



# Agenda

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## BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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- E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR
- F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.
  - 1. Bike to Work week Update
- G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION
  - 1. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Status of the Crossing at Alameda and St. Francis Drive (Bryan Drypolcher/Eric Martinez).
  - 2. Presentation and Discussion on the Proposed US Bike Route 66 Through Santa Fe (Chris Marsh).
  - 3. Review, Discussion and Action regarding the Current Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee Powers and Duties and Resolution 2010-33 (Bob Siqueiros).
  - 4. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:
    - On-Road
    - Mountain Bike
    - Bike Education and Outreach
    - La Tierra Master Plan
- H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS
  - 1. BTAC Request for Information Log
- I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS
- J. ADJOURNMENT

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

March 19, 2014  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the City of Santa Fé Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Patti Bushee on this date at approximately 5:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the lack of a quorum (later established) as follows:

**Members Present:**

Patti Bushee, Chair  
Frank Herdman, Vice-Chair  
Joseph Abbatacola  
Gretchen Grogan  
John Longworth [arriving later]

**Members Absent:**

Shelley Robinson  
James Ronald Pacheco  
Tomás Rivera  
  
(All absent were excused)

**Staff Present:**

Bob Siqueiros, Staff Liaison  
Eric Martínez, Director of Roadways and Trails Engineering Division  
Keith Wilson, Santa Fe MPO Senior Planner

Mr. Siqueiros stated that all members' terms had expired.

[NOTE: The next two agenda items were acted on after Mr. Longworth arrived but placed here in the minutes.]

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Siqueiros requested moving Mr. Drypolcher's item up.

**Mr. Herdman moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Grogan seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous (5-0) voice vote.**

#### **D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 19, 2014**

**Mr. Herdman moved to approve the February 19, 2014 minutes as presented. Ms. Grogan seconded the motion and it passed by a 3-0 voice vote with Mr. Longworth and Chair Bushee abstaining.**

Chair Bushee announced that they asked Tim Rogers to attend whenever he could.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed and said he was present at the last meeting.

Chair Bushee asked if there was someone with the State they could invite.

Mr. Wilson said Rosa Kozub was the State Bicycle Coordinator.

Chair Bushee asked him to please invite her to the meetings.

#### **E. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

Ms. Kat Downing said she was glad to see the stacked loop concept went forward and spoke to that.

Mr. Siqueiros said the resolution was in the packet.

Ms. Bette Booth said she was here as a private citizen to catch everyone up on the audit resolution.

The City Council passed the audit request for the 2008 Parks Bond and that approved the creation of a task force to be led by the new independent internal auditor. Councilor Bushee would be representative from BTAC on the Task Force.

Ms. Booth handed out POSAC questions about the final 2008 Parks Bond report. She asked for BTAC support and support that these meetings be open.

Chair Bushee asked if this was all about parks.

Ms. Booth said there was a bit about trails and what has been done in each park.

Chair Bushee asked Eric Martínez who would be the best person to deal with this in his shop.

Mr. Martínez said that would be him.

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Martínez to work with Ms. Booth to review the trails information and have

something similar for trails like this report.

Mr. Martínez explained that he already answered this at the last BTAC meeting when Ms. Booth made her presentation. We passed out a binder then with this information in it. He said it was Council action that moved money from the Rail Trail to Parks because the rail trail project received other funds.

Chair Bushee said she wanted a binder with that information too. She didn't recall that but would have liked to have kept it on trails also.

Mr. Martínez said that binder would have all that information.

Chair Bushee asked Ms. Booth if she had seen the binder. Ms. Booth agreed.

Mr. Siqueiros had an extra binder.

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

### **1. Bike to Work Week Update**

Mr. Wilson said the City got Safe Routes to Schools funding for Gonzales School. There would be a public input meeting on April 1. He agreed to send Chair Bushee an email about it.

Mr. Wilson showed the slides of the trail along the arroyo connection to the River Trail. They were working with the Gonzales Principal. It would provide a trail along the back and side connecting to the crossing. They were a little cautious about the piece along the back but that was the optimum route. It was a great trail connection all the way to Zocalo. The trail surface would be asphalt or concrete, ten feet wide.

