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BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, March 22, 2012 5:15 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

City Council Chambers
Ground Floor, City Hall

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from *February 23, 2012*

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- 1) International Mountain Bike Association - World Summit Conference Update (Bob Ward)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

G. DISCUSSION.

- 1) Discussion and Action Regarding Recommendations and Improvements for Both Off-Road and On-Road Bicycle Facilities Identified in the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization Draft Bicycle Master Plan (Keith Wilson).
- 2) Discussion and approval of "Sharrows Maintenance Plan" (Bob Siqueiros & On Road Subcommittee).
- 3) Priority List Spreadsheet for the League of American Bicyclists - Bicycle Friendly Community Feedback (Bob Siqueiros).
- 4) Status update regarding Bike Sharing Program Status (Liz Roybal & Bob Siqueiros)
- 5) Discussion regarding "Bike to Work Week" May 14th thru May 18th, 2012 (BFC).
- 6) BTAC Subcommittee Updates:
 - Multi-Use Trails
 - On-Road (Sharrows Maintenance Plan)
 - Mountain Bike (IMBA Summit)
 - Bike Education and Outreach
 - La Tierra (NWQ)

H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Thursday, March 22, 2012

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 the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fé, New Mexico. There were two members present at 5:15.

B. ROLL CALL

Roll call indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Councilor Patti Bushee, Chair
Ms. Gretchen Grogan
Mr. Frank Herdman
Mr. Tomás Rivera
Ms. Shelley Robinson

Members Absent:

Mr. James Ronald Pacheco [excused]
Ms. Alicia Martínez
Mr. John Longworth excused
Ms. Lisa Miles

Staff Present:

Mr. Bob Siqueiros
Mr. John Romero

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 from February 23, 2012

Mr. Rivera asked for a change to the minutes on page 3 and explained that he said that other people he knew had gotten tickets.

Mr. Siqueiros suggested the Committee approve the minutes and if Ms. Miles had changes to request the Committee could make changes at the April meeting.

Ms. Robinson asked for clarification of the departments on page 5 that BTAC could also work with Streets and Drainage.

Mr. Siqueiros clarified the Streets and Drainage were part of Public Works. He added that Mr. John Romero and Mr. Rick Devine were under Traffic Engineering.

Ms. Grogan moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2012 as amended. Mr. Herdman seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

E. CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. International Mountain Bike Association – World Summit Conference Update (Bob Ward)

Ms. Kat Downing reported for the Fat Tire Society on IMBA. There were concerns about break-ins at every trail head - mostly broken car windows. It was rampant and tourists were asking where they could report to not get broken in.

Chair Bushee said they should report because the City was installing cameras at hot spots.

Ms. Downing thought it would be nice to have the City on it when IMBA happened. Cerro Gordo, Sierra del Norte, Borrego and Chamisa were problems. She said she put a sign on her window that she had nothing of value in her car.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES.

Mr. Wilson said he would report under Discussion.

G. DISCUSSION

1. Discussion/Action on Recommendations and Improvements for Off-Road and On-Road Bicycle Facilities in the MPO Draft Bicycle Master Plan (Keith Wilson)

Mr. Wilson said the MPO released the MPO Draft Bicycle Master Plan for official public review on March 9. The TCC would meet on April 9 and consider comments and the TPB would approve it on April 12.

He shared the public meeting schedule that included one this coming Saturday from 10 to 12 at Santa Fé Trails headquarters on Rufina and at the main library next Thursday. Each would open with a presentation. He proposed that at this meeting they would concentrate on the overview of recommendations and the implementation plan they proposed.

He said it would be nice to go to the MPO-TPB with an endorsement from BTAC. COLTPAC did pass an endorsement of it at their last meeting. He wanted to get TPB approval and circle back to City and County to adopt the whole document or parts of it. They were starting with BTAC. He shared a flyer about the upcoming meetings.

He offered hard copies of the draft plan to those who wanted one.

Mr. Rogers reviewed the draft plan recommendations and implementation plan and handed out a printed PPT for the Committee. He commented briefly on the goals and recommendations and entertained questions from the Committee.

Chair Bushee asked if they wanted to have sharrows on Osage.

Mr. Rogers said it was recommended near Agua Fria only. Chair Bushee and Mr. Rogers discussed that area and the volume of bike and foot traffic there and nearby.

Mr. Rogers said they would review striping designs with John Romero and share the details.

