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CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-__

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Michael J. Garcia

Councilor JoAnne Vigil Coppler

A RESOLUTION

RE-ESTABLISHING THE BICYCLE AND TRAIL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Bicycle and Trail Advisory Committee (“BTAC”) was created by Resolution No. 2003-87 on September 24, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2003-87 was subsequently amended by Resolution No. 2010-33, Resolution No. 2010-64, and Resolution No. 2017-46; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (SFMPO) Policy Board, of which the City of Santa Fe is a member, adopted a Complete Streets Policy, directing transportation planners and engineers to routinely plan, design, construct, operate, and maintain the entire right of way for safe access of all users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, motorists, and transit riders regardless of age, ability and mode of transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, the City of Santa Fe was recognized by the League of American Bicyclists as a Silver-level Bicycle Friendly Community, and the Committee and the MPO continue to work to achieve the Gold-level by 2024 by considering the infrastructure needs of pedestrians and bicyclists in all City-led transportation projects; and

1 **WHEREAS**, the City’s Land Use Development Code requires the accommodation of
2 bicycle and pedestrian traffic along City streets as well as through off-road trails and requires all
3 new public streets to provide adequate pedestrian and bicycle facilities; and

4 **WHEREAS**, a bicycle-friendly Santa Fe can help promote improved public health through
5 active living, stimulate local and regional economic development, and achieve carbon neutrality by
6 2040 as adopted by the Governing Body in 2017; and

7 **WHEREAS**, the SFMPO’s 2019 Bicycle Master Plan, which is updated every 5 years, has
8 recognized the Committee’s critical role in identifying, prioritizing, and requesting implementation
9 by the City of 26 on-road bicycle facilities projects including designated bike lanes, striped
10 shoulders, lanes shared with motor vehicle traffic, and 80 off-road or trails improvement projects
11 including paved multi-use trails and formal or informal soft-surface paths, for all of which the City
12 serves as the lead agency; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Department of Transportation has defined “bicycle and
14 pedestrian infrastructure” to include bicycle lanes including protected and buffered lanes, bicycle
15 parking and storage facilities, curb extensions, intersection treatments such as bicycle boxes, stop
16 bars, lead signal indicators, landscaping, paved shoulders, pedestrian- and bicyclist-scale lighting,
17 pedestrian overpasses or underpasses, separation/buffers, shared-lane markings or sharrows,
18 sidewalks, signage especially high-visibility signage, signalized pedestrian crossings and mid-
19 block crossings, and trails or shared-use paths.

20 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**
21 **CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO** that this Resolution re-names and re-establishes the
22 Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee as the Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

23 **Section 1. NAME:** The advisory committee shall be called the Bicycling and
24 Pedestrian Advisory Committee ("Committee").

25 **Section 2. PURPOSE:** The purpose of the Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory

1 Committee is to provide input and advice that supports the ongoing development and maintenance
2 of a transportation infrastructure that makes bicycling and walking in the City of Santa Fe safe,
3 viable, and comfortable modes of transportation, commuting, and recreation. This includes the
4 responsibility to deliberate on City projects, plans, and policies that impact both on-road and off-
5 road bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and to advise the Governing Body on such matters.

6 **Section 3. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Committee shall:

7 (a) Assist in the prioritization of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects to be
8 completed using city, state, and federal funds, through the development of the Santa Fe
9 Metropolitan Planning Organization (“SFMPO”) Bicycle Master Plan and the SFMPO Pedestrian
10 Master plan;

11 (b) Review preliminary designs for new Public Works projects involving public
12 roadways and trails funded out of city, state, or federal sources to ensure designs comply with the
13 City's commitment to make bicycling and walking safe, viable, and comfortable modes of
14 transportation. Design plan reviews shall take place at 30% design and before plans are presented
15 to the public for comments or submitted for review to New Mexico Department of Transportation
16 (“NMDOT”);

17 (c) Advise on policies, programs, and ordinances as they relate to bicycle and
18 pedestrian infrastructure safety, design, construction, and operation and maintenance;

19 (d) Develop, review, and advise on media and educational campaigns providing
20 information and promoting bicycle- and pedestrian- related activities and education;

21 (e) Work with other agencies for the enhancement of city and county trail systems;

22 (f) Review and recommend updates to Bicycle Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan,
23 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Parks Master Plan related to trails, and the City’s Land Use
24 Development Code as they pertain to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and associated
25 regulations;

1 (g) Seek funding from city, state, and federal sources to implement the City-led
2 projects identified in the SFMPO's 2019 Bicycle Master Plan and 2020 Metropolitan
3 Transportation Plan and consider reoccurring funding sources from the City to be applied to the
4 implementation of policies, programs, and other projects that are supported by the plans;

5 (h) Pursue the League of American Bicyclists Diamond-level Bicycle Friendly
6 Community designation for the City of Santa Fe, as well as any other local, state, or national awards
7 or designations that the City deems worthy of pursuit;

8 (i) Advise on polices, projects, ordinances, and funding as they relate to bicycling and
9 walking as safe, viable, and comfortable modes of transportation; and

10 (j) Educate the public on the work of the Committee.

11 **Section 4. MEMBERSHIP:** The Committee shall consist of a member of the City
12 Council who shall also serve as its chair, along with nine members of the public, of whom eight
13 shall be residents of the city and one who may be a resident of Santa Fe County. Recommendations
14 for members shall be made by the City Council to the Mayor, who shall appoint the committee
15 members, balancing interests among recreationists, youth and neighborhood group users,
16 commuters, and bicyclists, with Council approval. The chair may appoint subcommittees, as
17 needed, to study, in-depth, certain responsibilities assigned to the Committee and to present such
18 information to the Committee. The subcommittees shall be made up of no more than four members
19 of the Committee and three interested members of the public.

20 **Section 5. TERMS:** the public members shall be appointed for two-year staggered
21 terms. Subsequent terms shall be for two years to maintain staggering of terms. Members shall
22 serve for no longer than six (6) consecutive years. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the
23 Mayor and may be removed at any time with or without cause.

24 **Section 6. VACANCIES:** Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as initial
25 appointments and shall be for the remainder of the term. Vacancies shall be filled as to maintain

1 the balance of interest group representation.

2 **Section 7. MEETINGS:** A quorum shall be at least six members. The Committee
3 shall also conduct all meetings in accordance with adopted City policies and procedures and shall
4 use *Robert's Rules of Order* in conducting its meetings. The committee shall meet monthly.

5 **BE IT FURTHERE RESOLVED** that this Resolution supersedes, rescinds, and replaces
6 any other resolution that created or amended the Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee, including,
7 but not limited to, Resolution Nos. 2003-87, 2010-33, 2010-64, and 2017-46.

8 PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

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12 ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

13 ATTEST:

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16 KRISTINE MIHELICIC, CITY CLERK

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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20 ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY