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## BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 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

### D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from *September 19, 2012*

### E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

### F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

### G. DISCUSSION.

- 1) Discussion and action regarding 2012 General Obligation (GO) Bond Trails Implementation Plan (Jim Tacosa, Project Administrator).
- 2) Discussion and action regarding the remaining CIP Funds for Bike Improvements {Sharrows, Bike Lanes, etc.} (On Road Subcommittee).
- 3) Discussion and Action Regarding Draft Agenda Items for the October 24, 2012 Joint Meeting with Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee and County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee - COLTPAC (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 (Bob Siqueiros)

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

October 17, 2012  
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

At 5:30, three members of BTAC were present.

**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 5:35 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Absent:**

Alicia Martínez  
James Ronald Pacheco [excused]

**Staff Present:**

Bob Siqueiros  
Jim Tacosa  
James Martínez

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Herdman moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Grogan seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Miles was not present for the vote.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES SEPTEMBER 19, 2012**

Mr. Herdman moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2012 as presented. Ms. Grogan

seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote. Ms. Miles was not present for the vote.

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

Ms. Miles joined the meeting at this time.

Ms. Kat Downing was gratified to be seeing new bicycle facilities in Santa Fé. She liked the party for the opening of the trail under St. Francis and was noticing the "nouveau concentration camp" style fencing that should have been replaced when the finished but was overlooked. The beautiful art work and stunning design looks half done to her and wanted to see if there was a way to sell off all of the chain link fencing and replace it with nice rails. All the rest of it near there had nice little black rails.

#### **F. COMMUNICATION FROM OTHER AGENCIES**

Ms. Kerry Helke thanked BTAC members for their support at the summit. IMBA was a great success and more than 350 cyclists all loved it. She said the Fat Tire Society had been dealing with the issue of horses on La Tierra Trails in areas marked for no equestrian use and were getting the run around. She asked who enforces that prohibition and who Fat Tire people should contact to report horses in that area.

Chair Bushee said Mr. Siqueiros would get back to her on it.

Mr. Herdman asked what the reaction of participants was to the various trails.

Ms. Helke said they liked all of them and the locals were impressed with La Tierra too.

Chair Bushee asked to include a debriefing at the next meeting and invite Mr. Ward and Ms. Helke to report successes and failures.

Ms. Robinson asked if IMBA had a website or if people could call. Ms. Helke agreed.

Ms. Grogan suggested inviting Charlie O'Leary also for the debrief. Chair Bushee agreed.

Ms. Bette Booth, POSAC Chair, thanked the staff for presenting the trails bond information to POSAC yesterday. She looked forward to BTAC's thoughts on it. She also invited everyone to the joint meeting next Wednesday. She is bringing food and drink at 5:00 for greeting time.

She read the objectives for the meeting. Each organization will give a five-minute presentation on their work. She also invited BTAC members to the ribbon cutting on La Tierra Trails on Saturday at 11:00.

Mr. Keith Wilson, MPO, brought lots of maps. He was getting calls from people who were interested in the Santa Fé bikeway system. He had one from Florida who with his wife was gushing over our trails. So people are hearing about Santa Fé. IMBA was well done. Once or twice a week he has been getting calls

from those wanting to plan a bicycle trip here.

**Mr. Rivera moved to amend the agenda and move up item #3 to consider the joint meeting. Someone may have seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

## **G. DISCUSSION**

### **3. Discussion and Action Regarding Draft Agenda Items for the October 24, 2012 Joint Meeting with Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee and County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee - COLTPAC (Bob Siqueiros).**

Mr. Siqueiros said there was a typo in the memo where it said "each committee member" and should have said "one committee member."

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Siqueiros to be the one reporter from BTAC and he agreed.

Ms. Booth said they wanted to leave as much time for discussion as possible so it would be a quick description of each committee. There will be a facilitator and meet in the Nambé Room. She asked about the possibility of taking actions on the next steps portion.

Chair Bushee said it would just be discussion.

Mr. Herdman asked if in addition to common ground they would share specific projects. Ms. Booth agreed.

Chair Bushee asked everyone to come. It is timely with all the great things happening.

Ms. Booth said it only took six months from our last BTAC/POSAC meeting. The County bond has funding for the River Trail from Frenchy's to Siler Road.

Mr. Rivera asked if the PNM issue was going to affect things. Mr. Siqueiros thought so.

### **1. Discussion and action regarding 2012 General Obligation (GO) Bond Trails Implementation Plan (Jim Tacosa, Project Administrator).**

Mr. Tacosa presented the report on the GO Bond trails implementation. He introduced James Martínez who is the project administrator who would be assuming Mr. Tacosa's duties for implementation of trails. He was leaving city employment for another job.