Mr. Herdman thought the dog leg to the left might be attractive to get you to the La Tierra trails.

Mr. Wilson said it had a 6 ft. easement that the school had. There was some concern that the part in the back made the playground a fish bowl but it would be fenced.

Mr. Herdman said that would be a good crossing over Alameda there.

Chair Bushee asked if it was in coordination with the St Francis side.

Mr. Wilson agreed and it would tie in with the river trail at Alameda. He would put together a map. They also had a 10 question survey on the web and would send Chair Bushee the link

Chair Bushee asked about the 1-25/Cerrillos Road interchange.

Mr. Wilson said they were having a big meeting about it tomorrow. He agreed to make a presentation about it at the next meeting.

## **G. DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

### **1. Presentation and Discussion Regarding Status of the Crossing at Alameda and St. Francis Drive (Bryan Drypolcher/Eric Martinez).**

Mr. Drypolcher provided a few highlights on where they were and then stand for questions. Part of it was about providing improved passage of the River Trail. Every better connection made it better for the entire trail network. They just had the first public meeting. The survey mapping and utility investigations were complete as well as existing conditions and habitat reports.

One of the unique things was that it happened to deal in a major way with a Federal highway so a mix of jurisdictions was involved. They had to comply with DOT requirements. It was in a 100 year flood plain and needed to have commensurate engineering.

At the 40% design mark they could start to look at design alternatives and cost estimates.

Mr. Herdman continued to have concerns that they were going to spend a lot of money looking at something that would not happen due to the expense. He asked if they could look at this in May to see if we could use these monies in other ways. He had reservations about costs, given all the competing environments etc.

Mr. Drypolcher said one of the reasons he highlighted this was that there would be some preliminary cost estimates. They were looking at cost estimates to keep it moving forward.

Mr. Herdman asked what would happens after the monies allocated to project were gone.

Mr. Drypolcher said that was not a question he could answer. They had an assignment and were moving forward with that assignment.

Mr. Herdman asked Chair Bushee if there was a possibility to pause after the preliminary numbers were looked at to see if it was too much that so the balance remained could be put toward other things. He commented that he crossed that area all the time and never had a close call. Visibility and signalization was good. But in contrast he avoided other areas. Everyone knew it was going to cost a fortune.

Ms. Grogan was in that public meeting at Gonzales and thought what was presented was that the engineers were looking at all options to make the crossing safer.

Mr. Drypolcher said that was where things get confusing. The City was working on development of the Santa Fé River Trail. That was the path the City was on. That roadway was in the jurisdiction of NMDOT so that path included some things that needed to happen for the DOT. One of the things was alternatives. They would be looking at those toward building an underpass. The alternatives had to be looked at and described.

Ms. Grogan asked if in that review if an alternative looked better it that would be considered by the City and approved.

Mr. Drypolcher didn't know the answer to that. If an underpass was identified as a viable alternative then it was viable but he couldn't speculate.

Chair Bushee asked how much of the \$2 million had been expended to date

Mr. Drypolcher said it was over \$32,000 and getting closer to \$50,000

Mr. Longworth understood the City was determined that they were not interested in alternatives other than to check a box for the DOT.

Mr. Drypolcher said the City was going down the path toward building an underpass.

Mr. Longworth asked if the City had no interest in looking at other alternatives.

Mr. Drypolcher didn't know if that was a fair assessment. He had been asked to look at developing an underpass.

Mr. Longworth asked if doing alternatives was part of the NEPA process.

Mr. Drypolcher thought so or something similar. He assured the Committee that the design team was adhering to the NMDOT process.

Mr. Longworth asked where the public had any influence to understand how the alternatives would be assessed and what the alternatives were.

Mr. Drypolcher said this process was different in that the Governing Body said to go forward with the underpass. A bond issue was involved and it had the \$2 million in it.

Chair Bushee said it was put to the voters but did not specify that this project was just trail projects.

Mr. Herdman agreed that Mr. Drypolcher was doing his job. No one came to this committee to see if this was a good project or to reference in the master plan. The state and feds went through their process and once it went forward it came back to the City to see what options they liked.

Chair Bushee added that the funding for construction was not in place for that crossing.

Mr. Herdman said no one thought \$2 million was enough to do the underpass but the mandate was to keep going down the road. He would like the opportunity to pause for a Council decision.

Mr. Martínez said what makes this project different was that there was the DOT and the NEPA process. The City didn't have federal monies for this but NMDOT had the right of way so we have to respect their process. The study of this project was done in 2004 and that looked at all alternatives.

It has been a Governing Body action through a resolution that specified where the bond money would be spent and how staff would proceed. The Council had discussion and this was decided.

Mr. Longworth said if the project got to 40% of design completed and it would cost \$15 million to build and the Council said they would not build it, at some point there had to be some information given to the public. But he was not hearing that. If it turned out to be much more cost, he doubted the City Council would take that path. He agreed that the engineers were doing a good job and appreciated having it brought to BTAC. But he wondered what they would next.

Mr. Martínez said that was the path they were going on - to make informed decisions.

Mr. Herdman asked if both of them could come back once they had that information.

Mr. Drypolcher and Mr. Martínez agreed.

Chair Bushee asked if they took specific comments at the public meeting.

Mr. Drypolcher said the first public meeting was to inform the public that it was a project and these were the players and this was process and what does the public think about it. It was not a question of if we should do this or not.

Chair Bushee asked if the feedback was recorded.

Mr. Drypolcher said there was a documented report.

Chair Bushee asked for BTAC to see that.

Mr. Drypolcher said it was well attended with about 50 people.

Chair Bushee asked if the consensus was that they wanted it.

Mr. Drypolcher said the people seemed engaged and had good questions. They understood that in the MPO plan it was a second tier priority. Some people worried about the cost...

Chair Bushee asked out of the 50 how many wanted it.

Mr. Drypolcher agreed to send her the report

## **2. Presentation and Discussion on the Proposed US Bike Route 66 Through Santa Fe (Chris Marsh)**

Mr. Chris Marsh presented the proposed bike route through Santa Fe as part of the Historic Route 66, using a Power Point Presentation.

Mr. Marsh introduced himself as a member of the New Mexico Touring Society. They were working on a network of connections to all cities and states so one could ride a bicycle from state to state. New Mexico was working with Arizona and Texas on the project. Another group called Adventure Cycling and put together a team to do this bike route system working with the states. The New Mexico Touring Society had a big group of 300 members and had many rides each year...

Mr. Herdman thought their route was a good one.

Mr. Marsh said Tim Rogers was a great help to them.

Chair Bushee asked how this would get promoted.

Mr. Marsh said Adventure Cycling had over 40, 000 members and a website.

Chair Bushee asked if there would be signage.

Mr. Marsh said signage cost money.

Chair Bushee thought maybe the DOT could focus on paint and signs etc...

Mr. Marsh said he was working with Rosa Kozub and she was getting with the Department of Tourism for promotion.

Chair Bushee said Santa Fé was recognizing bike trails as tourism attractions.

Mr. Herdman asked Mr. Siqueiros if this was something that would help Santa Fé a get a gold level recognition. Mr. Siqueiros agreed.

Mr. Herdman asked Mr. Marsh if they got DOT approval to let Mr. Siqueiros know. That would help the City justify a higher ranking.

Mr. Abbatacola said he volunteered for the Bienvenidos visitors' center and could help with promotion. He thought this was a fantastic idea.

Ms. Grogan asked about the route that was following the bike trail.

Mr. Marsh said they followed the west fork.

Chair Bushee thank Mr. Marsh for this good work and for coming to the meeting. She asked him to stay in touch. BTAC would love to promote this.

Mr. Wilson gave a brief Bike to Work update and agreed to email out Mr. Marsh's PDF file.



Mr. Wilson shared some of the activities for Bike to Work Week - May 12<sup>th</sup> through 16<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup>. On the 18<sup>th</sup> was the Santa Fé Century. This year the New Mexico Brewers were developing Bike to Brew to expand that weekend and it has taken on a life of its own. I became a 3-day event with bike vendors set up in the rail yard, a brew fest and a whole bunch of things. The main feature was from 4-6 in the rail yard. Mr. Aune was heading up a big planning group.