Chair Bushee wanted to have an urban trail at Las Crucitas where it had no sidewalks. She was trying to get the money for it in order to provide traffic to the dog park, etc. Pedestrian ways for both Alameda and Osage were needed and a way to cross the street. There was no shoulder for bikers there. It would take serious ROW purchases.

Mr. Wilson said the MPO would work out a pedestrian plan after the bike plan was done.

Chair Bushee added that West Alameda desperately needed some traffic calming. There were no shoulders.

Mr. Rogers said they had identified those Alameda shoulders in Phase B and C. They were also working with the County on shoulders for Old Santa Fé Trail.

Chair Bushee asked about having a bike boulevard there.

Mr. Rogers said it couldn't be done since there was no alternate traffic route for cars. Otowi was a better choice.

Mr. Rogers said they had to scale back some of the County trails by moving them from phase A to phase B. He added that they were working with the St. Michael's planning group and thought it might be possible to go under St. Michael's with a trail.

Chair Bushee didn't see the underpass at St. Francis.

Mr. Rogers explained it was put in Phase B.

Chair Bushee said it needed to be done earlier. She asked if the Committee would we see any

engineering plans for phase A soon.

Mr. Wilson said the bond was just passed. It would go out for bid with an engineering firm for a feasibility study and impacts. It was the most complex project in phase A. It wasn't as straightforward as the other one at Zia.

Chair Bushee asked Mr. Siqueiros to coordinate with other staff to get it on the agenda to see how it would work.

Mr. Wilson said in the next couple of weeks the MPO would figure out what could be done in-house and what couldn't.

Chair Bushee asked if from Alto to La Madeira the school could use part of a lane for school bus unloading.

Mr. Rogers anticipated that they would focus on safe routes to schools in the pedestrian plan.

Mr. Wilson said it would have a path to connect the River Trail to the La Madeira cross walk.

Chair Bushee said the City was getting funding for pedestrian traffic to De Fouri Street and the bridge reconstruction. The neighbors were opposing a separate bridge because of people camping out there.

Mr. Rogers said the County finished the River Trail to NM 599 and put in a connector to the MRC. Caja Del Rio was being reconstructed to accommodate bikes.

Mr. Rogers explained how the Acequia Trail would be laid out and the possible need for purchase of ROW from the New Mexico School for the Deaf. The acquisition would be the costly part of it. Cerrillos Road would have a safety median for a crossing between Alarid and Early. This was all shown in the appendices.

Mr. Wilson said the projects in Phase A would total about \$8 million and there was \$4 million provided in the bond. This was a planning level document and anything with roads would have to go through John Romero's shop. They would do an evaluation and come up with engineering guidance on what the appropriate treatments would be. Some of them might not be feasible.

Chair Bushee asked if BTAC didn't need to rearrange priorities in approving this plan. Mr. Wilson agreed.

Mr. Rogers completed his presentation on the trails.

Ms. Robinson moved to support the MPO Draft Bicycle Master Plan. Mr. Herdman seconded with the addition of deep gratitude to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Rogers with this endorsement. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Discussion and approval of “Sharrows Maintenance Plan” (Bob Siqueiros & On-Road Subcommittee)

Ms. Grogan handed out a document for this plan. She thanked Mr. Wilson and Jim Harrington for their help. This was a plan to utilize the \$250,000 from the CIP budget.

The first part talked about sharrows and the first priority was to replace sharrows that had disappeared from streets that didn't have a priority rating of “1” as well as all the missing sharrows. The second priority would be the new sharrows on city streets that corresponded with the MPO Bicycle Master Plan. There were about 26 sharrows in Tierra Contenta, mostly on Jaguar Drive. It could obviously be tweaked.

Money to have a community education plan for sharrows was the fourth priority.

In 2005-2007 they were installed by a contractor. Now because city staff had more time to install them the cost went down from \$350 to \$170. She heard the City would purchase a 3/4 ton truck at \$40,000 for this purpose.

Mr. Romero agreed that was what they were looking to do but it would only cost \$30,000 or less. He explained that two of their trucks were gone. There was no other place in the budget for this purchase. The maintenance budget for all maintenance on the roads was \$75,000 (for marking).

Ms. Grogan thought if it wasn't used exclusively for sharrows then BTAC shouldn't have to pay for 100% of it.

Mr. Romero said they also used another truck for it.

Chair Bushee said she wouldn't advocate for the purchase of the truck at Council but personally didn't think it should come out of this budget.

