

# Agenda

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## BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

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- F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.
  - a) Presentation Regarding the Multi Agency Diagnostic Review of all Rail Runner Crossings in Santa Fe (Keith Wilson).
- G. DISCUSSION & ACTION
  - 1. Presentation, Discussion and Action Regarding the Santa Fe Conservation Trust - Trails Coordinator Professional Services Agreement Amendment #2 (Leroy Pacheco).
  - 2. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:
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**BICYCLE & TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF SANTA FÉ**  
**BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

September 17, 2014  
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 Chair Patti Bushee on this date at approximately 5:45p.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:**

Patti Bushee, Chair  
Frank Herdman, Vice-Chair  
Joseph Abbatacola  
Gretchen Grogan  
John Longworth  
James Ronald Pacheco  
Tomás Rivera

**Members Absent:**

Shelley Robinson, Excused  
Faron Rodriguez, Santa Fe Police Officer

**Staff Present:**

Keith Wilson, Senior Planner, SFMPO  
Leroy Pacheco, Staff Liaison  
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ms. Grogan moved to approve the agenda as is. Mr. Longworth seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 20, 2014**

**Ms. Grogan moved to approve the minutes of August 20, 2014 as presented. Mr. Ron Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote except Mr. Abbatacola abstained.**

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

There were no speakers from the public.

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

##### **1. Presentation Regarding the Multi Agency Diagnostic Review of all Rail Runner Crossings in Santa Fe (Keith Wilson)**

Chair Bushee announced they were going to discuss this and the reallocation vote that is to take place on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Wilson said the update information is in the packet. It was emailed that the funding was approved and he thought the amount was a little under \$1 million. The contractor would be out there this week.

Chair Bushee asked if it was just a study or installation also.

Mr. Wilson said a field diagnostic review was required. It would come up with what needs to be installed to make it a quiet zone and to prepare construction plans. Implementation is the next phase with recommendations from diagnostic. In the next two week we will see activity there.

Ms. Grogan noted the Acequia Trail crossing north of Alarid is fenced off right now. We asked for priority for those gates.

Mr. Longworth said that fencing is slowly falling apart.

Mr. Wilson agreed to notify them to inspect it.

Chair Bushee asked if they addressed sounding horns in the study.

Mr. Wilson said this is to maintain the quiet zone.

Chair Bushee asked if there was anything about St Michael's Drive and get this in detail.

Mr. Wilson said the St. Mike's median will be moved, it is on the wrong side of the gate now. They will have a road safety audit for that crossing as well. He suggested a presentation at the next meeting or a field trip. They hope to have it completed within 30 to 60 days from date of receiving funding.

Mr. Wilson went through his list. The GO Bond reallocation was supposed to go to Public Works on the 8<sup>th</sup> but the meeting was canceled. It went to Finance on Monday and to City council on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. A handout

is in the packet. The County was approved for the Trail to Diablo Canyon.

Chair Bushee noted in the Finance Committee there was a concern on part of District 2 Councilors over Arroyo en Medio Trail loss on the list. In our discussions, it was not a priority but she suggested, although there was not much time, if anyone had an interest in communicating with Councilors they might want to do so. She hear they were going to find a way to put that trail back in. BTAC could have a discussion down the road but this was mostly for signage for trails and educating people.

Mr. Abbatacola asked what time the meeting was to be.

Chair Bushee said it was at 5:00.

Mr. Longworth talked to Jessica and she said they stumbled upon it so that fund and program they were trying to keep alive specific to the federal fund.

Mr. Wilson said the City made an application for highway safety improvement for the Acequia Trail underpass. That committee felt that something could be done to alleviate the safety issue at less cost and that it was not an appropriate use of that money. DOT said the City could use other funds for that project.

Mr. Longworth, in speaking with her, it turned out that money was about to go away. She seemed to communicate a DOT willingness to fund projects like this more favorably than the past. Is there a way to get whoever that is here to have dialogue if other opportunities like that?

Mr. Wilson said MPO has been working with SFPS for safe routes to school funding but when we don't know about the funding, it is difficult.

Mr. Longworth said they are willing to work on ways to move funding around. We have not had in the last 4 years from the state to show up here. It looks like something changed.

Mr. Wilson said they were in constant communication with the State. Every year the State only gets so much money. Sometimes they are creative but timing is a lot of it, and being ready.

Mr. Wilson didn't believe anyone has directly asked the State to show up. If BTAC has a specific request he would try and get someone to come. A specific request he could coordinate.

Mr. Ron Pacheco said 8 months ago it seemed there was not a chance the underpass would get funded. He would love for the State to come tell BTAC how miraculously Eric came to the meeting and said it was funded - that they found a pot of money for it.

Chair Bushee said some of our colleagues have said they could get the City some more money for getting across Airport Road. Airport and Cerrillos was not user friendly.

Chair Bushee said the Arroyo en Medio Trail is getting elevated to the list. Anyone who wants to express concern needs to do so before Tuesday.

Ms. Grogan thought they should not lose sight of the fact that it is awesome that the underpass is going to be funded. She asked if anyone questioned the flow trail.

Chair Bushee said no.

Ms. Grogan said at the Arroyo en Medio trail you can ride on the sidewalk even though there are drainage issues and that was why she thought it was not a priority project.

Chair Bushee said basically, they ran out of money.

Tim Rogers said it goes south from Zia. The Arroyo en Medio Trail does not go to Botolph. It continues south and crosses the arroyo and gets to Sawmill. It sounded like she was thinking of the Gail Ryba Trail. The sign said Zia Trail. The trail was on the south side of Zia that continues south behind the shopping center that gets you to the Arroyo en Medio where it ends. You can cross the concrete and get to the condos. The existing piece would be paved and could get you to east Sawmill.