Mr. Longworth said the bike and brew was sponsored by Outside Magazine. The Bike and Brew schedule was on the website and in every biking magazine.

Ms. Grogan asked about the money for this.

Mr. Wilson said they had grants from lodger's tax, Economic Development, BTI and others

Mr. Abbatacola said he might have to take vacation off to do all this. He enjoyed Tim Roger's community ride. He asked if it would make sense for him to do this Route 66 route and to tie things together the Saturday before.

The Committee discussed several of the details for the event.

Chair Bushee asked if they got map dispensers on our trails

Mr. Wilson said no.

Mr. Siqueiros said they were meeting tomorrow at 9 a.m. at Market Station. He also announced that Amtrak would be at the rail yard this weekend with a big display.

### **3. Review, Discussion and Action regarding the Current Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee Powers and Duties and Resolution 2010-33 (Bob Siqueiros)**

Chair Bushee asked if Mr. Siqueiros was suggesting the resolution needed to be changed.

Mr. Siqueiros said they discussed about meeting with POSAC and COLPAC to review the resolution.

Chair Bushee asked how the members felt about that. There was no official place to discuss making Santa Fé more walkable or other issues

Chair Bushee mentioned again that all terms were expired and wanted to see what members wanted to tweak. She asked them to think about it.

Mr. Longworth thought the document seemed to be designed to talk more about trails. Pedestrians were mentioned throughout but just in relationship to trails. He asked if they were talking about expanding beyond trails.

Chair Bushee said it was trails initially - trails used by bikes and pedestrians. They were not trying to take over Public Works and what they did. It could be an overarching description and BTAC could add or subtract.

Mr. Siqueiros said there were things they could add like coordination with the MPO.

Mr. Wilson said they were just awarding an RFP for the transit study and they had the pedestrian master plan.

Ms. Grogan thought this was probably a subcommittee issue. She suggested changing the subcommittee name from Mountain Bike to Multi-use Trails.

Chair Bushee asked if anyone present was on the Mountain Bike subcommittee.

Mr. Longworth said he was.

Mr. Herdman left the meeting, leaving the Committee with no quorum

Chair Bushee noted the way this was advertised was review, action but there was no quorum so she asked the BTAC members to think about it a bit.

Ms. Grogan threw out the idea of having a subcommittee.

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Siqueiros to email the two resolutions to all members and for him and Mr. Wilson to add input and have discussion and action at the next meeting.

#### **4. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:**

##### **a. On-Road**

There was no report.

##### **b. Mountain Bike**

There was no report.

##### **c. Bike Education and Outreach**

There was no report.

**d. La Tierra Master Plan**

There was no report.

**H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

**1. BTAC Request for Information Log**

There was no report.

**I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

Mr. Longworth suggest that the Bike, Brew and Beyond be assigned to the Mountain Bike Subcommittee.

Mr. Wilson OutsideSantaFe.com was the website.

Mr. Siqueiros said they still had funds left and could look at spending for that.

Chair Bushee didn't remember moving money from trails to parks.

Mr. Siqueiros said Robert Romero had made that presentation. He had pitched it in a way that it made a lot of sense.

Ms. Grogan asked Mr. Siqueiros to put CIP remaining monies on the next agenda

Chair Bushee agreed.

Mr. Siqueiros asked what BTAC needed for 2014.

Chair Bushee said she had no plans to put anything out to the public for bonding.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed to would put it on the agenda for April 16<sup>th</sup>.

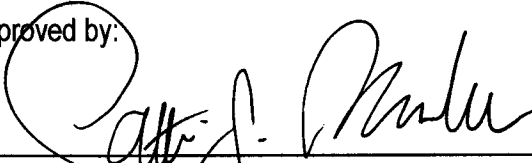
Chair Bushee was concerned that we have a full complement of members for a quorum. She asked if she could assume that everyone wanted to continue service. Everyone present agreed. Chair Bushee asked how they could get to staggered terms.

Mr. Siqueiros said he would verify terms with the City Clerk.

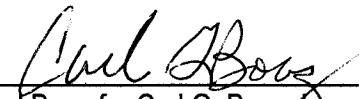
**J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p. m.

Approved by:

  
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Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:

  
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Carl Boaz for Carl G. Boaz, Inc.