

Agenda

BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Wednesday November 21, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 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 October 17, 2018
- 5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES (5-minutes per agency)
- 7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION
 - a. City of Santa Fe Streets & Drainage (Javier Martinez, Sid Redner)
 - b. Electric Scooters A Briefing (Eric Aune)
- 8. BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS (On Road, Education)
- 9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS
 - a. Code of Ethics Forms, Rolling Quorums (Melissa McDonald)
- COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS
- 11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR
- 12. ADJOURNMENT

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BTAC

NOVEMBER 21, 2018

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

200 LINCOLN AVENUE, SANTA FE, NM 87501

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Roll Call reflects a quorum.

PRESENT

Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler Jennifer Wellington Khalil Spencer Rachel Wexler Stephen Newhall

ABSENT

Preston Martin Sid Redner Sky Tallman Tom Sharpe

OTHERS PRESENT:

Melissa McDonald
Robert Bogart, Audience
Javier Martinez – Div. Director for Streets and Maintenance
Eric Aune, MPO
Marco Gonzales, Birdright
Fran Lucero, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 17, 2018 MINUTES

Mr. Spencer moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2018 as presented second by Ms. Wexler, motion carried by unanimous voice vote

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR

Robert Bogart, Santa Fe Resident

Happy Thanksgiving. Reading in the paper about the new signs that have been proposed about bikes can use full lane. I don't have an opinion about that one way or the other. But if new signage is going to be put up in various places in town; the thing that I find is lacking is a reminder for motorist that it is hands free in Santa Fe for cell phones. We don't see that, there are some signs coming in to town, but they are tiny, there is no reinforcement of that. There are some signs in the school zone that say, "hands free - \$300 fine when in school zone" but it doesn't say "hands-free all-over town". So, you leave the school zone and you can be under the impression that you can use your phone again, it is very misleading. For the safety of cyclist, I ride three times a week with the Senior Cyclist, the thing that we find the most concerning is people not paying attention. If they pay attention they are very courteous; what you are afraid of is the guy who isn't paying attention. If money is going to be spent on signs and poles either put it on the same sign or add it to the sign, don't text - hands free only in Santa Fe, you don't have to say how much it costs but it would be nice to reinforce the message. We have a lot of tourist, we have a lot of people who do not live here all the time and they might not know that it is hands free in the city. Even if they do it might be nice to reinforce it.

The Chair suggested to Mr. Bogart that he go to the Public Safety Committee as they would have more jurisdiction than BTAC regarding his concern. Thank you.

Mr. Bogart said that it could be mentioned from the BTAC side. Thank you.

Marco Gonzales, Birdrights Inc.

Attending in reference to item 7b, he brought the bird and will answer any questions that the committee might have. Read a brief statement from Bird. Bird has been around longer than any company and in that year have learned a lot of lessons. We have restructured our business model to make cities and communities our top client, we want to be responsible community partners and that is why we reached out to the City of Santa Fe and why this is part of the agenda. We want to work with the City of Santa Fe to augment transit and provide first and last mile alternatives in Santa Fe in a safe and responsible way. If there are any questions I am happy to answer them and if not I am happy to get you any information you will need.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

No Report

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

A. City of Santa Fe Streets & Drainage
Javier Martinez – Div. Director for Streets and Maintenance
Graduated from NMSU with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering,
worked in the private sector, roadway design for 10 years and moved to the
Department of Transportation as a Traffic Engineer and moved to the
maintenance program a few years later, completing 7 years of service. In May

of 2018 I was hired by the City in the Maintenance and Streets division. Regarding bicyclist and some of the maintenance that we do, regular street sweeping around the town, we have 5 employees assigned to that and 5 street sweepers throughout the various areas of the city. Mr. Martinez said they do not have curb and gutter so there are times they have to take their blade out there after large rainstorms when debris is under the area, so they use their motor grader to push it off of the shoulder. Once that is complete they have the sweepers take care of the bicycle lanes. If there are any concerns from bicyclist please let his division know and they will make the repairs as soon as they can. They also do pot hole repair from his division. Sometimes those don't get reported if they are not in the driving lanes. They do their best to locate and repair. He reiterated to call his division or Constituent Services and they will take care of concerns/repairs as soon as possible.

Mr. Redner: I have been a resident of Santa Fe for about 4 years, I am an avid bicyclist and I sent this memo regarding road biking. (included in meeting packet) First question and comment I have for you, you say contact you; there have been times in the past where I have tried to report pot holes, and I end up going in to voice mail at city hall. What is the best way to reach you and how do we know that things are going to get done or not get done?

Mr. Martinez: There are different systems throughout the city, there is Constituent Services where people can call in to the city phone number, that doesn't go directly to Mr. Martinez. Complaints get logged in and they are then assigned to the appropriate department. If people do call our office at Streets, 995-2407, the administrative assistant logs in every call and it gets assigned to a supervisor. Depending on the nature of the concern and repair, they are done as quickly as possible. Mr. Martinez is committed to work with all constituents to make the repairs.

Mr. Redner suggested a website be created and documentation if someone calls where they could show the response and action of the complaint. It would be good if the constituent could then log in and see what action has been taken on their concern.

Mr. Martinez said that their current CRM electronic system does have an electronic response to whoever issued the complaint. (CRM is the City System) You put an email address, it tells the constituent who it has been assigned to and what action has been taken. Every time it is updated it issues an email to whoever registered the complaint. (Ms. McDonald will send the link to the members for their use.)

Mr. Redner asked about street jurisdiction and used the example of Old Santa Fe Trail where it indicates leaving Santa Fe County entering City of Santa Fe. What happens when you get to the other side of the sign and it isn't in your jurisdiction?

Mr. Martinez said that where city streets end most of the time it is Santa Fe County responsibility.

Mr. Redner asked if there is a similar person at Santa Fe County parallel to Mr. Martinez that they could report concerns to? Mr. Martinez said yes, you would call their maintenance division which is under Public Works. Mr. Martinez will send the name and phone number to Mr. Pacheco to provide to the members.

Ms. Wellington said that on this particular point she has brought this forward but doesn't know if it has been captured appropriately in the minutes. One of the sites that she feels is excellent is Ventura County in California and it included like four cities and four counties. You can go to that site and if you aren't sure that your complaint funneled to the right county or right town, it would be nice to see something like that and MPO is our one place where we have city, county, pueblos and other organizations all tied together. It is such a great website and a pretty simple mechanism It is for bicyclist and pedestrians to report their concerns, you get a message back when there has been a repair or response.

Mr. Spencer: How does the city rank, and you have a 3-year breakdown on when you are going to repair or repave? He referred to what Los Alamos does for ranking pavement. How does it get done here in Santa Fe?

Mr. Martinez: It is similar to what is being done in Los Alamos, it is on a spreadsheet of a list of roads with pavement condition and it is rated 1 thru 4 where 1 is a poor road and 4 is a brand-new road and there are a lot of needs. Based on where it is and as we get funding we do the repair and it would go all the way to the shoulder.

Mr. Spencer: Where can that report card be viewed?

Mr. Martinez will send this information to the BTAC staff liaison for distribution to the committee.

Mr. Redner: Another concern is that some roads are really nicely paved and even the new ones are poorly paved sometimes. I have seen roads that were torn up and replaced with chip seal, what is the rationale for doing something like that.

Mr. Martinez: In answer, I believe that the only one we used chip seal was on Cerro Gordo; it was the dirt portion that wasn't there, so they recently went in and did a double penetration chip seal on that section that wasn't there. In the past they had gotten away from chip seal the roadways there. For one area Buckman Road is behind the dump, that one would be where we would

reclaim the asphalt and use it as based and come back with asphalt surface on tope, depending on the condition of the road determines the treatment that is on it. That one is in such disrepair we would have to start new vs. what was done on Rodeo Rd. or Paseo de Peralta where it was repaired.

Mr. Redner: The principle is when you repave a road the quality should be the same, good quality asphalt.

Mr. Martinez: It also depends on where you are getting the asphalt and the contractor itself. We do have inspectors out there to make sure, and there is a 2-year warranty we have if there are some failures. They do submit their submittals, they are testing to make sure that the temperature is right on everything else, so we need to keep a close watch on the inspection as it goes through.

Mr. Redner: You said that there was a grading for all the roadways, it would be nice to see it. I am curious, and I listed a few spots on my memo, roads that I think are really unsafe. I would be curious to know if my perception agrees with the city of Santa Fe's perception and if it doesn't I could report back. The roadway by Paseo de Peralta by Allsup's is really bad and somehow it is listed in the spreadsheet as OK.