Mr. Tacosa reminded the Committee that they started the discussion at the last meeting on options A, B and C. He described the three options. He reviewed what had been discussed then for people who were not at that meeting. He explained that the list of projects in Phase A of the Bicycle Master Plan had a cost

that exceeded \$6 million and there were only \$6 million from the recently approved bond issue so priorities needed to be established. Staff presented the three options to BTAC to get some guidance from the Committee.

Mr. Rivera asked if there was any movement on the Cerrillos / St. Francis crossing that would affect the decision on the bond monies. He asked what the status was.

Chair Bushee said she had been trying to shepherd it. She made a presentation to Old Santa Fé Association. She was going to visit with the President of the NM School for the Deaf. It will then go to Council on November 9<sup>th</sup>. It has been framed was not that there was funding available but before any further money is expended, a decision needed to be made by the Governing Body supporting the concept. She had also worked with Eric Martínez to try to get preliminary input from DOT because it is a federal and state highway and not under the City's jurisdiction. The DOT is likely to turn whatever facility is constructed there back over to the City for maintenance. She urged the members to lobby their councilors on it. We are trying for a well-lit underpass. She was hearing that the State might have more money but didn't think the Committee could rearrange the funding in the bond now.

Mr. Siqueiros said it would be considered at the Council meeting on November 14.

Ms. Robinson said NMSD wanted a bridge.

Ms. Grogan said there were some emails about incorporating the Acequia Madre in the project.

Chair Bushee thought that should be discussed separately. It would involve the Mayor Domo and the whole association.

Mr. Herdman asked if it would be a public hearing (at Council).

Chair Bushee said she could ask but didn't think so.

The Committee discussed what was allowed to be done in the three options.

Mr. Herdman asked for a little more detail on the list.

Mr. Tacosa explained the color coding for each option.

Chair Bushee asked where the St. Francis crossing was in the priorities of the Bicycle Master Plan.

Mr. Wilson said it was long range and not high priority. At Cerrillos it was in Phase B. They didn't want a whole chunk of money sucked into one project.

Chair Bushee explained that Option A follows the highest priorities in the MP.

Mr. Rivera asked if Chair Bushee would be talking to Council about the allocation.

Chair Bushee said they were just now talking about it.

Chair Bushee asked what "built out plan" was.

Mr. Wilson said they would sell bonds in June or July 2013 and they would be sold as projects came to readiness. It would take a couple of years to build out.

Mr. Tacosa said the plan will be taken to Public Works. Completion for most about of it was 18 months but some out as much as 30 months. Greatest amount would be expended within two years.

Mr. Rivera asked when it had to be spent.

Chair Bushee clarified there was a deadline for the CIP bonds but none for GO bonds. We just need to make sure it follows the plan.

Ms. Robinson said the Committee needed to decide on the option to recommend.

Chair Bushee said BTAC could also make its own plan to recommend. Mr. Tacosa agreed.

Ms. Robinson thought option B would result in less trails but the trails maintenance piece we need to look at. There is always a peeve about something on the trails. Option A doesn't think about maintenance.

Mr. Tacosa said some trails are 14-15 years old and in bad repair. His impression was that new construction was important but so was maintenance of the infrastructure.

Ms. Robinson agreed there were trails that needed to be attended to like the bridge on the rail trail that eventually was done.

Mr. Wilson felt these maintenance projects were large improvement projects. Small things would be covered in general maintenance.

Mr. Rivera asked for an explanation how bond money could be used for maintenance. Rebuilding is capital improvement.

Mr. Tacosa said the projects listed are capital expenses.

Ms. Miles asked if the repaving of Arroyo Chamiso Trail would include dealing with trees and roots.

Mr. Tacosa said it did as well as separations.

Mr. Longworth thought it looked good and noted it breaks out the three alternatives very well. He thumbnail described them.

Mr. Tacosa said they took into account ADA and safety in evaluating them. He referred them to the second document (34 pages).

Ms. Grogan was inclined to tweak option C. She didn't think #21 was really a high priority.

Mr. Wilson said it was a priority because it was too narrow.

Ms. Grogan said #24 and #29 were not in the top list.

Mr. Wilson said #24 was included because Santa Fé Trails has money for the transit center improvements. #29 has a bunch of ADA issues with the New Horizon complex there. It is also a timing issue.

Ms. Grogan got an email from Tim Rogers saying it was a five year plan and not all of those maintenance projects were needed right away. She preferred to do #8 instead of #3 which would cost \$220,000. They had some Rail Trail crossings.

Mr. Wilson assumed when they talked about the Rail Trail that the Cordova crossing would be part of it. He said they could amend Option C to do #8 although some cost estimates would have to change.

