



Agenda

BICYCLE AND TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday July 17, 2019 5:00 p.m

City Hall – Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Ave

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6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES (5-minutes per agency)
 - a. Updates Regarding the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) (Erick Aune, MPO)
 - b. Santa Fe Conservation Trust (SFCT); Reporting for City Trail Volunteer Coordinator (Tim Rogers)
7. DISCUSSION
 - a. Regarding St. Michaels Drive repaving project and the City discussing Bike Friendly Issues with NMDOT. (Stephen Newhall, BTAC Member)
 - b. Regarding Arroyo Chamiso Trail - Proposed Repairs and Improvements (Bruce Finger), BTAC Member)
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee was called to order by Sky Tallman, Acting Chair, on Wednesday, July 17, 2019, at 5:00 pm at City Hall in the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce Finger
Stephan Newhall
Tom Sharpe
Sidney Redner
Khalil Spencer
Sky Tallman, Acting Chair
Jennifer Wellington
Rachel Wexler

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Siqueiros, Staff Liaison
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION A motion was made by Mr. Sharpe, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2019**

Ms. Wellington said on page 6 she was speaking about such as the river trail and Siler Road connection, member Newhall in the last sentence was talking about arterials,

major arterials and highways. On page 7 at the bottom it is the Cerrillos Road project. On page 9 3/4 of the way down it is Santa Fe National Forest not Santa Fe Forest Service, GUSTO should be capital letters, Member Wexler had a permit for an event in the past and on page 11 it should say we have enough questions for them.

MOTION A motion was made by Ms. Wexler, seconded by Mr. Spencer, to approve the minutes as amended.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

5. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Tim Touchstone, 105 Spruce Street. He has not been at the last few meetings. Maybe someone could fill him in on the status of street repair. Some issues came up earlier in the year as to sweeping and a question of how many street sweepers are actually operative and if that was given any priority.

Mr. Siqueros said he will give him his card and if he would email him he will respond to the email with information.

Mr. Spencer said this is a topic we have been discussing and we are still in some state of frustration with street sweeping. We need more people like you making more noise. That is helpful.

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

A. UPDATES REGARDING THE SANTA FE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) Eric Aune

Mr. Aune said he has some updates for you. We have a new staff person. Hannah joined MPO and in another two weeks we will have a second new staff person and will be fully staffed. It has been two to three years since we have been fully staffed. She brings expertise coming from UNM. She is helping with technical analysis for example and updating and upgrading our website. She is now working on some innovative things and will maintain the website. He is pleased to have staff and especially Hannah helping out.

Mr. Aune said the June 27th Policy Board approved the Bicycle Master Plan. He was very pleased with the end result. The Policy Board was not excited about the plan at the end of the day regarding comments to the plan. The public engagement element was the overarching part of that. We are now updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. It delivers about \$243 million of projects in the metro area. We are doing two contracts with two contractors. One updating the MTP plan and the other will be a different team working on public engagement through a social equity lens. If anyone on

the Board wants to be involved in that let him know.

Mr. Aune thanked Tim Rodgers who played an instrumental role in the plan regarding projects on the ground. He provided a high level of detail. The plan has short term, long term and mid term projects included. He is very happy with that. To the extent the MPO can work with this Committee to help implement this plan we are at your service.

Chair Tallman asked other than public engagement what were other reasons the Policy Board did not like the plan.

Mr. Aune said there were specific questions about the goals. The goals were brought over from the previous 2012 plan. Then we went through a stakeholders meeting as to if they were still relevant today. They ranked what was important. As a result safety came in last. The concern was that it was felt that safety should be first. The answer was those were ranked through a process and that does not mean safety is any less important. We were proud to hear from the users of the facilities that these things were important. Another concern was that there were too many projects and we might not be able to deliver them. The idea is that the projects can move into funding pots and implementation. That allows entities to see what is on the list and what is important and the comprehensiveness of the list and projects already done over the last decade. This is the result of the City and County really investing in facilities. We want to carry on that opportunity as best we can.

Mr. Spencer asked what if any formal role does this Committee have in the formulation of the plan.

