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## BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 23, 2011 5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

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- 2) **Discussion regarding future Street Improvements and Repairs as it relates to Bike Lanes, Sharrows, Signage, etc. (Engineering Staff)**
- 3) **Presentation and action regarding the "Bike Sharrow Maintenance Priority Plan".**
- 4) **BTAC Subcommittee Updates**
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  - **On-Road (*Bike Sharrows, Road Improvements/Maintenance/Repairs*)**
  - **Mountain Bike (*IMBA Event*)**
  - **Bike Education and Outreach (*Approved Bike Ord.*)**
  - **La Tierra (NWQ) (*Master Plan*)**

### H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FÉ  
BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**June 23, 2011**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee was called to order by Mr. Frank Herdman in the absence of Chair Patti Bushee on this date at 5:30 p.m. in the 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:**

Councilor Patti Bushee, Chair [arriving later]  
Ms. Gretchen Grogan  
Mr. Frank Herdman  
Mr. John Longworth  
Ms. Lisa Miles [arriving later]  
Mr. Tomás Rivera  
Ms. Shelley Robinson

**Members Absent:**

Ms. Alicia Martínez  
Mr. Ron Pacheco

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Bob Siqueiros

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Siqueiros said Item #2 would be more appropriate after the sharrows presentation.

**Mr. Longworth moved to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 26, 2011**

**Mr. Longworth moved to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Grogan seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

## **E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR**

Ms. Kat Downing announced that BTAC Education and Outreach Subcommittee published the revised drivers' manual on June 11. The bicycle section was handed out. They were excited about it and next they would look at the changes for the state.

Mr. Herdman thanked the subcommittee for their work on it.

Chair Bushee arrived at this time.

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

Mr. Wilson said they were developing the Bike Master Plan. This coming Saturday they organized a tour of some of the facilities they were considering to prioritize as part of the MP. They would start at 9:30 at the Farmer's Market for whoever shows up. They would look at issues raised in the MP and identify some of the missing links. It would be a couple of hours - easy pace, stopping at various places.

Ms. Grogan asked if they would be done by 11:00.

Mr. Wilson agreed and if you couldn't make it we could make the map available to you. They would concentrate in the upper core and pick up some rail trail, acequia trail, etc.

Ms. Robinson asked if they could see some of the work of the students. Mr. Wilson agreed.

Ms. Miles arrived at this time.

Chair Bushee asked if he could email the report to everyone. Mr. Wilson agreed.

Mr. Wilson said they were finalizing the last elements of the bicycle map - closer to having everything on it. The draft would be released next week. He said 10,600 of the first maps were printed and they were almost gone. This time they would get quotes for 15-20,000. If it was not too much more for 20, they would print 20,000 and it should be good for two years' use.

Mr. Rivera had tried to get the digital copy and wanted a more accessible digital version. He asked if it was possible to provide it at a lower resolution.

Mr. Wilson agreed to look into it. The WPI students were doing a Google version. It was a separate app or web page.

Mr. Rivera also suggested they consider integration with bus routes and where there was no sidewalk.

Mr. Wilson said the challenge was when they began layering too much on it, it becomes difficult to

read. They were doing main bus terminals and train stops. Maybe they could do toggling but they didn't really have GIS information on sidewalks that was up to date. The versions he had seen so far only showed the parks and how people could walk to the park. So as the pedestrian plan was developed they wanted to have a plan to show that.

Chair Bushee wanted intersections of trails with amenities.

Mr. Wilson said the La Tierra Trails showed them.

Chair Bushee wanted a smaller version.

Ms. Robinson thought the Google map was exciting and could be a possible solution.

Mr. Wilson said they were working on it now. WPI was an ongoing relationship so maybe a team next year could work on getting it to reality.

## **G. DISCUSSION**

### **1. Bike Ordinance (Uniform Traffic Ordinance) update regarding pending City Council approval and pending education and outreach of the ordinance**

Chair Bushee recalled this was tabled last time. She didn't know what the issues were.

Mr. Siqueiros said there was a memo from Councilor Ortiz after he sent the first draft to the Councilors. There was no major issue. They just wanted to make sure it was the same as in MVD manual.

Ms. Downing said she got an email from Lynn Packard who met with Councilor Ortiz and got information about how it would be implemented and that it agreed with the Albuquerque ordinance. This history and budget was okay. She agreed to give Mr. Siqueiros the web address for it.