Ms. Grogan said striping for bike lanes was the next section. One not included was Alameda at \$37,500 and would bring the total up to \$137,000. The next section was bike actuator signals. About 20 of the symbols would be reinstalled and wayfinding signs to direct traffic from López Lane (a county street) to Calle Atajo which was a city street. The final section was \$5,000 for bike racks. So the new total would be \$234,270.

Chair Bushee hoped they could find other money for the truck and knew the BTAC should tweak the budget further. Regarding the education component she reminded the Committee they had not focused the publicity campaign with Joe López and needed to do that.

Mr. Rivera asked Mr. Romero how much he wanted set aside for the truck.

Mr. Romero said they would need around \$25,000.

Mr. Rivera asked what else the truck would be used for.

Mr. Romero said it would be used for painting the markings - crossings and crosswalks, etc.

Mr. Rivera thought the truck seemed reasonable. It was a long term investment.

Chair Bushee recalled at one time they had talked about wrapping a bus and they could do PSAs.

Mr. Rivera thought the education component should be integrated with the drivers' education. He wanted to be part of the education planning group.

Ms. Grogan thought they needed to help people understand what a sharrow was.

Chair Bushee said some councilors still felt sharrows were nonessential. She explained that CIP meant capital improvements that were bricks and mortar stuff. The traffic calming budget was not big enough. What BTAC should be working toward was to be part of the annual budget for maintenance. This was their one shot probably for the next seven years. If the truck came out of here, then sharrows needed to become part of the maintenance budget. She thought \$10,000 for education might not be feasible.

She asked if the truck was in the packet. Mr. Siqueiros said it was not.

Ms. Grogan thought they should take action on this next month.

The Committee discussed wayfinding signage and bicycle racks as part of the budget.

Mr. Romero said he misunderstood since he was told it was for maintenance. He needed to check on their work load to see if the City could spare the manpower to maintain these as well as more markings. He wasn't sure about keeping up with the striping budget. It was 130k over a two-year period.

Chair Bushee reminded him that the law required the city to put in bike striping in when the city repaved a street.

Mr. Romero said paving was done about every 30 years and they had to restripe several times during that period.

Chair Bushee agreed they needed to redo the budget at the April meeting. There were too many things to include. She agreed to talk with Mr. Pino about it and see how they could get these things into an ongoing budget.

Mr. Herdman agreed that ongoing maintenance needed to be factored in.

The Committee continued discussing various options for priorities and amounts of the budget to include for various items in the CIP budget. There seemed to be no consensus on how to include all the needs into the budget that was provided.

Mr. Herdman moved to postpone this matter to the next agenda with thanks to Mr. Romero for staying so late and to those who prepared it. Ms. Grogan seconded the motion and it passed by

unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Herdman moved to postpone the rest of the agenda except for communications. Mr. Rivera seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Priority List Spreadsheet for League of American Bicyclists - Bicycle Friendly Community Feedback (Bob Siqueiros)

This item was postponed.

4. Status update regarding Bike Sharing Program Status (Liz Roybal & Bob Siqueiros)

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5. Discussion regarding “Bike to Work Week” May 14 - 18, 2012

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6. BTAC Subcommittee Updates:

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H. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

1. BTAC Request for Information Log (Bob Siqueiros)

Mr. Siqueiros said he would discuss the information log at the April meeting.

I. COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Bushee asked to have BTAC meet on the third Tuesday each month. That would make the next meeting April 17th. She also asked for a change in the starting time from 5:15 to 5:30 and would be a stickler on missing three meetings in a row because tons of people wanted to be on BTAC.

She reminded the Committee that every Wednesday morning Mr. Luján had the Live at City Hall television program and BTAC needed to get on the agenda for it at least once a quarter.

Ms. Grogan thought it would be great to have several members on the committee involved. Chair Bushee agreed.

Mr. Siqueiros suggested the new ordinance for bicycle traffic as a topic.

Chair Bushee said they could show off the new trails.

Mr. Rivera announced that the US Senate passed the transportation bill and at the House it was status quo. He thanked Chair Bushee for cosponsoring the bill to oppose HR 7.

Mr. Siqueiros agreed to talk with the City Clerk tomorrow about a new meeting schedule. He would email the missing members and ask for a commitment to that meeting schedule.

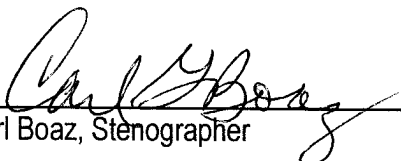
J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved by:

Patti Bushee, Chair

Submitted by:


Carl Boaz, Stenographer