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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Ground Floor, City Hall

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- 2) La Tierra Trails Master Plan Implementation Update (Leroy Pacheco and Claudia Horn)
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- 4) BTAC Subcommittee Updates:
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 - Mountain Bike
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MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FÉ
BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 20, 2012
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 Vice Chair Frank Herdman on this date at approximately 5:33 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:

Frank Herdman, Vice Chair
Gretchen Grogan
John Longworth [arriving later]
Alicia Martínez
Lisa Miles
James Ronald Pacheco
Tomás Rivera [arriving later]
Shelley Robinson

Members Absent:

Patti Bushee [excused]

Staff Present:

Bob Siqueiros
Leroy Pacheco
Eric Martínez

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Herdman added one item to the agenda - Mr. Martínez wanted to address Las Crucitas Trail under item F.

Mr. Ron Pacheco moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Grogan seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from May 23, 2012

Ms. Grogan asked for a change at the bottom of page 6 regarding the \$6 million bond and CIP monies for sharrows that it was \$250,000, not \$350,000 and \$50,000 for the bike sharing program.

Ms. Robinson moved to approve the minutes of May 23, 2012 as amended. Mr. Ron Pacheco seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Ms. Bette Booth, chair of POSAC, thanked BTAC for having a shared meeting. POSAC members thought it was very productive. She was moving forward with a joint meeting along with COLTPAC and wanted to know if it made sense to have it as one of our meetings rather than having a separate date.

Vice Chair Herdman thought it would be easier to tack it onto a regular meeting. He also thought it needed approval from Legal on it.

Mr. Longworth arrived at this time.

Ms. Booth said they were building the Zona Pump Track on July 10 from 10-4 and invited BTAC participation or donations for refreshments.

Ms. Margaret Alexander asked in regard to La Tierra Trails as part of the MP if there was any problem or challenge with volunteers working with the city to get things done out there. Trail building was a craft and a work of love for volunteers. They were trying to organize a July 13th clean-up day. She knew the MP had a discussion about a volunteer coordinator so volunteers could go to the city to get things done. We rely a lot on them to get those things done and she was making a plea for it. A few years ago the City, County and Conservation Trust hired a volunteer coordinator until the funding ran out. It would mean a lot.

Vice Chair Herdman agreed. That facility deserved a Friends of La Tierra Trails group.

Ms. Alexander said even having the Santa Fé Trails Alliance didn't negate the imperative of having one person in the City who cared about what volunteers could bring to the City. She never knew who to call.

Vice Chair Herdman asked if she was looking for coordination or just permission to go do things.

Ms. Alexander said formerly the coordinator helped get the word out and got permissions and had an e-mail blast.

Mr. Rivera arrived at this time.

Ms. Kat Downing said they showed up at a driving school with 17 teenagers to give them bicycle education. In the parking lot they showed what 5' meant and went through the new manual and it was exciting and they wanted the subcommittee back at the beginning of each new class.

Vice Chair Herdman thought that should be included in the BFC application.

Ms. Downing said the school was under DOT.

Ms. Robinson thought they probably could have had more time with the students.

Ms. Downing announced they were working on Pueblo Bike Days. They had many kids with flat tires and everyone jumped in and got through 60 bikes. Tomorrow Rob and Charley would fix up 100 bikes with San Ildefonso and Santa Clara Pueblos. She thanked everyone who helped.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

Mr. Martínez explained that a public works project would be on the Public Works agenda Monday. It was the Camino de las Crucitas bicycle improvement project. Councilor Bushee was involved in getting it together. Citizens at Las Crucitas were concerned about bike riding along Las Crucitas just west of the roundabout. Staff proposed to accommodate bikes and pedestrians with one of three options. The residents favored the option to provide a 4' shoulder and a 5' sidewalk on the north side of Las Crucitas. It would cost \$380,000 and they were sending it to Public Works and Council for final approval. That was discussed in the La Tierra Trails MP and MPO Bikeways MP for improvements on the climbing side of Las Crucitas.

Ms. Grogan asked where the money would come from.

Mr. Martínez said they would use the 2008 Parks Bond for NWQ. It was in the MP and would provide a connection to La Tierra Trails from the downtown area.

Ms. Miles asked if that in the five year plan or beyond (Phase 2).