Mr. Aune said the plan is used by the County and the City very well in terms of when projects come through they were reflected in the plan. It compelled the City and the developer to build the trails in the plan. Land Use staff indicated they were desirous of the City adopting this plan by Resolution to be more formal. To the extent this Committee could support something like that, it would be nice. The Land Use Department has a budget for a comprehensive plan update that has not been done since 1990 and they may incorporate this into that plan.

Ms. Wellington asked who is the Policy Board. Are they citizens or staff.

Mr. Aune said the MPO has a Technical Coordinating Committee that is City, County and NMDOT staff and transit providers. We are federally obligated to have that. The technical committee looked at this plan several times. They recommended approval to the Policy Board. The Policy Board is made up of three City Councilors, three County Commissioners, NMDOT and the Pueblo of Pojoaque by memorandum of agreement. It is a Joint Powers Agreement.

Ms. Wellington asked are those meetings open to us.

Mr. Aune said all of them are public meetings noticed on the website. They occur at the Market Station offices. We can add a member of this team to the invite if you would like us to. Not a lot of public shows up to those meetings.

Mr. Spencer said thank you for report. Can you give us a sense of which projects are most likely to be implemented in the near future.

Mr. Aune said part of the public input process was getting a lot of feedback from the community. There was positive feedback as to the content of the plan. Most comments were about projects already in motion. For example the southside trails. He pointed to the 2012 plan with then Arroyo Hondo trail system and the County is implementing that system at this time. Also the Zia to Zia connection came up several times. That project is in this plan and it is in the works. This is as far as this plan goes. It is up to the City to begin what is implementable how and why. The Policy Board did ask what the next step is. The MPO plays a supporting role. We cannot compel the City or County to do anything. It might be worth a conversation with both entities as to what the next step is.

Ms. Wexler said the new MPO website is wonderful. It is an amazing improvement.

B. SANTA FE CONSERVATION TRUST (SFCT); REPORTING FOR CITY TRAIL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR TIM ROGERS

Mr. Rogers reviewed his report.

Ms. Wellington said thank you so much for all you are doing and all the contacts you are making. On Number 2 of your report she expressed a concern about the Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator grant. There has been a lot of email traffic on it. Could we have a summary of where this is at so it is in the minutes. She does not think anything has been formally acknowledged. It is \$300,000 grant awarded to the City in April and the City only had to match it with 14.5 % which is about \$48,000. This is our chance to put this piece into place and she would like to know what the status is.

Mr. Rogers said it is Federal funding through MPO and DOT. It is Transportation Alternatives Program funding. The Santa Fe Public Schools and the Parks Department worked together to get the application in. He asked that Eric give a summary.

Mr. Aune said he had a conversation with Richard Thompson today. This is going back to last October, 2018, where there were highly collaborative discussions between

the Parks Department and the Public Schools facilitated by MPO. The application was completed and awarded. The City received the award. For whatever reason the City failed to budget for that. He has been directed to sit in a meeting with John Munoz and Richard Thompson to deal with that budget constraint and to deal with the cooperative agreement that is required. Next week the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Policy Board will be adopting the TIP program. This project is in that program. That is what he knows as of today.

Mr. Spencer asked what is the deadline before the money goes away if the City does not use it.

Mr. Aune said the monies cannot be expended until after October 1st. According to the TAP guidebook the City has until June 2020 to execute the agreement. The challenge is that the money is provided to begin October 1st and be used over a two year period.

Mr. Spencer said thank you for your report. He has bicycled between Las Vegas and Santa Fe. It is frightening. Is there any chance in his lifetime to get a bicycle safe route. Is there anything this Committee can do to help with that.

Mr. Rogers said he is not sure who would call it a high priority. When he looks at the potential for a trail it is likely to be a dirt trail. He is not sure how to answer that question. There are not any roads being planned to make that connection. Between Bike Route 66, Santa Fe Trail and the lack of anything but interstate, for a gap there are a lot of reasons to address that. He hopes in your lifetime you will be able to mountain bike it if not road bike it.

Ms. Wellington said the focus in maintenance seems to be on gravel trails. Is there any direction regarding including paved trails in that.

Mr. Rogers said the contract is specifically about natural trails, so that means dirt trails. Paved trails are undertaken by the City Parks Department.

Chair Tallman said thank you Tim.

