



# Agenda

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### **BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, November 15, 2012

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

City Councilors' Conference Room

Ground Floor, City Hall

### NEW LOCATION

City Council Chamber, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

#### **C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

#### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from October 17, 2012 and October 24, 2012**

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

**November 15, 2012**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fe Bicycle Trails Advisory Council was called to order by Councilor Patti Bushee, Chair on the above date at approximately 6:27 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll call established quorum as follows:

**Members Present:**

Patti Bushee, Chair  
Frank Herdman  
Gretchen Grogan  
J. Ronald Pacheco  
Tomas Rivera  
Shelly Robinson

**Members Absent:**

Alicia Martinez  
John Longworth (excused)  
Lisa Miles (excused)

**Staff Present**

Leroy Pacheco, for Bob Siqueiros  
Jim Tacosa  
James Martinez  
Eric Martinez

**Others Present**

Charmaine Clair, Stenographer

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

October 17, 2012

Mr. Herdman moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2012 as presented. Mr. R. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

October 24, 2012

**Mr. R. Pacheco moved to approve the minutes of October 24, 2012. Mr. Herdman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR-** There was none.

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.**

1) IMBA Results Presentation

Ms. Kerry Helke handed out comments from individuals involved with IMBA and the Boulder Alliance. She said also included is a number of articles in publications. She said there were no negative comments and the impact of the new trail signs and parking lots at La Tierra was well received.

Councilor Bushee said she went to the kick off and dinner and it was well organized and a lot of fun. She said the bicycle cop led crews through town and across Highway 599.

Ms. Helke said there were a lot of positive comments. She said IMBA was very pleased and said that Santa Fe set the bar really high. She said the next person to do the event would have a tough time replicating what Santa Fe has done.

Ms. Grogan said she talked to someone she thought was the lead organizer from Boulder. He told her how cool he thought Santa Fe is for riding with the combination of trails, art and food.

Ms. Helke said that is a common theme and many of the articles talk about Santa Fe's great infrastructure and the many things to do and trails being easily accessible from town.

Ms. Robinson said that should be kept in mind. They are working hard to ensure people feel they can get from the trails to town safely and that focus was lost for a while.

Ms. Helke said the roads were marked with temporary signage, but one thing mentioned was for "better signage to town."

The team and Ms. Helke were acknowledged for their efforts.

Ms. Helke added that she was impressed that Santa Fe Fat Tire Society put the event together after being in existence only two years and other bike clubs thought it something special and unique.

**G. DISCUSSION**

1) Discussion and action regarding 2012 General Obligation (GO) Bond Trails Implementation Plan- Engineering Staff

Mr. James Martinez said he is new with the Roadway and Trails Engineering Division. He said he and Jim Tacosa made changes that had been suggested at the last meeting as follows: Section 4: *On Road Bikeway Improvements*, "possibly CIP funded" was added to 3, 12, 14-17. In addition the BTAC rank numbers were highlighted in yellow in sections one through four.

Mr. Eric Martinez explained highlighted yellow numbers were mentioned in the last BTAC meeting and the memo also summarizes that. Some things were noted as not priority and one project was added to category three; number eight.

Chair Wurzbarger asked about the hybrid signal.

Mr. Wilson explained that the signal is a traffic control device with two red signals and a yellow below that stays blank until a pedestrian pushes the button. He said a problem with a full signal is the timing for the "walk" signal wastes time for drivers when no one is in the crosswalk.

The Committee discussed the difference in stoplights and when the lights would be used.

Ms. Robinson said if one signal is done, all should be, because people expect it.

Mr. Martinez said each intersection goes through a warrant analysis study and follows guidelines and takes into consideration the most effective signal, the number of users and the traffic.

Mr. Martinez said there was discussion whether the multi use trails category on trails 10, 11, 24 and 29 were a priority and Staff recommends continuing the projects. He said it made sense to do trails 21, 24 and 29 because the need has been expressed, or the connection is easy; trail 21 connects the Rail Trail to Monterey; the Transit Division plans a stop at Villa Linda Mall and trail 24 would make that connection.

Mr. Martinez said Trail 29 is recommended because of ADA concerns with the re-development of housing in the area and would improve accessibility.

Mr. Rivera asked if there is a way to piggy back off train signals. Mr. Martinez replied there isn't because the train arms are in the way of the trail and the DOT and the Railroad are adamant about their equipment and has to be a coordinated effort.