Mr. Martínez said it was in early section of MPO MP (Phase 1).

Mr. Ron Pacheco asked if it was just for the north side.

Mr. Martínez agreed. It was cost saving but it was in the sunny area and going uphill.

Mr. Ron Pacheco noted there were 3 speed humps there. He came down it all the time. It would help to have a shoulder going down.

Vice Chair Herdman said the sidewalk going up was inadequate and terminated. He asked what it would look like.

Mr. Martínez agreed that it terminated at Michelle Street. The trail would connect from where it ended and take it all the way up and they would have to build a retaining wall. It would provide curb and gutter and a 5' sidewalk.

Vice Chair Herdman asked if it was planned so a trail from dog park to underpass that would lead to La Tierra trails would all work together.

Mr. Martínez agreed it was part of the connectivity to the 599 trail. This was a piece of it. It would terminate at Graham Avenue so the trail would be from Michelle to Graham.

Vice Chair Herdman noted that BTAC usually reviewed the details beforehand and had some valuable input. He asked where they were on the plans.

Mr. Martínez said staff did the plans and they had neighborhood meetings. They got good feedback to go with the last option of bike lane and sidewalk. So it accommodated both bikers and pedestrians. This was a phased approach and getting immediate relief on Las Crucitas up the hill.

Vice Chair Herdman said BTAC would like to see the plans, especially if it was to be part of a trails network. This was part of that network. He had concerns that it might be ill founded. He understood shoulders on one side only was not recommended.

Mr. Martínez said it was not typical to have shoulders on just one side but recommended here because it goes up hill. Bicyclists could use the regular traffic lane coming down because they could keep up with traffic. One consideration was cost.

Vice Chair Herdman asked when he got to Graham what would happen.

Mr. Martínez said it would just terminate there and as a bicyclist went beyond it the trail would go to the underpass.

Ms. Robinson said it started as a pedestrian concern and Councilor Bushee went to neighbors. She asked if there would be a crosswalk at the top to the dog park.

Mr. Martínez said traffic engineering would have to look into that.

Vice Chair Herdman said he drove out to La Tierra Trails three times a week. Just after Graham Street there were cars coming from Buckman going 40 mph and suddenly realized they were in the wrong lane. He had a lot of questions with terminating the sidewalk and bike lane right there. He was disappointed that BTAC didn't get to look at the details earlier. He wondered if it could be brought to BTAC for review. BTAC had a La Tierra Trails subcommittee and he was on it.

Mr. Martínez said they could come back if it was Councilor Bushee's desire to do that. It would be her call.

Mr. Ron Pacheco said if there was time and didn't slow the project down it would help. It didn't make sense that the side that didn't get thawing had no improvement.

Vice Chair Herdman said they needed to consider how the termination would flow into traffic.

Something there was absolutely necessary. He could see this design resulting in a tragedy there.

Mr. Martinez said it would be striped as a bike lane and have a sign saying the bike lane ends. Now the bikes use the traffic lane. The shoulder would allow a safer way to get up the hill. He came to the BTAC meeting to inform the Committee but the timelines sent this to the Public Works Committee. The other option would be to postpone at that meeting.

Mr. Siqueiros said the Finance Committee meeting was July 2 and then Council on July 11 but waiting two weeks to July 25 would allow BTAC to consider it on July 18.

Vice Chair Herdman asked Mr. Martínez if that could be the schedule.

Mr. Martínez was fine with that and would leave it up to Councilor Bushee. He agreed to communicate that to her.

G. DISCUSSION

1. Presentation an Action Regarding the St. Francis Drive an Cerrillos Road Crossing (Louis Berger Group/Parametrix)

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said it had been nearly 10 years since Resolution 2002-82 was adopted by Council to improve the crossing at St Francis and Cerrillos Road. The Railyard MP recommended a grade separated crossing and the City had spent half million dollars to get it environmentally approved. The EA hearing was May 2 and they received over 70 comments. They had editorials, a letter from School for the Deaf and on Monday would ask which alternative to use. They agreed to bring it to BTAC because of its importance so he was asking for action on one of the alternatives.

He clarified that the consultant was Denise with Bohanon Huston (not Parametrix).

