



**BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, November 17, 2011 5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from *October 27, 2011***

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- 2) Update regarding the City of Santa Fe's proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Gross Receipts Tax (GRT) Bond proposals (Bob Siqueiros).
- 3) BTAC Subcommittee Updates:
  - Multi-Use Trails
  - On-Road
  - Mountain Bike
  - Bike Education and Outreach
  - La Tierra (NWQ)

**H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- 1) BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)
- 2) Bicycle Friendly Community future application submission needs (Bob Siqueiros)

**I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**November 17, 2011**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee was called to order by Councilor Patti Bushee, Chair on this date at approximately 5:15 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  
Ms. Gretchen Grogan  
Mr. Frank Herdman (arrived later)  
Ms. Alicia Martinez  
Ms. Lisa Miles  
Mr. Ron Pacheco (arrived later)  
Mr. Tomás Rivera  
Ms. Shelley Robinson

**Members Absent:**

Mr. John Longworth

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Robert Siqueiros  
Mr. Keith Wilson, MPO Senior Planner  
Mr. Tim Rogers, Consultant

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Ms. Grogan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 27, 2011**

**Ms. Miles moved to approve the minutes of October, 2011 as presented. Ms. Grogan seconded**

**the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

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

**Bette Booth** chair of the Parks and Open Space Advisory Commission (POSAC) said Resolution 2010-92 directed POSAC to make recommendations for parks, open spaces and trails that were not funded or underfunded in the last bond.

She said POSAC conducted meetings, interviews with a wide variety of constituents from youth leaders and groups to Parks staff and park users; surveyed youth sports leagues and worked with the MPO Bicycle Committee. They came up with 4 top priority recommendations and worked to develop a budget with Parks that responded to the priorities. Copies of the POSAC recommendations to City Council were given to BTAC.

*Mr. Herdman and Mr. Pacheco entered the meeting.*

Ms. Booth said she was there to talk about a top priority to make Santa Fe more wheel friendly to skaters, skate boarders, BMX riders and street and mountain bikers. She said POSAC is on record as a strong supporter of the bond monies for trails and the implementation of the MPO Bicycle Master Plan and would continue to lobby and educate for that.

She asked the Committee to support and advocate for the BMX and skateboarders. She said only \$80,000 was allocated out of \$30 million for skate and BMX parks and it was the most underserved sport in Santa Fe and two of the fastest-growing.

Ms. Booth said youth leaders unanimously said they want more skate parks as the first priority and secondly, more free walls. She said the Parks Commission supported skate parks and BMX plazas and currently there are only two wheel friendly parks; De Vargas and Franklin Miles. She said both were deteriorating and unsafe and kids were driving to Albuquerque for their sport.

Ms. Booth said the proposed parks portion of the bond was to complete the De Vargas Skate Plaza, bring Franklin Miles Park to minimum standards and enlarge the footprint in Ragle. She said POSAC felt that is the minimum that should be done for the sport and if possible, more should be done.

Ms. Booth asked the Committee when they talk about the parks and trails bond to advocate for both the trail and the parks portion, particularly the BMX/skate park piece. She said the city needs to give voice to this constituency.

She provided copies of other priorities and said one is to bring the South side to minimum standard. Another is to put money aside for pump tracks. She said about \$2500 is needed to build the track and Larragoite is interested in one and Zona would be great because they wouldn't get a skate park for another five years and it would bring the community together.

Chair Bushee thanked Ms. Booth for her work. She said there could possibly be a joint meeting.

Ms. Grogan thanked Ms. Booth for coming to the meeting and said she would love to see more interaction between BTAC and POSAC.

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

None

## **G. DISCUSSION**

1) The Presentation and Discussion regarding the Santa Fe MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) Bicycle Master Plan – Preliminary Draft (Keith Wilson & Tim Rogers)

Mr. Rogers said he has the latest draft of the map and new features not only show an expanded scope which includes the local county area, but also all of the parks and technical features.