Chair Bushee said she tried to access the MVD site to find out about it. She was distressed this had come down. There were concerns at the public hearing. The public hearing would be at the Council meeting and if people would come or email or call, it would help.

Mr. Herdman thought if there were concerns BTAC needed to know what they were.

Chair Bushee didn't know if the concerns would even be helpful. There were new changes and new concepts but it all went through all the committees.

Ms. Downing said it was in the MVD manual.

Chair Bushee noted that Councilor Wurzbarger had the same questions about sharrows.

Communication with councilors was important.

Ms. Robinson understood from Councilor Ortiz's email was that it was in an emergency.

Chair Bushee said it wasn't discussed. They had a public hearing and then it was closed.

Mr. Siqueiros added that there was a motion to approve and it was seconded and they were ready to vote.

Chair Bushee said they held off for colleagues who were not there.

The Committee had more discussion on the issue.

Ms. Grogan said she was there for awhile. Their concern was traffic on narrow streets.

Ms. Grogan asked if it would be considered at 7:00 pm.

Chair Bushee said it should be the first evening issue on the Council agenda.

Ms. Robinson asked if emailing was good.

Chair Bushee agreed and suggested it. People wouldn't read a whole lot so the email should have bullets. She thought it would go through just fine.

Ms. Robinson asked if it needed unanimous approval.

Chair Bushee said it just needed 5 votes to pass.

### **3. Presentation and action regarding the "Bike Sharrow Maintenance Priority Plan"**

Chair Bushee referred to the memo handout.

Ms. Grogan noted that Jim Harrington was present and had helped with this initiative. They would look at all the sharrows out there and note their condition and make recommendations. There were about 380 sharrows in total.

She referred to the handout and said these were the tables Mr. Harrington used in his assessment. He went street by street and used a 1-5 scale for condition. There were some streets where the sharrows were in good condition (1-3 on the rating) but even there, the number that were visible enough were about half of them. (190). Some had been repaved over and sharrows not re-installed. She listed some of them.

Then there were some where sharrows were badly deteriorated. (Listed some). When they looked at

the bad status sharrows they counted about 49 sharrows

They asked Mr. Siqueiros to set up a meeting with Mr. Pino and Mr. Robert Romero and met last Friday. They agreed it was a good investment. Then they looked at the assessment and it became obvious that some streets had 4-5 bad sharrows like Baca Street. And those paved over should be priority streets.

They went in with an assessment that 25 sharrows per year could be replaced. But Mr. Pino told them there was no money this year. He said they might consider a CIP bond later this year and suggested that instead of sharrow replacement coming out of the signage budget, that sharrows should get a separate place out of bond money. She thought that was a great idea and if BTAC was behind the idea and Chair Bushee could recommend that to Council, the chances would be pretty good.

Chair Bushee said if GRT revenues happened, it would be okay. She was happy to support the idea. They were talking about when the economy was better. She thought a bond might be a couple of years down the road.

Ms. Grogan asked if only the Council approved the CIP bond.

Chair Bushee agreed. This year it would be very small compared to the usual amount. Given the present status, it probably would not become a high priority. The GRT had gone up a few percentage points but overall, construction and home building was not growing.

Ms. Grogan thought that to suggest a separate pot of money for sharrows was hopeful.

Chair Bushee cautioned that BTAC should not count on that but needed to continue to plan for it. She thought there was more support for a bond election. Sharrows were part of infrastructure. The General Fund was based on GRT. So they needed to keep it as a priority.

Mr. Siqueiros thought it was a great presentation. The street markings or bike lanes were really done by city staff so it was an oversight by staff. If it had been a contractor they could go back to have the contractor put them in but it was not part of the contract. Street markings were allocated and sharrows were at the bottom of that list.

Ms. Grogan said the bottom line was that the City had far fewer sharrows than previously thought. And they held off on state highways.

Ms. Downing agreed to find out from Tom Trowbridge about it sharrows on state managed roads.

Ms. Robinson thought it was unfortunate that it was based on money. One or two bright new sharrows would keep reminding people. They stand out and get people's attention.

Mr. Siqueiros said it cost \$400 per sharrow to replace them.

Ms. Grogan said that was to do the plastic sharrows. The City maintained they lasted longer than painted sharrows. Plastic lasted five years and painted lasted three years. But they don't have hard data on them.

Mr. Siqueiros said if they lasted five years, they could use impact fees.

Chair Bushee said it depended on traffic too.

Ms. Robinson thought Santa Fé probably had a shorter span because there was no rain to wash the dirt off.

Mr. Rivera said they needed to find some certification that they last five years.

Chair Bushee asked if the Trails Alliance could possibly clean sharrows up too.

Ms. Grogan said Ms. Downing found the stencil for them.

Chair Bushee thought with volunteers, they could get out there and do it with sharrow block parties.

Ms. Grogan commented they would have to do traffic control.

Mr. Herdman thought they needed an education program for it. There was a lot of competition for that money.

Ms. Grogan agreed part of the money should be for education.

Ms. Downing suggested the sharrow markings brochure could be a tri-fold and attached to every new bike and every rental in town.

Mr. Herdman thought the best way was to educate the driver. He asked if BTAC had investigated whether they could use the funds for that.

Mr. Siqueiros said the side of a bus was about \$2500 and the back was about \$1,200 for however long it took to wear off.

Chair Bushee thought they should get the ordinance passed first.

Mr. Herdman asked from which budget it would come out of.

Mr. Siqueiros said it would be from the department budget.

Mr. Herdman asked Mr. Siqueiros to put that on the agenda next time.



Mr. Siqueiros said they should do a video on the City Channel.

Chair Bushee thought if the subcommittee could take some steps on community awareness campaign and invite others to help they could then report back to the Committee.

Mr. Siqueiros said the costs were posted on the City's Transit website.

## **2. Discussion regarding future street improvements and repairs as it relates to Bike Lanes, Sharrows, Signage, etc.**

Chair Bushee commented that there were huge trucks chewing up the tar just past the bridge on the trail. There had to be some money to maintain them. She would keep her own laundry list but would like to see BTAC list things as they went on these field trips. It was not just signage and sharrows - it was bike lane improvements and repair.

Mr. Herdman thanked Ms. Grogan and Mr. Harrington for all their hard work.

Ms. Grogan thought there should be better communication from Mr. John Romero about which streets were going to be repaved and infrastructure updating. Sharrows were not put back in afterward.

Mr. Siqueiros thought this would be a good tool to make sure on the communication.

Ms. Grogan said they needed a list with dates.

Chair Bushee said BTAC should be on the check list for development.

Mr. Longworth asked if there was no money for road projects.

Mr. Siqueiros thought there might not be any paving projects this year.

Mr. Longworth asked if for the roads already done, that money was gone forever. Mr. Siqueiros said the short answer was yes.

Mr. Longworth asked if they could we get John Romero to BTAC to explain what happened with bike lanes.

Chair Bushee said she wouldn't be here for the July meeting. She asked Mr. Siqueiros to inform Robert Romero that BTAC had problems with staff not following the ordinance. She went back and made sure it was in there in the ordinance.

## **4. BTAC Subcommittee Updates**

- **Multi-Use Trails (Trail Connectivity)**

They talked about combining this with subcommittee Mountain Bike.

- **On-Road (Bike Sharrows, Road Improvements/Maintenance/Repairs)**

This was considered earlier in the meeting.

- **Mountain Bike (IMBA Event)**

There was no report this time.

- **Bike Education and Outreach (Approved Bike Ordinance)**

Ms. Grogan restated that they had the new bike section now.

Ms. Downing said the new manual was official on June 11 but would go out on the website any time now. The state put out the new questions already but the information was not yet in the manual.

Chair Bushee asked that someone talk with Tom Sharpe for an article on it.

Ms. Downing agreed but said they couldn't find it on the website yet.

Ms. Downing agreed to work with the committee on how to do that.

She said there was a possibility that Fat Tire might be contacted. They were looking for site for the 2012 summit. If CVB gets on it, that might happen here.

Mr. Siqueiros said the City even did a video for them.

Chair Bushee thought if it didn't cost much money, maybe they could have it as a trailer at the movies.

Ms. Downing showed the latest project chart and pointed out where the underpass at Zia was supposed to be done.

- **La Tierra (NWQ Master Plan)**

Chair Bushee said she went to the public hearing.

Ms. Robinson thanked her for what she said. It was great. It was recorded.

Chair Bushee noted that the people there were from the other side of NM 599 and there was misunderstanding about the 60 space parking lot. They were worried about partying, etc.

Ms. Robinson agreed. They misinterpreted it.

Mr. Longworth said they had a concern about a blind spot and he was not sure where that was.

Ms. Robinson thought it might be from the hill.

Chair Bushee really thought Claudia Horn and Wilson did a great job.

Mr. Herdman asked if it was going to Council.

Mr. Siqueiros said it would be a resolution on the July or August agenda.

Chair Bushee asked for August. Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Mr. Herdman asked if that gave it a green light.

Chair Bushee said they already approved the plan conceptually.

Mr. Longworth thought there was a whole committee process yet. He thought they did a great job overall.

## **H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

### **1. BFC Application Update**

Mr. Siqueiros invited BTAC members to come to his office to see the application. He agreed to add website MVD approval tomorrow.

Ms. Robinson asked if they were helpful about businesses that were BFC designated.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Ms. Robinson said what stood out to her was the hospital. She didn't know how much they were involved in bicycling.

Mr. Siqueiros said it was really about finished.

Ms. Robinson asked if the looking forward section was kind of a wish list.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed and added that they needed to evaluate the facilities they had.

Chair Bushee asked him to make that an agenda item.

Mr. Siqueiros said he was ready to submit it on July 1. The deadline was July 22.

## **2. BTAC Request for Information Log**

Mr. Siqueiros said he left the bus wrap, #7, on there. He spoke to Melisa on the resolution and she convinced him it was not a good idea.

Chair Bushee asked him to have Melisa contact her.

## **I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Bushee asked what was happening with the underpass.

Mr. Siqueiros said the authority to proceed was done last week. They went up stream toward town on the left side of St. Francis where it leveled out.

Chair Bushee asked about the cost.

Mr. Siqueiros said it was \$1.7 million. He passed around an aerial photo showing the location. It was to be completed by October.

Chair Bushee said the streets needed to be cleaned. There was lots of dirt and glass anywhere she went.

She said the summer youth program was going to do a mural along the river from Barrio la Cañada to Frenchy's Field.

She mentioned a student Prep who had an idea for Fort Marcy and had a little sign up there. His idea was to build an in-town BMX track at the tail end of Alto. It needed something for drainage. She hoped it happened before he graduated.

Ms. Robinson agreed he was really on top of it. It was his community service plan and really passionate about it. He was the kind of kid who could be a youth participant on BTAC.

Mr. Rivera noticed getting off at 5<sup>th</sup> and Cerrillos that lots of people got off there and it would be great to have a crossing there.

Chair Bushee left at this time.

Ms. Robinson was excited about a project that happened overnight and said it looked prettier and nicer now. She asked about the funding.

Mr. Siqueiros said it was out of RPA. They provided \$430,000k for it.

He said the tunnel would be the first project for NWQ.

Ms. Robinson said she used old Taos Highway in her commute and went on the bike path. Where it came out on top there was a horrific accident and the fencing was destroyed and signs were down. All of the headlights and paraphernalia from the truck were still there. She asked if she should call police department and if it was the responsibility of the driver to pay for the repairs. It was the official state bike lane that went through the city. She just didn't know where to go with it.

Mr. Siqueiros said the City enforced the traffic laws there but it was still the state's responsibility.

Ms. Robinson asked if she should contact Tom Trowbridge. It was just dangerous. The signage there was key. She said she would follow through.

She said this kaleidoscope was opening on the 15<sup>th</sup>. She met with CCA about doing a trail to access children's museum. It was- really needed. It was important to use the bike lane on Don Gaspar.

She wondered about road striping on Barcelona to continue that. It would be important down the line.

Ms. Miles said Yucca Street definitely needed restriping and a bike lane to connect to Alto Park and give access to public places.

Mr. Herdman thought they should check to see if that was part of the MP.

Ms. Grogan reported a bike accident at St. Francis/Cerrillos. Jim Harrington had passed her name to this guy and she did respond to him. He was justifiably pretty upset. He didn't break bones but had stitches. He asked why there was only one sign and he didn't see the sign.

Mr. Rivera announced this weekend was the annual fund raiser tomorrow at 7 pm at Corazon. At 4:00 they were showing a documentary there and serving Frito pies - great fun.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Approved by:

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Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:

  
Carl Boaz, Stenographer