Mr. Ron Pacheco agreed it was over or under but asked if anything was going to get done and who was responsible for the decision. He lived close by. He knew what he would do but asked who would make a decision.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said the project design was funded completely so if Public Works decided on an option it would go to RFP for design and could be designed by year end. They were required to get this in the STIP so it was on there as an identified project for seeking additional state and/or federal funds. It was currently not funded for construction but tonight he wanted to share a BTAC vote at Council.

Ms. Robinson always thought the tunnel was more expensive but it looked like it was evened out.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed. It would be about \$3.5 million either way. He offered to provide a copy of the EA if BTAC wanted one. The pros and cons were listed in the supplements he provided.

Denise said they did several borings and didn't find anything significant. The same was true for cultural

resources but the risk for finding something was higher for the tunnel.

Ms. Grogan what happened if they found something significant.

Denise said they would stop the project and do a data recovery project.

Ms. Grogan was at the meeting on May 2 and there was some excitement about some hybrid approach - a sort of tunnel that was closer to grade - not as deep and open to the air except a portion under St Francis Drive - like a bridge. And that might mitigate concerns about safety in a dark tunnel. She could sympathize with those women's concerns. That was potentially something BTAC could recommend.

Denise said any level of excavation would bring the same risk for hazardous or cultural resources.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco applauded that effort. Tunnel depth had not been defined. That was not a hybrid - it was a tunnel under.

Mr. Trujillo said to change the grade of St. Francis Drive had not been calculated in the estimate. The cost to reconstruct St. Francis would double the cost. It would be substantial. To do a hybrid would require that. The tunnel was at the minimum depth without changing the grade of St. Francis.

Ms. Grogan explained it might be open to air in between the St. Francis lanes.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said the School for the Deaf proposed a bridge. He expected Public Works to make a decision and asked if BTAC wanted a tunnel or a bridge.

Ms. Grogan asked how many public comments they got during that period.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said they received over 70.

Ms. Grogan saw only about 40 comments here - not 70.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said someone had to make a decision. All of the comments were listed in the record. He just wanted to know from BTAC as members of the committee, what their choice was. Members might have divergent views.

Mr. Rivera supported a bridge but asked if he could talk about ADA considerations for the tunnel.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said the footprint for the tunnel was shorter than for a bridge but a bridge could better address safety. Some thought a tunnel had better fluidity and was a little shorter.

Mr. Rivera asked if this would be brought to the Mayor's Committee on Disability.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed.

Ms. Robinson said they were about to experience a tunnel crossing of St. Francis. She just wanted it to

be safe to cross St. Francis and was really looking forward to experiencing the tunnel at Zia. It would be great for to experience that first.

Vice Chair Herdman wanted to check for consensus.

Mr. Ron Pacheco liked a tunnel. The tunnel would be wonderful as a pedestrian or cyclist or ADA person and people were more likely to use a tunnel. They were really good ideas and didn't impact the scenery. A tunnel was the way to go.

Ms. Robinson favored a tunnel and liked the consistency of having three - one at Zia and one at Alameda - and with St. Francis.

Ms. Martínez favored a tunnel.

Ms. Grogan liked the tunnel but noted that the tunnel at Zia already had graffiti all over it. That was the problem because nobody could see from ground level.

Ms. Miles was for a bridge because of the potential impact of hazardous material or cultural finds.

Mr. Longworth had no preference.

Vice Chair Herdman felt they could get far down the road and people would protest a long span bridge. Bridges would be perceived as a limb and take more energy. The span would be quite long because it could not be too steep and visually would bring a strong reaction. There was nothing like it in Santa Fé.

Mr. Rivera thought aesthetically the city would embrace a tunnel. He thought bridges tended to be more icy in winter. Mr. Martínez agreed.

Mr. Longworth wondered which design would most impact southwestern traffic coming in.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said that whole quadrant would be impacted. The southwest quadrant would be using signals. Both solutions had an at-grade part.

Mr. Martínez said the tally of public input had been the same as BTAC's discussion. Throughout the public comment, it had been split in the middle for each option. Dave McQuarie said the tunnel would be easier for people in wheel chairs. It was BTAC's decision to provide a recommendation or not. The no build was also an option and just live with what was there now.

Mr. Ron Pacheco moved to recommend endorsing a well-designed tunnel. Ms. Grogan seconded the motion.