Mr. Martinez: The roadway on Paseo de Peralta (NM 475) is a DOT facility as well as St. Michael's Drive which is in bad repair which is also a DOT, they are responsible for all repairs under their jurisdiction. DOT facilities are not on the list because the New Mexico Department of Transportation is responsible for all maintenance on those roadways. We work with the State based on their priorities statewide vs. ours in the city. Mr. Martinez did explain the boundaries from what city and state property on Paseo de Peralta is. What DOT considers NM 475 starts at the intersection of St. Francis and Paseo de Peralta and it is the road that gets to the Ski Basin. As you follow the road and it makes a turn at Bishops Lodge and goes up Artist Road, that is considered Nm 475 for the NMDOT. The remainder portion of Paseo de Peralta is the city of Santa Fe once you get to Washington Avenue and then Guadalupe also headed out of town at 285 is also NMDOT, Guadalupe coming back towards downtown is city street and there are different jurisdictions in those roadways.

Mr. Redner said it would be nice if the jurisdiction could to be unified. He would like to advocate for this. He continued, that his complaint might now be for DOT, the bicycle up Sandia Peak and it is a pleasure to ride on it, going up the Ski Basin is great coming down is frightening, it is a frightening road. If we could repair these roads and make them safe for those people coming from all over the country and make them world class roads for all the people who visit and go up to the Ski Basin. I want to advocate that this is something work advocating for.

Stephen Newhall: We will have to work with NMDOT on the roads coming down from the Ski Basin.

Ms. Wexler: I have a question, it seems to me that when the streets are swept, where there is a bike lane like Cerrillos adjacent to the street and there is a curb and gutter there; much of the garbage swept off of the street is swept in to the bike lane. Is that a physical problem because of the curb and gutter? It creates a hazard for the cyclist and it could be a liability issue for the city and this should be emphasized in training.

Mr. Martinez talked about the process behind the sweeper and the conveyor belt default, they are trying to get everything out from the curb and not leave it in the bike lane. He will also send a shadowing vehicle to look at the areas where the debris is going to the bicycle lane. We are not intentionally trying to leave debris in the bicycle lane.

Mr. Spencer asked if someone from NMDOT could come and speak about the overlapping of street services. What can we expect from the state on these roads that we cycle on.

Eric Aune, Santa Fe MPO – As it relates to the Ski Basin and Hyde Park Rd., that has been in the planning area for at least 15 years to make this world class. There is an opportunity right now called the Federal Lands Access Program and that is a federally funded program that will allocate \$35 million dollars for the state of New Mexico for 2 years. As a result of that road being on the books and in the planning process, we are negotiating with District V Engineering of NMDOT, the State Forest Service, Hyde Park representatives, Tesuque Pueblo to apply for the multi-million-dollar project that may improve that road from the city limits all the way up to potentially Hyde Park. This is in process and is a highly competitive grant.

Ms. Wellington: Question for Mr. Aune. Is the Ski Basins Road part of the Grand Fondo (spelling) area? I understand that we are set to post the Grand Fondo this coming summer.

Mr. Aune stated that he is not familiar with this.

Mr. Newhall: I am really hoping this works, I am the coordinator for the race that is held there and has been happening for the last 20 years and is normally the first weekend in August. The improvement of that surface would be incredibly welcomed and also is heavily used. I planned to go to the recent meeting but was unable to make it.

Mr. Aune: District V wasn't able to make it, so it has been rescheduled to December 4^{th} or 5^{th} .

Mr. Martinez re-emphasized that he works closely with NMDOT. Having worked at DOT previously, he knows many of the contacts and works closely with them on work orders that relate to the state.

Ms. Wellington said welcome to Mr. Martinez; she is glad that Mr. Martinez is here, and they look forward to working with him. She suggested that Mr. Martinez be provided the Bicycle Master Plan as they have put a lot of work in to through the years, it involves so much of the roads. We are a silver level League of American Bicyclist bike friendly city and we are holding on by our finger tips for that silver level. We really need attention to improve our roads and make them better for the bikes and if not better maintain what we have. My biggest concern is that this past year we had horrible quality of striping, on Zia Rd. it was done 3 times and it wasn't until we talked to LeRoy, when it was done it wasn't done correctly and the blame fell on the contractor. Ms. Wellington said that the communication process with the contractor was done electronically never going on site. She would like to see in the future that a staff person/project manager will work with the project in person not electronically. It is important for the contractors to know that the striping is very important to the bicyclist.

Mr. Martinez said that he does have an Inspector that was watching the paving and the striping. His department does coordinate with the Traffic Engineer and the remaining striping plans for the remaining projects also come to BTAC for approval. BTAC will see the striping plans before they get done and he has a great deal of experience in striping and will watch the striping projects for the city.

