

BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

A RESOLUTION

**SUPPORTING BICYCLING AS A PRIMARY SOURCE OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A 2016 PILOT BIKE-SHARE PROGRAM IN SANTA FE.**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body created the Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee (BTAC) in 2003 as an advisory committee to the city; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board approved the Santa Fe Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan (Plan) on April 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Plan serves to coordinate investments in Multi-use Trails and On-Road facilities, establish common guidelines for design, construction and maintenance, and develop shared strategies on education, enforcement and encouragement of bicycling as a transportation choice in the Santa Fe area; and

WHEREAS, BTAC has and continues to utilize the Plan when considering local project investments, policy recommendations, educational initiatives, and other such activities related to active transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Plan recommends the establishment of a bike-sharing program as an extension of public transit services; and

WHEREAS, bikesharing is a transit system that enables its customers to make short trips using a network of publicly accessible bikes, while concurrently easing traffic, promoting fitness, creating business for local retailers and reducing dependence on fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, recent advances in technology have enable bike-share programs to become less expensive, more flexible and convenient as evidenced by the success and expansion of the 2015 Downtown Albuquerque MainStreet's BICI-Bike share program as well as other programs across the nation; and

WHEREAS, BTAC further finds that transportation options including bicycling as a primary source of transportation contributes to the sustainability and the economic and social development of the community; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Albuquerque MainStreet and the Mid-Region Council of Governments are expanding the BICI-Bike sharing program in 2016 and in the spirit of regional cooperation, are willing to offer their organizational capacity to include Santa Fe within their programmatic scope; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe MPO is working in coordination with Downtown Albuquerque MainStreet and the Mid-Region Council of Governments to assess the viability of implementing a bike-share pilot program in Santa Fe by compiling data, developing maps, and collecting information to detail and determine the use of a bike-share pilot program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body supports the implementation of a bike-sharing pilot program in Santa Fe in conjunction with Downtown Albuquerque MainStreet's BICI-Bike Share, and directs the City Manager to assign city staff to work collaboratively with the Santa Fe MPO and other entities as needed to support the implementation of a bike-sharing program in Santa Fe.

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