Vice Chair Herdman took a roll call vote and all voted in favor except Mr. Rivera and Ms. Miles.

2. La Tierra Trails Master Plan Implementation Update (Leroy Pacheco and Claudia Horn)

Mr. Leroy Pacheco provided a handout titled 2012 Project Implementation Time line. He said the good news was in 5-6 categories. He reviewed the list with the Committee. There were other projects going on that the City was not spearheading but he was attending all meetings with regard to trash clean-up and 2012 trails events.

He shared the new logo and handed out a draft map for signage. With the exception of the spine connector trail and parking lots all internal wayfinding was installed. They were working with the Trail Alliance, Fat Tire Society, REI and would like to work with BTAC's subcommittee also. The plan was to get a simple black and white map with a thousand runs into the public domain so they could use July and August to utilize the map. They were awaiting the posted maps but had made good progress.

At the ATV-BMX Park what remained to do was fencing. They would like to have a ribbon-cutting event. This was Santa Fé's first motorized track.

The Multi-Use Trail was more complicated and being worked on now. It involved two parking lots and a 1/3 mile trail from the underpass. Specialty parks would be an addition. Currently the way they got water was inefficient and the City was working with Wilson to get water into the design. By next weekend the meat of the contract for building trail heads and the trail north of the tunnel would begin and stay on a summer schedule before the world summit.

The underpass connector was an urban trail and terminated at Milagro so it left a design problem. Connecting to city was one of their priorities. Possibly they could build that urban connector before IMBA but the schedule might slip. They were waiting on the eastern and western connectors at the moment. They've had good cooperation.

Ms. Robinson asked if the water tanks were in the budget/

Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed. They were fortunate that IMBA sent a professional trail planner and gave a preliminary MP that included the water solutions. And because of where they were now this wouldn't slow anything down. It had a 2,500 gallon capacity, buried underground to be filled by water truck.

Ms. Robinson saw the road to be paved in the near future and this section on Camino de las Montoyas south of NM 599. If that got paved about the same time maybe there would be room for a bike lane.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said right now it was about 30% conceptual and they worked with DOT and the Army Corps of Engineers and those bureaucratic hurdles had been met.

Vice Chair Herdman was encouraged and saw the logo for the first time. He asked who did it.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said they worked with the community charette who critiqued many concepts and it would be on all the highways.

Vice Chair Herdman offered to work on putting topographical things on the map. He was in favor of a map this size.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said they presented it to Fat Tire last week and would like to collect user comments on it and then move into next level for the final map. Eventually it would be colored like the Dale Ball Trail map.

Ms. Robinson said the details for private property were too small to read.

Mr. Rivera said the back part was great and helpful. He asked what MX was.

Ms. Horn said that was for off road motor bikes.

Ms. Grogan thought it was a good job and the City thought the important pieces would all be in place by IMBA. Mr. Leroy Pacheco agreed.

Vice Chair Herdman said there was so much increasing excitement about that event and having these things complete was helpful. It would be great to have that as a showcase. He asked where things stood with the schools.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said they gave us permission to do this. It was being held up by a fence encroachment and they had worked out an easement for the fence. The legal documents were still with the schools.

Vice Chair Herdman worried about someone changing their minds.

Ms. Alexander was surprised about the sidewalk on Las Crucitas coming out of the 2008 parks bond. It was an on-street improvement and not what the voters thought of for a park project.

She said BTAC had to think about off-road access to La Tierra Trails. This was wrong-headed. One thing Mr. Leroy Pacheco didn't talk about was the connector between parking lots east of Las Montoyas. It was absolutely essential for the big events at the Calabasas parking lot. So between Frijoles and Calabasas something needed to be done very soon.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said it was a very valid point. In his next presentation he would report on the to-do list BTAC gave him last fall. It didn't preclude new ones coming in and it was BTAC's job to work through identifying those next projects.

Vice Chair Herdman thought maybe they could schedule a subcommittee meeting soon to address that.

Ms. Booth understood the money for Las Crucitas was from NWQ money so she wanted to know what wasn't going to be built in La Tierra. More than 10% of that budget would come out of the MP for that. If it was coming from that. They sat together a month ago with Councilor Bushee regarding the two bond budgets as planned and this was their first skirmish and so we need to ask it to be postponed until vetted. That was part of the public process. She encouraged BTAC members to be at Public Works with her to postpone it if they tried to raid that fund. This was the first opportunity to do that together. She committed

POSAC to be with BTAC 100% on that.