Ms. Wexler stated that she would like to see bicyclists needs included in the process not as an afterthought with the new administration. If there are other priorities it is legitimate and should be maintained appropriately.

Mr. Newhall: Traffic Lights

Is there any way of making those lights function where a bicycle will trigger them?

Mr. Martinez: Traffic Engineer, John Romero would need to answer that question. We utilize loops instead of cameras maybe there is an opportunity where we could use cameras that can detect the bicyclist coming up to the signals, maybe there is a possibility that they could use a separate loop that would pick up the bicyclist, this discussion would need to be with Mr. John Romero.

Mr. Spencer asked about the minimal time to cross major roadways. (Las Crucitas across St. Francis)

Mr. Martinez stated that there isn't anything in the manual from traffic control devices for bicyclist, there is for pedestrians to give them ample time to walk across. That is something that can be added to the signals to give ample time, that could easily be changed for the timing of the signal. This also falls under Mr. Romero's division.

The Chair asked that Ms. McDonald follow up with Mr. Romero, Traffic Engineer.

B. Electric Scooters – Briefing Eric Aune, Santa Fe MPO

September of this year the city of Albuquerque promulgated some language in an ordinance regulating electric scooters. (Mr. Gonzales brought a scooter to the meeting.) As a result of that press around the regulation, Councilor Romero-Wirth contacted city leadership to consider this important regulation and asked that we look in to it. Public Works Director Wheeler reached out to Mr. Aune and asked that he take a leadership role in this research to find out what is going on around the world, what is going around locally and make some recommendations to the city. Part of that was looking at both representative companies who have reached out to the Mayor as to their interest of putting their product here. A meeting with the Public Works Director, the City Manager and the Mayor occurred about three weeks ago, basically a briefing to hear some of the things that are going on in other cities as it relates to the two companies or other organizations producing these scooters that are already in other cities, looking at cities like Denver and Albuquerque who are anticipating scooters coming and putting in promulgating regulations or a program moving forward. I would like you to look at this program in two ways and my counsel to the Mayor and Council was, 1) a lot on the front end what cities are dealing with is Land Use Regulations, and Code Enforcement, a lot of moving pieces that the city has to contemplate. That is what Albuquerque is doing now, the Planning Director for the city of Albuquerque has been given direction via an Ordinance by the City Council to regulate the product that we see here with some broad stipulations. Now it is the Planning Director and his staff to go in and put in the actual language in to their plan and put in how they are going to manage the regulation thereof. That includes code enforcement, police enforcement, and so forth. As a result, Carol Johnson who is the Planning Director was invited to a meeting with Regina Wheeler to discuss both sides and concept of having these scooters in the community and the cost and other issues surrounding the regulatory. As a result of those meetings, we concluded, Ms. Wheeler met with Bird and Lime and they are interested in working with the city to create a programmatic approach on what the city wants to put in place. My counsel to Ms. Wheeler right now and I shared with Ms. Wheeler was that City of Albuquerque was having problems with the Land Use Regulations and we should watch that for a bit to see the pros and cons; the city of Denver has a pilot program and basically they said they would take the role of allowing a

programmatic approach allowing multiple, up to 5 groups to come in over one period and monitor how they work, i.e. safety and data collected. Denver has put some specific limitations, spacial mapping areas that might have more needs for transit, and lined up with their transit program. They talked about how this product could be used to get home or work in these areas. Mr. Aune discussed with Ms. Wheeler with council direction putting a Resolution specifying that time would be taken to look at this and working with BTAC and putting this in more immediately, whatever direction it will take staff time. This is where we are at. I had the opportunity to go to DC and witness the product in play. The people that were using them were using them quite well and safe, they were very well organized and parked.

Ms. Wellington: Thank you, this is extremely timely. I was in San Diego in September and there were scooters everywhere. She wondered who is making the rules, at night, do they have lights, do you use hand signals, parking?

Mr. Aune: Two-fold if the city is desiring to work in a regulatory manner, we would spell out the regulations, timing and number of scooters. What I have been able to ascertain on what the city wants. Downtown area is one of the favored areas, where would the city want it to be. If you move to the suburban area towards Rodeo Road, that is different. The lower residential area, restrictions.

Mr. Gonzales: Lighting, it does have a light. We pick up all of our vehicles shortly after dark, they need to be charged. We have an infrastructure team where we work with the city, the bird watchers go out and charge them and they put them back in the morning. We commit to share \$1 per day per bird with the city, we would like to have that money dedicated to bicycle infrastructure. We don't leave our birds out all night.

Mr. Spencer: Does it have side reflectors or lights?

Mr. Aune: State Law or City Law did not promulgate this. They are silent on this particular project. Negotiating contracts, there will be a completely separate discussion with the Legal Department, these products are moving fast through the country. It is time for us to work with these people, address the

Mr. Spencer: Subject matter experts should be a part of this review, i.e., SFPD, BTAC and the Legal Department.

Mr. Newhall: What is the speed on this scooter? Could I ride it home tonight? What is the legal status right now?

Mr. Aune: Anyone could ride it home right now, there is nothing in the law that says it could not be used.

Mr. Gonzales: They don't go more than 15 miles an hour. Bird indemnifies the city of any liability issues. The City of Albuquerque goes by the National Association of Transportation Model standard of 15 miles an hour.

The Chair said she heard that Bird was going to bring them in to the city no matter what. She said that she also does not want to see the scooters thrown around. It does bring to mind that there could be sidewalks of scooters everywhere. There are legalities, what if someone in the city, tourist or resident would trip, it would still make the city liable.

Mr. Aune said since the first meeting they have met with Ms. Wheeler and they will not show up at random, they want to work with the city to bring them in from an organized and approved manner.

Ms. Wellington: Does the MPO have a proposed role in looking at regulating or creating some structure on how we introduce and use these?

Mr. Aune: The MPO will support the county and the city, we can do research, but we can't go too far or work for the city. We can play a supportive role, provide updates and support to department directors, development of regulations would be a cohesive program with a city staff person. Mr. Aune has provided information from his meeting in Denver.

Mr. Gonzales said the policing of behavior, riders take pictures of the bird, if they see them acting inappropriately, they can take a picture GEO tagged and we can tell who the rider is. There are warnings, and they can't use it.

8. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

A. Code of Ethics Forms

Ms. McDonald talked about the update on the Code of Ethics Forms and status. Members did indicate that they have mailed them in to the city clerk.

B. Rolling Quorums

In packet. This committee's quorum is 5 members. If you are discussing topics amongst yourselves, you may have a working group or sub-committee and is considered a violation of having 5 members outside of the BTAC meeting and this also pertains to e-mails. If you are communicating with BTAC members it would be best if you go through your staff member and that person will distribute the information.

It was clarified that the item or topic of discussion should be on the agenda and it should go through Leroy Pacheco.

Ms. Wellington: I frequently send links to articles and I send them to Leroy Pacheco for distribution.

You are allowed to talk to others in the committee, but if it is a BTAC item that is going to be heard officially you will create a rolling quorum.

If you have a quorum in the group, you should acknowledge that it is a violation. Items that are going to be voted on are considered official and should be placed on the Agenda.

BTAC and Bike Santa Fe – clarify with Legal. If you are members of BTAC you should recuse yourself from votes and not be part of the discussion.

Chair: You will need to recuse yourself from any discussions held at these other organizations related to BTAC.

9. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

On Road: Mr. Newhall talked about the lip that pulled apart from the concrete, the brick south of the Zia train station, one of the cross pieces is gone.

The road to multi-use connection at Siler Rd., that trail is out of commission. Mr. Tim Rogers brought this up to the County and City Manager. The last 6 feet are missing. At the new trail, River Trail, if you come up on both sides, it ends at a sidewalk that doesn't connect to a street, so you travel on a mud. Ms. McDonald will also let Scott Caseman at the County know where this same concern was raised at a meeting last week.

Education: There are members of Bike Santa Fe that are supporting the Safe Route to School Program, Alena Kayak spoke at the last meeting from SFPS. They are supporting the TAP grant for the Safe Route to School program, it seems appropriate that BTAC should write a letter of support. Can the Chair who is a Councilor or BTAC members write a letter of support?

The Chair will speak to Mr. Pacheco to write a letter of support if he feels it is appropriate. Ms. McDonald will bring this information back to Mr. Pacheco.

Mr. Spencer: Are we inside of our authority to raise a motion and send a letter to an outside agency?

Chair said you don't make motions under reports; we will wait for an update from Mr. Pacheco.

Ms. Wellington: Great article in the Santa Fe New Mexican and the editorial on Tuesday, it is an important piece in educating our motorist. The Chair said there is another article in the Journal North this weekend.

10. COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

Thank you for being here tonight. Happy Thanksgiving.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the BTAC committee, the Chair called for adjournment at 6:35 pm

SIGNATURE PAGE:

Chair Joanne Vigil Coppler

Fran Lucero, Stenographer