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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-24

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Patti Bushee

Councilor Carmichael Dominguez

Councilor Chris Rivera

A RESOLUTION

DIRECTING STAFF TO EXPLORE THE OPTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTING “BIKE-SPECIFIC SINGLETRACK AND BIKE-SPECIFIC GRAVITY ORIENTED” TRAILS IN A 30 MINUTE ZONE SURROUNDING SANTA FE; SUPPORTING EFFORTS FOR SANTA FE TO BE DESIGNATED AS A RIDE CENTER BY THE INTERNATIONAL MOUNTAIN BICYCLING ASSOCIATION; AND CALLING ON SANTA FE COUNTY AND THE SANTA FE FAT TIRE SOCIETY TO SUPPORT AND JOIN THE CITY OF SANTA FE IN SUCH EFFORTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe continues to emerge as a leader in development of infrastructure that supports an active bicycle community with an ever-expanding network of paved, non-motorized pedestrian and bicycle trails that benefits residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, nestled within thousands of acres of piñon and juniper woodlands, the *City's Dale Ball and Connecting Trails* and *La Tierra Trails* provide a network of over 50-miles of hiking and mountain biking trails; these also include some shared multi-use trails for equestrians; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe's wilderness trails connect to other well-known trails in

1 Santa Fe County, the Santa Fe National Forest and the Nature Conservancy; and

2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe has begun to receive national recognition for its investment
3 in its trails which includes:

- 4 • A coveted Bicycle Friendly Community Silver designation from the League of American
5 Bicyclists;
- 6 • The Santa Fe Community Convention Center was selected as the host of the October
7 2012, International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) Sixth World Summit;
- 8 • Runner’s World Magazine which named the Dale Ball Trails among the top 10 trails in
9 the country;
- 10 • The New York Times which recommends travel to Santa Fe, NM, because of its trails
11 system;
- 12 • Santa Fe was named by USA Today as one of the top ten mountain bike towns in the
13 country;
- 14 • A Bicycle Master Plan which was approved in 2012;
- 15 • A Pedestrian Master Plan which is currently in progress; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the outdoor recreation industry is big business in New Mexico, \$6.1 billion
17 according to the Outdoor Industry Association; and

18 **WHEREAS**, growing, and this is a good opportunity to capture more of those dollars, and
19 build on the success of the IMBA summit and the expansion of the Bicycle Technologies
20 International facilities; and

21 **WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Fe supports the possible development of “bike-specific
22 singletrack and bike-specific gravity oriented” trails in a 30 minute zone surrounding the City; and

23 **WHEREAS**, upon completion of the “bike-specific singletrack and bike-specific gravity
24 oriented” trails, the City could seek additional world-class status accolades, including a potential Gold
25 status ranking by IMBA; and

1 **WHEREAS**, IMBA recognizes the need for a flexible and dynamic approach to identify
2 world-class mountain bike facilities and uses a systemized evaluation and application process which
3 benefits IMBA’s community partners by providing clear guidelines and a coherent process to follow
4 as they seek Ride Center recognition; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the evaluation and application process begins with an invitation to apply from a
6 senior member of IMBA's staff; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the evaluation will be carried out by IMBA staff — particularly Regional
8 Directors and the Director of Trail Solutions — working closely with local representatives; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the involvement of an IMBA Chapter is a strong advantage for applicants; and

10 **WHEREAS**, the Santa Fe Fat Tire Society is an IMBA Chapter that has indicated its
11 willingness to collaborate with the City and the County to assist in being recognized as an IMBA
12 designated Ride Center; and

13 **WHEREAS**, initial outreach to Santa Fe County indicates a likely support for the “bike-
14 specific singletrack and bike-specific gravity oriented” trails as well as support to apply and receive a
15 Gold Designation by IMBA for a Ride Center; and

16 **WHEREAS**, trail development is in keeping with the following:

- 17 • County Sustainable Growth Management Plan;
- 18 • County DRAFT Economic Development Plan;
- 19 • City Economic Development Implementation Plan;
- 20 • REDI (Regional Economic Development Initiative); and
- 21 • Santa Fe CVB Marketing Plans.

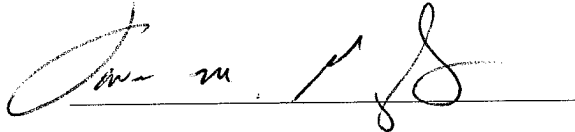
22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
23 **CITY OF SANTA FE** that staff is directed to explore the options for constructing “bike-specific
24 singletrack and bike-specific gravity oriented” trails in a 30 minute zone surrounding Santa Fe that
25 would benefit residents and visitors alike.

1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body supports efforts for Santa Fe to be
2 designated as a Ride Center by IMBA and directs staff to collaborate with the Santa Fe Fat Tire
3 Society, a Chapter of IMBA, to be invited to apply for Ride Center designation.

4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Governing Body calls upon the Board of County
5 Commissioners of Santa Fe County to support efforts to construct “bike-specific singletrack and
6 bike-specific gravity oriented” trails around Santa Fe and make Santa Fe an IMBA designated Ride
7 Center.

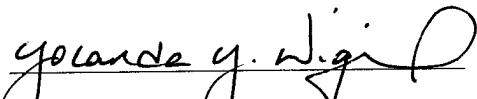
8 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this
9 resolution to the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County and the Santa Fe Fat Tire
10 Society.

11 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 26th day of March, 2014.


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14 JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

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18 YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

19 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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22 KELLEY A. BRENNAN, INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

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25 M/Melissa/Resolutions 2014/2014-24 IMBA Ride Center