Ms. Grogan said there is an easement.

Mr. Rogers agreed that was an informal option. This Arroyo en Medio Trail is 3/4 built now.

Mr. Herdman arrived.

Mr. Wilson pointed out the flyer in the packet about MPO sponsoring a bicycle commuter gathering on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 8 pm.

Mr. Abbatacola said it appeared the goal is to attract those who commute or want to commute. He asked how MPO was planning to reach out to those who want to commute.

Mr. Wilson said it was through the MPO newsletter, Facebook, etc.

Mr. Wilson recalled a couple of months ago someone brought up bollards. The MPO worked with the Parks Department and, as an interim solution, worked with Parks to remove 2 of them.

Mr. Wilson said the bikeways maps supply has been exhausted and they were working on getting the next edition done.

On the funding front, the MPO will be doing a call for projects for the transportation alternative program for federal years 15 and 16. It is a statewide process. TAP funds could be used for a variety of purposes.

Ms. Grogan asked to have him send us an announcement.

## **G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

### **1. Presentation, Discussion and Action Regarding the Santa Fe Conservation Trust - Trails**

## **Coordinator Professional Services Agreement Amendment #2 (Leroy Pacheco)**

Mr. Leroy Pacheco provided the information in the packet. The City has an active current contract with Santa Fé Conservation Trust, amended recently to extend the term through 2016. City Council approved the sale of a bond that included \$100,000 for this project. This item is to have contract match by City Council action. It is \$150,000 now and there are no significant changes scope wise. It was vetted with the City Attorney and the Trust lawyers and now was going to Public Works.

Mr. Rivera asked if there was any action required.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said Eric Martínez wanted him to go back and make sure that the originally signed resolution signed in 2013 talking about the city position to make sure every item has a home in the current contract and it does.

Mr. Rogers said the changes made just moved around the language and added more latitude for planning assistance. Working with BTAC and MPO partners was specified in it.

Ms. Grogan said Mr. Rogers has been helpful to her in working with staff and asked if that would be included in the contract now.

Mr. Rogers working with Mr. Leroy Pacheco and said the language of the contract does support that.

Chair Bushee asked if, as a backup, it has an accounting of hours.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said it has monthly reporting included.

Chair Bushee asked if he could present that to the Council and this Committee as an informational item.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed and said there was a technical reason for the amendment.

**Mr. Ron Pacheco moved to support the amendment and recommend it to the Governing Body for approval. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

## **2. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:**

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

Ms. Grogan said the improvements was done on Old Santa Fé Trail and as you go down the hill, they widened it and added sidewalks and sharrows but they are way over on the right side and that was not helpful.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said he would bring that up with the traffic engineer as it was not yet completed.

**b. Mountain Bike**

Ms. Grogan said Fat Tire has finished fixing the Windsor trail where it had erosion issues.

Mr. Longworth explained that the Fat Tire Society adopted that part of the trail.

Ms. Grogan said they did a great job.

**c. Bike Education and Outreach**

There was no report.

**d. La Tierra Master Plan**

Mr. Herdman reported they were waiting to see if any money was left.

Chair Bushee asked Ms. Grogan if at the next meeting BTAC could look at the on-road issues.

Ms. Grogan said she would give an update but was not sure it would require any action.

**H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no staff communications.

**I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Longworth reported that at Cerrillos, Sandoval and W. Manhattan intersections, all those well placed bollards were gone and made it very confusing. He asked if we could get the bollards put back.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco asked if they were plastic and Mr. Longworth agreed.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed to ask John Romero about that

Chair Bushee wondered why they took the bollards down.

Mr. Longworth clarified that they did not take them down; they just keep getting run over.

Chair Bushee welcomed Mr. Abbatacola back.

Mr. Abbatacola announced that the Santa Fe Reporter this week is the bicycle issue.



Mr. Abbatacola said reporter contacted him while he was in Chicago because before he left he got hit by a rock from a car, thrown at him. He said he always wears a video recorder on his helmet. He got the license number and called the police non-emergency number. The car was registered in the County near the Downs.

Mr. Herdman asked if he had the commission of a crime on video and yet no charges were made yet.

Mr. Abbatacola explained that the officer asked if he was injured or the bike was damaged and without that, it was a low priority.

Mr. Herdman said it was an assault.

Chair Bushee asked him to write that up in detail as an email to her.

Mr. Abbatacola said there were no kids in the car, and one passenger in the back seat.

Mr. Herdman said it was time to make an example.

Ms. Grogan said regarding trail work that after the summer they would have 25 miles of trails. They were doing trail building events and were building soft surface trails. She agreed to send BTAC an email about it.

Mr. Rivera said Chain Breakers was now planning their annual holiday event. Last year, they gave out 25 bikes and hoped this year give out 30. He invited donations of bikes.

Chair Bushee said there was a need to clean some of our bike lanes.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco asked if it was on a major arterial.

Chair Bushee said it was on the Rail Trail.

Mr. Abbatacola said a lot of the foliage is over grown on the Rail Trail

Chair Bushee said they have been cleaning the River Trail.


Chair Bushee asked Staff to check to see about our new bike cop member. He does not live in Santa Fé - check to see if he is going to be able to come and be a member.

Mr. Herdman apologized for being late. He had an emergency.

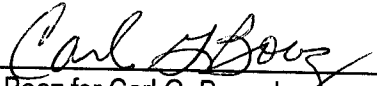
## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p. m.

Approved by:

  
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Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:

  
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Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.