Chair Bushee felt some of them didn't need to happen right now such as the bridges of #10 and #11.

Mr. Wilson added that some projects will fall out as you go through the process but the City needs a plan to go with.

Ms. Grogan pointed out that under C, section 4; everything in 14-17 has already been done. And in #12, we put sharrows there and don't need bike lanes. Some of the bike lane striping could come out of CIP funds.

Mr. Longworth was all for Option C. He liked that the bond would be spent in different areas of the city - all getting attention. The details could be tweaked in the next couple of years but the concept of spreading it out in this manner is excellent. He hoped the Rail Trail could be done for \$682,000 but thought it would likely be more than that.

Chair Bushee asked if the Committee needed to get specific tonight or to recommend conceptual approval.

Mr. Wilson agreed there were a lot of issues and thought they could move forward with more detail later.

Mr. Longworth felt approving #4 and #8 for the Rail Trail would be very valuable. The widening of Galisteo (#5) was also needed. He strongly supported giving attention to the Zia Rail Trail crossing.

Mr. Wilson said the DOT was doing a study at that intersection but it would have to wait until the bridgework was done so it would be early next year. The traffic study data would then be analyzed. The first issue was installing a red right arrow in the signals which would help. He suggested contacting the DOT cabinet secretary on it.



The Committee briefly discussed the Zia crossing problems.

Ms. Grogan felt Option C was a great combination for the whole system but she didn't think repaving the entire Arroyo Chamiso Trail was necessary. That project alone would use \$880,000.

Mr. Wilson agreed. Those sections will be analyzed so it won't just be all repaved.

Ms. Miles favored repaving Arroyo Chamiso Trail.

Mr. Rivera asked if the three options were equally geographically diverse.

Mr. Wilson thought each option had projects in each district.

Mr. Rivera supported updating Arroyo Chamiso but would like new infrastructure rather than updating old ones. He asked if that was an option.

**Mr. Longworth moved to adopt Option C with the condition that adjustments to be considered later taking into consideration the concerns of BTAC. Ms. Miles seconded the motion.**

Ms. Grogan asked if BTAC could tweak the numbers at the next meeting.

Chair Bushee asked if it would come back to BTAC before final approval.

Mr. Tacosa didn't know.

Mr. Herdman asked to direct staff toward an implementation plan on Option C to be considered at the next meeting as a friendly amendment.

Chair Bushee asked the Committee to put on a different hat to consider it from a regional perspective considering bicycles, pedestrians, joggers, ADA, etc. BTAC often forgets it is more than bicyclists.

**The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.**

Chair Bushee thanked staff for all of their work.

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

**Mr. Herdman moved to postpone this matter to the next meeting. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.**

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

- **On-Road**

Ms. Grogan said they installed 300 sharrows at a cost of \$60,000. Everything they asked for happened except on Washington which will be repaved next year. So in that CIP money they started with \$200,000 and only spent \$60,000.

- **Mountain Bike**

There was no report.

- **Bike Education and Outreach**

Ms. Miles reported they would hold training sessions October 26-28 in Santa Fé at a cost of \$50. Advocates will be there.

- **La Tierra Master Plan**

There was no report.

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

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

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

Mr. Longworth asked what the formal process was for getting someone as a new member on BTAC.

Chair Bushee suggested he talk with Mr. Siqueiros about it.

Mr. Herdman hoped everyone read his newspaper article last Sunday in the My View section. He hoped he had informed the public better on La Tierra and the need to use chains there to keep vehicles and trash out of the area.

The BTAC decided to meet in November on November 15<sup>th</sup> with a dinner.

Chair Bushee asked whose terms were up this year.

Mr. Siqueiros said everyone's terms were up at the year end.

Chair Bushee brought memorabilia from the Gail Ryba ribbon cutting. It was a good celebration and was a well-done trail despite the bad press.

She was really grateful for La Tierra Trails. The IMBA conference had great enthusiasm.

She wanted to see all members remain on BTAC. The Committee had good geographic representation. Alicia Martinez was in District 3.

Ms. Grogan reported that the SW Trails Conference was really well done with great speakers. She hoped more BTAC members could come next year.

Ms. Miles expressed her thanks that the City followed up on a statement on Mr. Siqueiros' Log regarding cleaning up brush and debris on Governor Miles Road. She saw them cleaning up around the big Chamisa that were blocking where bicycles belonged but they missed the point of the whole project so there still were giant Chamisa bushes there that interfere with riding.

Mr. Longworth thanked the staff for their great job and the City in hosting the IMBA conference. Great trail rides - we should be proud. He heard from lots of folks and we can pat ourselves on the back. Thanks to the police department who did a phenomenal job. The police escorts were wonderful.

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Approved by:

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Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:

  
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Carl Boaz, Stenographer