He appreciated BTAC's support. He said the city was going for gold and he thought they could get gold. He said number one under the plan was for more and better bicycle facilities and the first recommendation is to continue to implement "Complete Streets;"

He said there are recommendations on maintenance, coordination of the planning of facilities, providing cyclist with way finding, continuing to look at implementation of best practices, supporting higher density mixed use develop and gathering data to support and guide bicycle planning.

Mr. Rogers said the second goal is education, encouragement and enforcement. Recommendations focus on bicycle education; riding bicycles; motorists safe operation around bicyclist; the enforcement of traffic laws; establishing a safe routes program, and continued encouragement of activities and bike sharing system for the use of bicycles in public and private sectors.

Mr. Rogers said the New Mexico Bicycle Education Summit took place last Saturday and seven people from Santa Fe attended; one was Ms. Robinson. He thanked her for attending. He wants to organize a meeting to focus on the Bicycle Master Plan and would follow-up by e-mail.

He said another recommendation under the second goal is to establish a bike sharing program. He said Chuck Malagoite, UNM and the City of Albuquerque were close to putting kiosks on the UNM campus and at Nob Hill and this was an opportunity for Santa Fe to jump on board.

Chair Bushee asked if Mr. Rogers had a price tag. Mr. Wilson replied costs were about \$40,000 per station (about 10 bicycles of 19 docking spots.)

Mr. Rogers said there were four sections of the implementation plan; for process it was making presentations and staff meetings. He wanted to complete the draft in December, begin a public review period in 30 days and make revisions in January. He said he would take the final document to the MPO Transportation Policy Board followed by the county commission.

Mr. Rogers showed the table of agency responsibilities and the sample he had written for BTAC: "to provide the city with guidance and oversight of efforts to accommodate bicyclists and trail users in Santa Fe." He welcomed comments or new proposals from the Committee.

Mr. Siqueiros said the BTAC responsibility could be taken from the resolution.

Mr. Rogers showed conceptual renderings. He said the city worked toward a system of trails and friendly roads that created a grid of friendlier facilities, mostly off busy roads. A lot of connector trails were included and the trail and road segments were prioritized based on connectivity, demand, specific safety improvements, feasibility and consideration of sequencing.

Mr. Rogers talked about suggested road improvements; to create bike lanes; re-stripe and paint, sharrows and maintenance. County projects were included and it was recommended the county widen Old Santa Fe Trail, Tesuque Village Road and Old Las Vegas Highway. The improvements at the Rail Trail would start with improvements to at-grade crossings at St. Francis Drive and Cerrillos. Other areas to be looked at were noted with the suggested improvements.

Mr. Rogers reviewed some of the improvements in Phase A:

- The River Trail improvements included ramps to make connections and had a mix of trail segments for the Royal Chamiso Trail and improvements at crossings at the oldest part of the trail.
- Las Soleras would be built and the annexation was written so part of the Tierra Contenta annexation linked the trail development to the residential development. So far development was commercial and some negotiation still had to be done.
- The Tierra Contenta Trail would be continued to South Meadows. Plans were shown for the Pavilion and Southwest Activity Node (SWAN.)
- The Acequia Trail and connections and trail improvements were talked about. The county connection is underway and easements that connect to the East side sub surface trail system.
- The Arroyo Chaparral Trail would connect Ragle Park to Zia Station and a trail crossing improvement is proposed at Siringo Road and St. Francis Drive.

Mr. Rogers ended by asking the Committee to support public spending to improve bicycle facilities and said there were many good reasons to; local jobs, quality of life, increased tourism, local outdoor oriented businesses.

Chair Bushee said it would be helpful in the future to include where the money could come from. She noted that a small residential development to the Arroyo Chamiso went to the Planning Commission and wanted to be sure they contributed. She asked that the Committee be apprised of any developments.

[Break 6:12- 6:50 p.m.]