Mr. Martínez said that was where it was proposed to come from. It was assessed as part of La Tierra Trails MP.

Vice Chair Herdman remembered the discussion on what the money was going to be spent for but BTAC was precluded from taking action here.

Mr. Martínez showed the analysis and read from it. It had an aerial photo showing a primary connector from neighborhoods from the south to NWQ.

Vice Chair Herdman didn't want to prejudge the issue. There had been lots of public input into the MP. It might be the right infrastructure but he didn't think it went through as much public process as the rest of it.

Mr. Ron Pacheco wanted to see improvements on both sides.

Mr. Martínez said that would cost a little less than \$800,000. He would like to hear more about where the money was coming from. He rode that street many times with his son. Trails and sidewalks to him were different items so he would have problems with it.

3. Santa Fé Bike Trails Updates (Mr. Leroy Pacheco Pacheco)

Mr. Leroy Pacheco provided a handout and said a lot of the to-do had been finished. On the Acequia Trail there were two segments not built. Good news for Ashbaugh section from Otowi was that they now owned all the property there. There was an issue at Montaña Street and the school gave permission to get that connection there. They dropped a signalized intersection at Cordova Road.

At Museum Hill they completed phase 1 and phase 2 was never addressed. It was a pedestrian problem because bicyclists said they wanted to use the street.

At Zia crossing the tunnel would be completely usable by June 30. It was the Gail Ryba Trail and the signs would be up reflecting those names. They were also working with a local firm on graphic design to put a park bench under the cottonwood and a sign with a map and words of tribute for all Gail did. They were looking forward to a ribbon cutting in late summer when her family could be here.

The Gonzales Road trail was tabled for many years for the reason Mr. Ron Pacheco mentioned (no parks bond monies for sidewalk). The project should be completed by end of summer.

Mr. Longworth asked if it was a trail or a sidewalk.

Mr. Leroy Pacheco said it was a cement pedestrian trail. It was ADA compliant. Parents told him that kids were going to use it.

Ms. Martínez left the meeting.

4. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

a. On-Road

Ms. Grogan gave everyone the spread sheet for sharrow installations this summer. She showed the details. Staff ordered 300 sharrows and would start soon.

b. Mountain Bike

Mr. Longworth said they were preparing for the IMBA conference. There would be an application filed with the Forest Service for a group trail ride at the top of Windsor to Chamisa and the saddle to get back to town and have a barbecue at Fort Marcy. The NEPA process might hold it up.

There was a planning meeting on Monday. One aspect of the idea in coming into town was that IMBA liked to leave things in the town. They had two projects in mind. One was a master plan and the other was for mountain biking facilities for the greater Santa Fé area.

Monday was the kickoff meeting - IMBA would present it to the city.

c. Bike Education and Outreach

Ms. Miles talked about a meeting with the BizMix organization - bringing the area back to life and an event on a Sunday morning.

Ms. Robinson wanted to get together for follow up on the drivers' education project. It was great to see that BTAC could reach every group that comes through drivers' education training school. It was one a week and they needed volunteers. If they could rotate volunteers it would take 15 minutes and they could reach this captive audience.

Ms. Grogan left the meeting.

d. La Tierra Master Plan

Vice Chair Herdman would like to meet with Mr. Leroy Pacheco, Ms. Miles and Ms. Alexander and Ms. Claudia Horn to talk about the map.

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)

Mr. Siqueiros said there was nothing urgent. He wanted an email from either Ms. Robinson or Ms. Downing to include in the BFC application.

He asked if they wanted the joint meeting in August or September.

Vice Chair Herdman wanted to do it in the fall.

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Robinson noted that Ms. Miles was a finalist in BizMix.

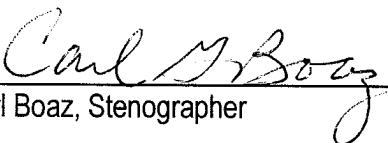
J. ADJOURNMENT

The BTAC meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Approved by:

Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:



Carl Boaz, Stenographer