7. DISCUSSION

A. REGARDING ST. MICHAELS DRIVE REPAVING PROJECT AND THE CITY DISCUSSING BIKE FRIENDLY ISSUES WITH NMDOT Mike Newhall

Mr. Newhall said we just found out recently that the State is planning on repaving Cerrillos from St. Michaels to St. Francis. Right now it is not bike friendly at all. This is a chance we should not miss. If we can get repaving done and a bit of a road diet to put

bike lanes on this would be the biggest thing we could do in the next five years. It is really important. If we leave it to NMDOT they will just repave and stripe it exactly as it is. He would like to see us as a Committee and the City jump on this as quickly as we can, as hard as we can, and work with NMDOT to do this project as we have hoped for over the last decades. This is important. Bob do you know what is happening as far as the details of this.

Mr. Siqueros said what he knows is from two staff meetings ago with the Division Directors. NMDOT is going to fund the project, but the City is going to implement it. That was the discussion at this time. That is tentative.

Mr. Aune said he would hate to throw cold water on your happiness right now. The NMDOT and the City are under critical discussions about the City taking the road over in an agreement process. That process has been going on for 18 years. The understanding is that NMDOT is coming to an agreement informally that they will repave. The City does not want to take over the road in the condition it is in today. The good news is they are going to do that. The NMDOT is not in a position to redesign the road, but they will repave and stripe. They will do that and hand the road over to the City. It will then be up to the City to redesign it if they so desire.

Mr. Siqueros said he still thinks the City will do the repaving and striping, but it could be based on DOT standards.

Mr. Aune said the NMDOT has put on the TIP \$1 million for the redesign of Cerrillos from St. Frances to St. Michaels. That will be put on for construction in the next several years.

Mr. Spencer asked are we talking about entire length of St. Michaels.

Mr. Aune said the big project is the redesign of the bridge, the St. Francis interchange. That is in motion. There are conceptional designs already being considered. The idea is that those two projects were put together so that if the repaving starts first or the reconstruction of the interchange starts first they will be done together.

Mr. Spencer said Tim mentioned in his report a bike facility from Llano to Pacheco. He suggests that would be an orphan facility. It is not clear what that would buy us.

Ms. Wexler said Tim was referring to an old plan as to the redesign of St. Michaels Drive. It was a conceptional design.

Ms. Wellington said she is concerned that so much of our emphasis has been on roads and striping and repaving and shoulders. She has a concern about protected bike lanes and trails. We will never get our kids out or older citizens out. When this project and St. Michaels is redone we need wherever possible to install physical barriers such

as have been put on Cerrillos near the School For The Deaf. Those kinds of flexible barriers to delineate bike routes and make people feel safe. Even if there are a few in each block it makes a real difference in feeling like you have a protected space. She wants to see kids and adults out. She talks to so many people who used to ride in Santa Fe, but don't want to now because they do not feel safe. She wants to see better connectiveness with paved bike trails in the City.

B. REGARDING ARROYO CHAMISO TRAIL - PROPOSED REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS Bruce Finger

Mr. Finger said there are repairs that need to be done. He reviewed the pictures and information in the packet. We need to look at the fencing and barriers there. Mr. Thompson has been informed of this issue several times. Hopefully it will be taken care of. He wanted to bring this to the Committees attention.

Mr. Finger said some rail fencing is down on the trail into SWAN Park. He is not sure if that is the City's responsibility. It has been down for several years. On page 6 of the packet you can see the weeds growing over the path. It is not asphalt anymore. There was a water leak two years ago and they cut out a slab to fix the water leak and it was never replaced. It is dirt and rock now. He wanted to bring that to the Committee's attention to see if the Committee can push the City to get that fixed.

Mr. Siqueros said as soon as he got these photos he sent them to the Parks Department. They do have funding to do that, but he doesn't know if they have enough staff to do it quickly enough. He is hoping to get a report from them at the end of the month. They did do some improvements on the Botanical Garden Trail.

Mr. Finger said he talked to Mr. Thompson at an event recently and he relayed to him that the coordination between departments is not the best right now and the asphalt crew is on the southside right now.

Mr. Spencer said as far as using street staff the City should act on this expeditiously. District 3 and 4 folks already feel they are second class citizens compared to the north side. They should look at this.

Chair Tallman said we are consistently bringing up maintenance and repair issues. How do we bring those up as action items.

