City of Santa Fe, New Mexico

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Resolution No. 2015-___

Grand Unified Trail System (GUTS) Support

SPONSOR(S): Councilors Bushee, Lindell and Ives

SUMMARY: The proposed resolution supports community efforts to develop a Grand Unified Trail System (GUTS) that allows non-motorized users to travel in a loop around the city of Santa Fe, between popular natural-surface trail networks, and between the city center and the periphery, and directing City staff to work with public and private sector partners to help achieve the "GUTS" vision.

PREPARED BY: Rebecca Seligman, Legislative Liaison Assistant

FISCAL IMPACT: No

DATE: November 11, 2015

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution
FIR

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Patti J. Bushee

Councilor Peter Ives

Councilor Signe Lindell

A RESOLUTION

TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A GRAND UNIFIED TRAIL SYSTEM (GUTS) THAT ALLOWS NON-MOTORIZED USERS TO TRAVEL IN A LOOP AROUND THE CITY OF SANTA FE, BETWEEN POPULAR NATURAL-SURFACE TRAIL NETWORKS, AND BETWEEN THE CITY CENTER AND THE PERIPHERY, AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO WORK WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS TO HELP ACHIEVE THE "GUTS" VISION.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe's Dale Ball, La Tierra, Dorothy Stewart, and Sun Mountain Trails, along with various other city trails found in open spaces, parks, and residential subdivisions, provide a network of over 60 miles of multi-use, natural-surface trails that are enjoyed by hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County's open space and trail network, including Arroyo Hondo Open Space Trails, the La Piedra Trail, the Little Tesuque Trail, the Talaya Hill portion of Dale Ball Trails, the County Rail Trail and Spur Trail, and the El Camino Real Retracement Trail, currently under design, represents a vast additional resource that complements and connects out

from City trails; and

WHEREAS, natural-surface trails belonging to the Santa Fe National Forest and various public trail easements on private land in our area, provide further connections, and opportunities to connect, to City and County trails and to the communities served by these trails; and

WHEREAS, over 20 miles of urban paved trails belonging to the City and County play important recreation and transportation functions in and around developed parts of Santa Fe, and are accessible to residents and visitors of various levels of ability; and

WHEREAS, voluntary organizations and individuals who use and work on trails have a proven ability to work with public agencies to design, build, and maintain natural-surface trails in the Santa Fe area at little or no cost to those public agencies that own and manage open space and trails; and

WHEREAS, significant gaps remain to fully connect City trails, County trails, and forest trails to each other, and to other desirable destinations for trail users; and

WHEREAS, connectivity between trail systems enhances safety, recreation, transportation, and the overall value and allure of the trail system; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan, the City's La Tierra Trails Master Plan, and the County's Sustainable Growth Management Plan call for the development of trail connections from the city center to its periphery and beyond; and

WHEREAS, an inter-connected trail system is a desirable way to improve economic development, health, and preservation and education around natural and historic resources in our area; and

WHEREAS, the bicycling environment in the Santa Fe area has been recognized at the "silver" level by both the League of American Bicyclists and the International Mountain Biking Association, and in both cases efforts are underway to improve the level of recognition to the "gold" level; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Santa Fe have embraced the promotion of outdoor "adventure" tourism and outdoors-related businesses as an important area of economic strategy, and wish to build on our area's recognition at the national level as a top destination for trail runners, hikers, and mountain bikers; and

WHEREAS, planning toward a Grand Unified Trail System (GUTS) is being undertaken at no cost to the City by private and public partners including the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society, the Santa Fe County Horse Coalition, the Trails Alliance of Santa Fe, The Nature Conservancy, The Commonweal Conservancy, the Santa Fe Conservation Trust, Bicycle Technologies International, the New Mexico Department of Health, and the National Park Service's Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program,

WHEREAS, these private and public partners are expressing their commitment to the GUTS effort by signing a GUTS Partnership Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the private and public partners of the GUTS effort request City support of the GUTS concept and volunteer efforts, but are not specifically requesting City funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body is in strong support of the effort to provide a Grand Unified Trail System in and around Santa Fe through a loop of interconnecting existing and proposed trails in the center and extending to the periphery of the city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City shall support the GUTS Initiative, and that City staff is directed to work with private and public sector partners to help achieve the GUTS vision of an interconnected trail system that allows non-motorized users to travel in a loop around the greater Santa Fe area as well as between the city center and the periphery.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____day of _____, 2015.

JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KELLEY A. BRENNAN, CITY ATTORNEY

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FIR No. 2742

City of Santa Fe
Fiscal Impact Report (FIR)

This Fiscal Impact Report (FIR) shall be completed for each proposed bill or resolution as to its direct impact upon the City's operating budget and is intended for use by any of the standing committees of and the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe. Bills or resolutions with no fiscal impact still require a completed FIR. Bills or resolutions with a fiscal impact must be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Bills or resolutions without a fiscal impact generally do not require review by the Finance Committee unless the subject of the bill or resolution is financial in nature.

Section A. **General Information**

(Check) Bill: _____ Resolution: ___x_____
(A single FIR may be used for related bills and/or resolutions)
Short Title(s): **A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A GRAND UNIFIED TRAIL SYSTEM (GUTS) THAT ALLOWS NON-MOTORIZED USERS TO TRAVEL IN A LOOP AROUND THE CITY OF SANTA FE, BETWEEN POPULAR NATURAL-SURFACE TRAIL NETWORKS, AND BETWEEN THE CITY CENTER AND THE PERIPHERY; AND DIRECTING CITY STAFF TO WORK WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS TO HELP ACHIEVE THE "GUTS" VISION.**

Sponsor(s): Councilor Bushee

Reviewing Department(s): Public Works Department

Persons Completing FIR: Melissa McDonald Date: 10/30/15 Phone: 955-6840

Reviewed by City Attorney: Kathy A. Brennan (Signature) Date: 11/5/15

Reviewed by Finance Director: [signature] (Signature) Date: 11-5-2015

Section B. **Summary**
Briefly explain the purpose and major provisions of the bill/resolution:
This resolution urges support from the City for a Grant Unified Trail System (GUTS) in and around Santa Fe for non-motorized use that connects all of the existing and proposed trails into one unified system.

Section C. **Fiscal Impact**
Note: Financial information on this FIR does not directly translate into a City of Santa Fe budget increase. For a budget increase, the following are required:

a. The item must be on the agenda at the Finance Committee and City Council as a "Request for Approval of a City of Santa Fe Budget Increase" with a definitive funding source (could be same item and same time as bill/resolution)
b. Detailed budget information must be attached as to fund, business units, and line item, amounts, and explanations (similar to annual requests for budget)
c. Detailed personnel forms must be attached as to range, salary, and benefit allocation and signed by Human Resource Department for each new position(s) requested (prorated for period to be employed by fiscal year)*

1. Projected Expenditures:
a. Indicate Fiscal Year(s) affected – usually current fiscal year and following fiscal year (i.e., FY 03/04 and FY 04/05)
b. Indicate: "A" if current budget and level of staffing will absorb the costs
"N" if new, additional, or increased budget or staffing will be required
c. Indicate: "R" – if recurring annual costs
"NR" if one-time, non-recurring costs, such as start-up, contract or equipment costs
d. Attach additional projection schedules if two years does not adequately project revenue and cost patterns
e. Costs may be netted or shown as an offset if some cost savings are projected (explain in Section 3 Narrative)

Finance Director: [signature]

____X_____ Check here if no fiscal impact

Column #: 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Expenditure Classification	FY _____	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	FY _____	"A" Costs Absorbed or "N" New Budget Required	"R" Costs – Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	Fund Affected
Personnel*	$_____	_____	_____	$_____	_____	_____	_____
Fringe**	$_____	_____	_____	$_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital Outlay	$_____	_____	_____	$_____	_____	_____	_____
Land/ Building	$_____	_____	_____	$_____	_____	_____	_____
Professional Services	$_____	_____	_____	$_____	_____	_____	_____
All Other Operating Costs	$_____	_____	_____	$_____	_____	_____	_____
Total:	$_____			$_____			

* Any indication that additional staffing would be required must be reviewed and approved in advance by the City Manager by attached memo before release of FIR to committees. **For fringe benefits contact the Finance Dept.

2. Revenue Sources:

a. To indicate new revenues and/or

b. Required for costs for which new expenditure budget is proposed above in item 1.

Column #: 1	2	3	4	5	6
Type of Revenue	FY _____	"R" Costs Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	FY _____	"R" Costs – Recurring or "NR" Non-recurring	Fund Affected
_____	$_____	_____	$_____	_____	_____
_____	$_____	_____	$_____	_____	_____
_____	$_____	_____	$_____	_____	_____
Total:	$_____		$_____		

3. Expenditure/Revenue Narrative:

Explain revenue source(s). Include revenue calculations, grant(s) available, anticipated date of receipt of revenues/grants, etc. Explain expenditures, grant match(s), justify personnel increase(s), detail capital and operating uses, etc. (Attach supplemental page, if necessary.)

The resolution does not request any funding from the City. Costs associated with assigning staff to assist with the project will be absorbed into current expenditures.

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Section D. **General Narrative**

1. Conflicts: Does this proposed bill/resolution duplicate/conflict with/companion to/relate to any City code, approved ordinance or resolution, other adopted policies or proposed legislation? Include details of city adopted laws/ordinance/resolutions and dates. Summarize the relationships, conflicts or overlaps.

None identified.

2. Consequences of Not Enacting This Bill/Resolution:

Are there consequences of not enacting this bill/resolution? If so, describe.

The City will not affirm its support for implementing the GUTS in and around Santa Fe.

3. Technical Issues:

Are there incorrect citations of law, drafting errors or other problems? Are there any amendments that should be considered? Are there any other alternatives which should be considered? If so, describe.

None identified.

4. Community Impact:

Briefly describe the major positive or negative effects the Bill/Resolution might have on the community including, but not limited to, businesses, neighborhoods, families, children and youth, social service providers and other institutions such as schools, churches, etc.

By supporting this resolution the City of Santa Fe will be supporting the outdoor "adventure" tourism and outdoors-related businesses as an important area of economic strategy, and the city's desire to build on our area's recognition at the national level as a top destination for trail runners, hikers, and mountain bikers. Additionally, it will support an inter-connected trail system that is a desirable way to improve economic development, health, and preservation and education around natural and historic resources in our area.