Ms. Grogan commented on the CIP bond money. She said she wants to remind the Committee there is \$200,000. She said if bike lane striping projects are taken out of the GO bond and then determined they should be done right away; monies could come from the CIP monies. She said that would mean the CIP would be less for other projects; West Alameda and Galisteo projects would have to come out of the CIP monies (about \$45,000.)

Ms. Grogan said about \$60,000 was spent to do 300 sharrows. Staff recommended a pot of money be used to buy sharrows to stockpile to use as needed.

Mr. Herdman asked Ms. Grogan if the money was used, would what she described be in jeopardy.

Ms. Grogan replied she thought money was still there and is comfortable with this. She just wanted the Committee to be aware.

Mr. Martinez explained that anything highlighted in green is a project that has been considered. The total was \$4,000,031 and the CIP funded projects were not part of the total.

Mr. Martinez said projects could possibly be estimated over actual costs and other projects added to the contingency list. He said the plan is to get a recommendation from BTAC and then go to POSAC (Parks and Open Space Commission) next week. He said Roadway and Trails and the Parks Division would submit the package to Public Works, Finance and City Council for final approval.

**Mr. R. Pacheco moved for approval of Option C with the corrections as discussed. Ms. Robinson seconded the motion.**

Mr. Rivera asked why number seven and eight, under category three said "consider."

Mr. Wilson said these were suggestions that still have to go through engineering evaluations and studies for approval; especially trail crossings. The engineers will evaluate the options.

Ms. Robinson asked as this moves through the various committees if the committees would see the master list; could they disagree with what was recommended or is this just to approve to sell the bonds.

Mr. Martinez said City Council approved the measure for the GO bond projects and specified using MPOs Bicycle Master Plan. It would be communicated that the projects were recommended as part of the Master Plan but because the Master Plan exceeds \$4 million, they would try to narrow the window.

He explained that the City Council recommendation to use the Master Plan in the prioritization of projects is because that doesn't give distinction about Council districts; the Parks portion does, but not the trails.

Councilor Bushee asked if this could come back to BTAC if Councilors add pet projects. Mr. Martinez said it could but would be at the will of the Governing Body.

Mr. R. Pacheco asked if the Committee could get updates as it goes through the process.

Mr. Herdman asked if BTAC could be alerted as the issue goes through the approval process, so the Committee could weigh in. He said it has been gratifying to see a planning document get created with public input and a lot of hard work and to now see that planning document within such a short time. He thanked everyone for their hard work.

Mr. Rivera asked if it mattered that they were \$32,000 over the \$4 million.

Mr. Martinez said a lot would fall out as projects are developed and he was comfortable with being \$32,000 over projected. He said as the projects are developed and the numbers come in for costs etc., they would look at the list and some projects might not get done. He didn't see that as a threat to any project.

Chair Bushee asked that anything with the Paseo de Peralta and Washington doesn't happen until after the DOT.

Mr. Martinez said that shows as CIP funded. He said John Romero is heavily involved with the DOT and might get DOT to make that happen.

**The motion to approve Option C with the corrections was passed by a unanimous voice vote.**

- 2) Discussion and action regarding the remaining CIP Funds for Bike Improvements {Sharrows, Bike Lanes, etc.} (On Road Subcommittee).

Ms. Grogan said 300 sharrows were installed. She passed out copies of the locations that sharrows were installed and said most were original installations in 2005 and 2007, but some were new. The material and installation total came to \$57,527 and \$140,000 remains.

She said the BTAC talked about how to spend the CIP money and bike lane striping projects were discussed and could be looked at with remaining money. She noted that Galisteo between San Mateo and Hospital Drive would cost about \$12,500 and West Alameda was discussed and projected at \$37,500 and the total of the two was \$50,000.

Mr. R. Pacheco asked about the maintenance of sharrows because those that had been installed are already dark. He said it doesn't make sense to do a great job with sharrows that you can't see and if there is a way the sharrows could be cleaned.

Mr. Wilson said a lot of the darkness is tire rubber and because there hasn't been precipitation, the rain isn't flushing that away.

Ms. Grogan said she and Mr. Wilson discussed signage for the sharrows. She passed around a sheet to Committee members with signs that had been approved for traffic control devices. She said there are motorists as well as cyclists that don't understand what a sharrow symbol means. She said she likes the idea of money dedicated to stockpiling sharrows, but also would like to put the sharrow symbol signs in high traffic areas where there are sharrows.

The Committee discussed the sign Mr. Herdman drew.

Mr. Herdman expressed his concern that there is no added connection between the symbol on the road and the message of the sign. He said his sign educates the public.

Mr. Wilson said that is the intent of "bicycles may use full lanes" sign and could be used on its own or with sharrows. He said there is confusion about sharrows and about what "share the road" means.

Mr. Herdman asked about using signs that say "share the lane."

Mr. Wilson said John Romero makes the decision on the placement of the signs and is responsible for ensuring the signs conform. He said the sign is a new sign and could be used in concert with sharrows or on its own.



Mr. Herdman said getting the connection between the message and the sign is an opportunity to educate the community about the symbol and its application.

Mr. Rivera liked that the sign was not specifically tied to the sharrows. He said a sharrow is an educational tool that reminds you that a bicycle could use the full lane. He would be concerned if the sign was tied specifically to sharrows and people would think the lane could be used there but not in other situations; people would think you're only allowed to ride bicycles within the sharrows.

Mr. Wilson said his understanding of the sharrow is more as a tool for the cyclist to position and gives direction when it is safe to ride outside the zone; rather than information for the driver. He said that was the original intent and the criteria has been expanded of where used.

Ms. Grogan said the Committee doesn't need to take action but Staff wants direction from BTAC before spring. She wanted to get people thinking about the issue.

**Mr. Grogan moved to postpone the approval of the remaining CIP funds until the next meeting. Mr. R. Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

3) Discussion and Action Regarding Draft 2013 BTAC Meeting Schedule (Bob Siqueiros).

**Mr. Herdman moved to approve the draft 2013 meeting schedule. Mr. R. Pacheco seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

4) BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

**Mr. R. Pacheco moved to postpone the subcommittee updates until the next meeting. Mr. Herdman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

**H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS** - There was none.

## **I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilor Bushee said in many of her conversations there were Councilors who wanted a bridge or nothing and there were letters and editorials written that said "to do nothing is the better option" until BTAC approved the underpass options.

She said Eric Martinez did a great job with the presentation and the underpass was approved unanimously. She said she wanted to thank a lot of different people; people in the Old Santa Fe Trail Association (who had previously had a no-build position); Ms. Robinson and Ms. Grogan who sent e-mails and called people. She said the consensus appears to have come out of the efforts of the BTAC Committee.

Councilor Bushee said now the Committee has to keep the issue on the radar and promote this. She talked about the Gail Ryba Bridge and the comments about it being unsafe. She said she reminded City Councilors that they are about to start on an underpass at West Alameda.

Mr. R. Pacheco said the City has spent a ton of money and wouldn't make sense not to do this.

The Committee discussed the meeting and the voting.

Mr. R. Pacheco said it was the accumulated effort of a lot of people and paid off.

Councilor Bushee agreed. She said the one hitch could be that what was presented as a "bridge" is implied that the City might have to maintain the bridge. She said Mayor Coss thought it might be the most expensive option, but that has yet to be determined.

Mr. R. Pacheco said Councilor Bushee's idea was to make this a place that people could congregate.

Ms. Robinson agreed but thought the more people are a part of the installation, the more a feeling of ownership. She said it needs to be a community owned feeling. Mr. Herdman added that the project should be 100 percent an artist designed project.

Councilor Bushee said at two City Council meetings and a committee meeting Councilor Trujillo has commented about his pet peeve with bicyclists that do not follow the rules.

Ms. Robinson suggested a fun video.

The Committee talked about issues with safety and how the safety campaign could be pushed.

Councilor Bushee said there is money for new events for the City and it is time for someone to collectively promote a new outdoor event.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco suggested a ribbon cutting for the La Tierra Trails before the end of the year.

Councilor Bushee said that would be great.

Councilor Bushee said she invited all of the City Councilors to see the plans. She asked Mr. Leroy Pacheco to ensure that all of the Councilors received a copy of the plan.

## **J. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. R. Pacheco moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

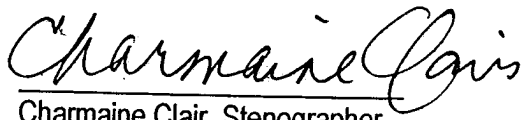
*Having no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.*

Approved by:

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Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:

  
Charmaine Clair, Stenographer