Mr. Siqueros said you can bring issues outside of BTAC through city staff or constituent services. When he prepares the agenda he puts discussion and action usually and Councilor Vigil Coppler tells him if action is needed. Every time he gets comments about repairs he passes it on to the appropriate department.

Mr. Siqueros said it is good to have it on the record that it was discussed by a formal Committee of the City. That adds value to the issues.

Ms. Wexler said it would add more value if the person who brought it up asked staff to report on it at the next meeting. If we want consistency in our meetings we have to make that effort.

Mr. Siqueros said the submission forms are the best way to get something on the agenda and to ask for specific staff.

Mr. Spencer said one option is to put something in a motion on this so we are on record about that. It is not clear what we have requested in discussion if we do not do motions. It worries him a lot.

Ms. Wexler said in the minutes from last month and previous months there were comments from members that they thought it was important to have staff or follow up for the next meetings. In the past we have had more invitations and participation from City staff, DOT and the Police Department. It seems like if it is in the minutes it should be followed up on. She is frustrated that again we have no one here from the Parks staff and that these issues do not seem to get relayed. We have not interacted with the Police. We did ask for a representative of DOT to be here.

Mr. Siqueros said all those people were planning on being at this meeting tonight, but the State of the City is going on now so we have to schedule for August. We should not rely on the minutes for the agenda. It is the submission forms that are used to add to the agenda. Submit a form with who you want and what specifically you want them to speak on.

Ms. Wexler said she was going to submit an agenda item and neglected to do so and that is on her.

Mr. Finger asked you will request Mr. Thompson to be here at the next meeting.

Mr. Siqueros said yes. We can get them on the record in terms of what their response is.

Ms. Wexler said there does not seem to be a plan for the maintenance of the trails. Maybe a subcommittee of this body would want to take this on and we could pass it on to the City Council. Is there a plan

Mr. Siqueros said there is a plan. It is hard to keep up with.

Ms. Wexler asked is that a document we could look at.

Mr. Siqueros said he will address that under matters from staff.

8. BTAC SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS (ON ROAD, EDUCATION)

Mr. Newhall said he has been in conversation with Shannon at NMDOT about signage from City limit to City limit. The issue now is NMDOT has to adopt it as a plan first and they have no process to do that or to declare Bike Route 66. Maybe the outdoor economic office that is forming up can twist some arms. He will continue to report on this. There is also a bike route across the southern part of the State that would be nice of NMDOT to adopt.

Ms. Wexler said she has a continuing concern about the Safe Routes to Schools grant and coming up with the match for that. Bike Santa Fe is teaching a smart cycling class next week on Thursday evening and Saturday all day. It is a great way to improve confidence and safety for cyclists. We also are working towards teaching the bike friendly motorist so that motorists will have more awareness of cyclists.

9. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Siqueros said when we talked about the roadway construction list, there are developers who do road construction that do rerouting of bike lanes and all those projects are listed in the orange barrel report which is part of the Public Works website. He will send the Committee a link to that. Any street closure has to be allowed by the City. They will make sure there will be no closures without redirecting bike traffic.

Mr. Siqueros said in terms of the parks and trails projects that Parks takes care of they have a five year CIP plan that lists the projects and funding sources. The list is not prioritized. It is on their website and he will send you a link to that. They have a one year plan with a list of what they plan to do in this fiscal year. He will provide that list to you.

Ms. Wexler asked that consists of new projects and maintenance.

Mr. Siqueros said primarily maintenance. It is lumped into CIP as well as GRT funding. It was just approved a month ago.

Ms. Wexler said the issue raised a couple of months ago was regarding the signs that ended up being a diamond shape and not in compliance with what the City Council mandated. Do you have an update on that.

Mr. Siqueros said no, but he will put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Spencer said it is his understanding that there are regulations as to those signs.

Ms. Wexler said the Resolution that went forward specifically stated the MUTCD signs. The signs say bikes may use full lane. Black and white rectangular are the signs to be used. The ones used are precautionary and not enforceable.

10. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

None.

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

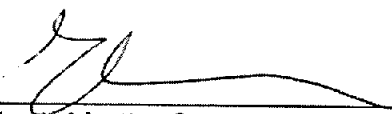
None.

**12. NEXT MEETING
AUGUST 21, 2019**

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Sky Tallman, Acting Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer