present to BTAC after the RFP is completed, possibly in March.

Member Tallman had requested easier website navigation for information about BTAC. The City website designer, Marco DeWaart, said he can create a webpage for them that will show the agenda, packet information, meeting schedule, purpose and duties, committee members, educational materials, etc.

Ms. Glorioso-Moss asked if the Committee wanted her to work with the designer on the webpage or preferred to create a subcommittee to develop a web page. Marco told her they could easily do a webpage for BTAC and has great ideas for promoting events and to encourage youth to bike and adding photographs. The website would be on the homepage with a link to BTAC.

Chair Garcia confirmed Committee consensus was for Marco and Ms. Glorioso-Moss to take charge.

Ms. Glorioso-Moss said the Public Works Department Director has requested the Division sweep when there is a week between snowfalls.

She said the MPO Plan was adopted in June of 2019. She found two things important to share. Santa Fe Bicycle Crash Analysis in 2018 revealed the main contributing factor is a failure to yield on behalf of both the bicyclist and motor vehicles (33%) and second was driver inattention (19%). Bicycle crashes are predominantly at intersections (64%); incidents are disbursed across town but generally on arterials: Cerrillos Road 45%; Airport Road 17%; St. Francis Dr. 13%; and St. Michael's Dr. 9.4% and primarily on weekdays.

Secondly is the MPO project priorities. The Bicycle Map divides project implementation into three phases: A, B, and C. Most important for BTAC is A: implementation from 2019-2024. Roadway and Trails will be working on 6 projects this year of 30, listed on page 28 of the packet.

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#### **10. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

Member Tallman said in response to an item in the minutes a few months ago, on page 9, he had proposed that pedestrians should not have to push a button to get a pedestrian signal when time is sufficient. He did not mention how long a pedestrian has to wait or that they become impatient. He said when a person has to push a button that creates an extra barrier for crossing. He thought Mr. Romero misunderstood what he had stated. Also, Mr. Romero had mentioned it was not because of the long wait at intersections, but because of intoxication that New Mexico has a high pedestrian fatality rate. Mr. Tallman believed that is not true and improving pedestrian signalization reduces the crash reduction factor about 15 percent. So, the design of intersections and design of signalization is a safety factor.

Member Morlino added Mr. Romero had stated that pedestrians and vehicles wait the same amount of time. He found no evidence of that. It depends on the timing of when the pedestrian comes up to the button. He would request a study be cited to support a claim that pedestrian fatalities of this type are because of intoxication.

Member Tallman said agreed it is misleading.

Ms. Glorioso-Moss said that was why she reported what she read in the MPO on the crash analysis. She reminded them that Mr. Romero was happy to return to explain his perspective if they were not satisfied with her explanation.

Member Tallman was not satisfied. Ms. Glorioso-Moss said she would ask Mr. Romero to attend the March meeting.

#### 11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Garcia suggested working with Ms. Glorioso-Moss and the City Clerk, if approved, to schedule the March or April meeting to start at 5:30 p.m.

He suggested they refrain from using the meeting agenda request form. Ms. Glorioso-Moss commented she asked a number of committees and none require the form, only an agenda caption.

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

With all business of the Committee being completed, Member Morlino moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Sharpe seconded.

Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:05 pm.

Approved by:

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Michael Garcia, Chair

Submitted by:

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Melissa D. Byers, Stenographer for Byers Organizational Support Services