## 2) Update on the City of Santa Fe's Proposed CIP and GO Bond Proposals (Bob Siqueiros).

Mr. Siqueiros said he included what was recorded for the Finance Committee last Monday; two motions and the list of Phase.

Chair Bushee thanked Ms. Robinson, Mr. Rivera, Ms. Grogan and Mr. Herdman. She said to be included on the CIP bond for one quarter of \$1 million would be nice. She wasn't sure if that covered maintenance for two years but she wanted it increased from \$200 to \$250 to include bicycle racks, etc.

Chair Bushee said the GO Bond was broken into five questions and the money was tied to each question. She read the five questions:

1. *\$5 million for Public Safety Bonds-* to upgrade the police main facility and build a new fire station on the South side.

Chair Bushee said the fire station on the South side was needed but the city has no way to staff it. There were limited funds and the bigger the bond the more money was needed to back the bond. She said there were few options for operational dollars and not likely that revenue could grow to staff the fire station.

2. *\$14 million for Parks and Trails-*for improvement, purchase of land, design and build public parks, bike/pedestrian trails and related infrastructure. (\$6 million for trail improvements; \$5 million for SWAN Park Phase 1 and \$3 million for park improvements.)
3. *\$3,800,000 for Sustainable Environment Bonds-* to acquire, install and upgrade sustainable environment projects including renewable energy, arroyo drainage and watershed security.
4. *\$2 million for High-speed Internet Infrastructure-* high-speed Internet infrastructure hardware for the St. Michael's corridor, the Rail Yard and the airport.
5. *\$3 million for Multimodal transportation and Visitor's Center-* to build a multimodal facility and visitor's center at the Rail Yard.

The committee discussed the \$3 million allocation.

Ms. Robinson said Santa Fe's plan could be modeled after the UNM bike sharing project.

Chair Bushee thought the Public Safety and Parks and Trails Bonds would pass and possibly Broadband. She would vote to send it to the voters but wanted feedback along the way.

The Committee discussed the bonds.

Mr. Herdman asked if it would be more likely to get trail and parks money if they were separated

and the numbers lowered.

Chair Bushee said the sponsors wanted to marry SWAN Park to the trails. She said Councilor Dominguez said that BTAC was a powerful committee that could get people out to vote. She wanted to see projects throughout the city and said the South side needs a park. She said the City Council meeting on the 30th would be a public hearing and everyone could advocate for trails.

The Committee discussed combining parks and trails.

Chair Bushee read the CIP Bond to the Committee. She said CIP money would be used for maintenance etc. She said the \$250,000 on-road bike improvements should be on the next agenda so the Committee could look at where the money would be spent. She noted that \$30,000 was still out there.

Ms. Grogan suggested the \$30,000 be used for on-road improvements. She said those alone would come to \$250,000 and that wouldn't give money to replace the sharrows needed that are shown in the assessment. She said Mr. Roger's on-road projects were not all sharrows; some were bike lane striping and signage and the \$250,000 would be easily used in two years and it would be great if the extra \$30,000 could be linked.

Ms. Grogan asked about design projects on the rodeo grounds and was told they were pulled. She said that should have taken out \$1.3 million. She asked why the amount wasn't lower.

Mr. Siqueiros said he would send the most recent copy of the CIP projects to the Committee. He said the minutes could explain some of that.

Ms. Grogan said Bette Booth had been very forthcoming and POSAC had done a lot of the work. She said the POSAC recommendations for parks projects and the GO Bond were well vetted. She thought by themselves they would pass and if the Committee thought the \$14 million was a concern because it was bigger than everything else, parks and trails could be separated.

Chair Bushee said demographics change all the time and in Districts one and two, more voters would come out and District 3 where SWAN Park was had a low voter turnout.

Chair Bushee said a twist on the Parks was the "beer and baseball." She said people are concerned that the Parks Bond would have a half million to make ADA improvements needed at Fort Marcy and those who might normally vote for Parks, might not.

Mr. Pacheco asked who would make sure the projects in the Master Plan were paid for. Chair Bushee replied they would have to follow up.

Mr. Rivera thanked Chair Bushee for standing up for transit. He said as the city becomes more bike friendly, people would ride more buses.

Chair Bushee said in tough times it was easy for people to point out empty buses and trains and



that was something you decide to offer in your community and don't expect to pay for itself.

Chair Bushee said the bikes and trails are part of the transportation network. She said it was important that the Committee know how much their work meant to the city.

3. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

- Multi-Use Trails, On-Road and Mountain Bike- no update.
- Bike Education and Outreach- Ms. Miles said the group met with Joe Abeyta about three or four short informational PSA (Public Service Announcement) videos. She said one would hopefully feature the Mayor regarding how to use sharrows, etc. Also they talked about *five feet to pass* and riding the right way down the street.

Another concept was a talk show called City Hall Live that discusses local information. Mr. Abeyta suggested that BTAC do a short 5-7 minute discussion each week.

Chair Bushee said even KSFR or other stations might be interested in a report from the Committee on a weekly basis and that could be rotated between Committee members.

Ms. Miles said Mr. Abeyta said there would be YouTube videos and it could be posted on the city and other social media sites so people without access to this channel could get information.

Chair Bushee said what a bicycle friendly city is wasn't discussed enough in public. She asked the Committee if they wanted a monthly educational component of the education outreach section where the Committee came up with ideas and followed through on them.

Mr. Herdman said the Bike Friendly City status deserved their constant attention.

Chair Bushee said she liked that the overarching theme of bicycle friendly status brought everything together. She said the Committee could talk about how they got to that point and what they were doing and could do some in Spanish too. At some point they should take the educational component to the kids and families. A theme could be taken up in small bites.

Ms. Miles said she had a note regarding the leagues; they asked for feedback. She said they would have an LCI meeting to discuss achieving the next level.

Ms. Grogan asked if Mr. Pacheco would participate because it was too much for three of them to take on every month. She said the Committee should rotate or bring people in to talk about other aspects.

The Committee talked about ways the discussions could be done.

Chair Bushee said the Committee should also work toward the IMBA conference and do a buildup in the community. They should prepare how they could educate kids on safety, repair etc. and have kids in shops and get schools involved.

A commercial for IMBA and funding was discussed.

Mr. Herdman asked Mr. Siqueiros to find out from Ms. Horn what was happening with the schools. Mr. Siqueiros agreed to follow up with an e-mail.

#### **H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **1. BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)**

Mr. Siqueiros said nothing has been added since September; the resolution was done for the Conservation Trust for the Dale Ball trails.

Mr. Rivera asked if they could get money from the bond for that. He told about a situation on Cerrillos Road where someone got off the bus and was hit; there is no crosswalk.

Chair Bushee said Cerrillos is a state highway but they could ask how to improve it.

Mr. Siqueiros said he would bring that up again for the next meeting and that more bicycle racks are needed downtown.

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Siqueiros to check if the \$30,000 machine was received for trails.

#### **I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Miles said she had a bicycle complaint about Franklin Miles; the margin on the side of road is full of brush and impossible to ride. She asked for signage in the Penn Road extension area. She said the brush wasn't cut back and people parked there and made it hard to see and the cars are not aware of the bikes.

She said also she noticed that many of the bicycle racks on the buses were non functional or full of bikes or were in disrepair.

Chair Bushee brought up smaller buses and said with the CIP Bond she wondered if it might be possible to get a few routes with smaller buses.

Mr. Pacheco thanked Mr. Siqueiros for all of his work.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

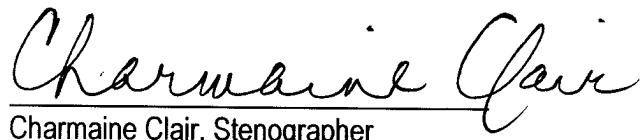
*The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.*

Approved by:

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Councilor Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:

  
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer