

**Regular Meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee  
January 8, 2026 at 5:30 PM  
City Council Chambers, City Hall  
200 Lincoln Avenue  
MINUTES**

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1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the BPAC Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Pilcher at 5:32 PM, on Thursday, January 8, 2026, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. Roll Call

**Present:**

Member Angela Bordegaray  
Member Judith Gabriele  
Member Tony Gerlicz  
Member Steve Pilcher  
Member Ben Pingilley  
Member Gary Schiffmiller  
Member Helen Wang (arrived 5:44pm)

**Excused:**

Member Beatrice Farrell  
Chair Michael Garcia

**Others Attending:**

Staff Liaison Romella Glorioso-Moss  
Clerk Lucrecia Diaz

3. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Member Gerlicz moved, seconded by Member Schiffmiller to approve the Agenda with an amendment.

**Vote:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call:

**For:** Member Bordegaray, Member Gabriele, Member Gerlicz, Member McConnell, Member Pilcher, Member Pingilley, Member Schiffmiller

**Amendments:** Agenda Item 7.d to move up to 7.a

4. Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Member Bordegaray moved, seconded by Member McConnell to approve the minutes from the December 11th meeting.

**Vote:** The motion was approved on the following Roll Call:

**For:** Member Bordegaray, Member Gabriele, Member Gerlicz, Member McConnell,

Member Pilcher, Member Pingilley, Member Schiffmiller

- a. Request for Approval of the December 11, 2025 BPAC minutes.

## 5. Communications From the Public

Thank you for the opportunity to just briefly say my name is Aku Oppenheimer. I'm the president of the Candlelight Neighborhood Association. For six years, we've struggled to get, primarily, a better traffic plan. Repeatedly, the community, parts of the community, are suing to oppose the development of the Zia station and so forth. All fallacious claims and we all wanted to get a better traffic plan. And now we see just how compromised this plan was. I wanted to express to you how important it is, and I understand there's nothing to be done about the past, but I want you to know how important I find it to be, and I know BPAC is only an advisory, but it's extremely important that it has some kind of voice to register for the record that mistakes are being made for pedestrians and for bicyclist because the way Zia station has been developed. I would be happy to meet anyone from the committee and take them out there and go through a checklist of the dangerous points that have been introduced knowingly by City staff. That will make this not a multimodal community, a multimodal transportation-based community as this Land Use Department claimed, but the reverse. I mean dominated only by motorists dangerous in the extreme to bicyclists and pedestrians and very opposite to what it was supposed to be. Imaginative multimodal system. I urge you to go there, especially if you're a bicyclist, and see what the situation does for bicyclists. It plays them, if any wise bicyclists, and I think maybe the best thing the committee could do to make sure that whatever city information is available for bicyclists, that it warns them to stay away from this intersection.

## 6. Communications from Other Agencies

- a. Bike Santa Fe (David Seaton, Board Member)

We are having our annual members social on January 24, 2026, from 2pm to 5pm at Sky Cinema. When members come, I'll do my real quick pitch to recommend that you become a member, and it will pay for itself. You get a beer ticket, and you get these beautiful little Bike Santa Fe socks. Basically, a twenty-five dollar membership that you get back. We created an Advisory council at Bike Santa Fe which will give us another mechanism for people to get involved with Bike Santa Fe without having to commit to the board. Not everyone can commit to being on the board or has that kind of time, but has a strong interest in what's going on with Bike Santa Fe and would like to participate, and so we've created that role. That also gives a way for board members who can't stay as board members because of a time commitment to stay involved. This is something new we created. We are doing it specifically under the advocacy committee at this time. If anyone is interested in getting more involved in Bike Santa Fe in that capacity, then you're more than welcome to come on board. I'll turn it over to Genieve. Thank you David. We have our winter social coming up. We will be discussing our accomplishments this past year and brainstorming for this year to come. We have another exciting development. SFMPO and an organization called Reanimator

purchased bike racks to be installed on private property and Leah has been super helpful and the individuals from Reanimator in identifying locations in the City which are a real need for bike racks. We are looking at grocery stores in particular, so that a development is under way. We don't have the locations determined yet, but our hope is that we will match the cost of bike racks with the business owner. We would like them to pay part of the cost and Bike Santa Fe will pick up the remaining.

- b. Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (Leah Yngve, Senior Transportation Planner and Erick Aune, AICP, Director)

I don't have too much for you today just about bike parking. I was involved a little bit in the code update and I don't know if you guys have taken a look at the bike parking section in the 700-plus page document yet. I did purchase the pedestrian and bicycle professionals bicycle parking guidance document, and originally we put it exactly how they were, and then I guess later, after the fact, they were like, um, actually, that's something to strive for but beyond what we need today. I still think it's really good. I looked at it today. The emphasis is on less short-term parking. So less bike racks outside, more long-term bike parking like in multifamily residences. Which is really cool but hasn't been a requirement. And some of those spaces are required for electric bicycles to have them hooked up. Then long-term bike parking is also required, but to a lesser extent for most businesses. It's a big improvement, and it will be interesting to see the implementation and something new for developers to wrap their minds around it and start planning. Then Geneieve mentioned we've been working on other bike parking as an initiative. This is really exciting because the MPO will be purchasing bike racks from Reanimator, but they can only put on public property, and we saw that has a limitation, as you know where the need for bike parking is. So it's great that Bike Santa Fe is able to step up and help fill that gap. We still need to prioritize our bike parking locations, but it looks like parks, trails and bus stops will probably end up in the mix. Then we had also talked about with former Chair Michael Garcia getting funding from his funds for bike racks. The historic bike racks that go in the downtown area. I'm not sure what happened to that funding if it's still something we can pursue. We will look into that, but I did go ahead and find all the locations, measure them to make sure all measurements meet the code. I do have all these locations mapped out so we are ready to go when those funds are identified.

- c. Public Safety Advisory Committee (Steve Pilcher, BPAC Vice Chair)

We have been having a couple of special meetings these past few months to try and update its authorizing resolution and try to get better clarity regarding what its roles and responsibilities are. That work continues. We had a meeting on Tuesday for a couple of hours and mostly fire department capital expenditure requests were examined, though I understood correctly they had already been done by the council. So it was more of a FYI versus an action item for the committee. Hopefully, that is one of the things we will get more hammered out as we update our roles and responsibilities for the committee. There is some interest among some members in establishing more of a kind of citizens review board. For dealing with any questionable complaints regarding police department actions, I suppose it could also be the fire department actions. The Mayor happened to stop by and point out that there is somewhere simmering on the back burner a committee of that sort or for whichever reason the City has never called into being yet.

## 7. Discussion and Possible Action Items

- a. Continued Discussion on the Establishment of Scope and Official Name for BPAC's Ad Hoc Committee on Motorist Accountability in Collisions Involving Cyclists (Helen Wang)

**Motion:** Member Judith moved, seconded by Member Gerlicz to name BPAC's Ad HOC committee the Vulnerable Road User Task Force.

**Vote:** The motion was approved on the following:

**For:** Vice Chair Pilcher, all those in favor say "Aye" [everyone said "Aye"], all those opposed say "No" [no one said "No"].

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None

- b. Discussion of Potential Solutions to Improve the Trail Behind Vizcaya Apartments Crossing the Arroyo en Medio (Member Judith Gabriele)
- c. The League of American Bicyclists' Community Sparks Grant (Romella Glorioso-Moss, Staff Liaison)

**Motion:** Member Pilcher moved, seconded by Member Gabriele to direct staff to go ahead with the submittal of this grant application.

**Vote:** The motion was approved on the following:

**For:** Vice Chair Pilcher, all those in favor say "Aye" [everyone said "Aye"], all those opposed say "No" [no one said "No"].

**Against:** None

**Abstain:** None

- d. Discussion on Zia/Galisteo Housing Development Issues (Judith Gabriele, Member)
- e. Discussion on BPAC's Role in Major Redevelopment Projects (Steve Pilcher, Vice Chair)

## 8. Subcommittee Communications

- a. Policy, Planning and Law (Steve Pilcher, Chair)
- b. Promotion, Education and Communications (Judith Gabriel, Chair)

c. Technical Review (Gary Schiffmiller, Chair)

9. Matters from Staff

10. Matters from the Committee

11. Matters from the Chair

12. Next Meeting:

a. February 12, 2026

13. Adjourn

**Adjourn: 7:28pm**

Lucrecia Diaz \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk

*ROMELLA GLORIOSO-MOSS*

Liaison

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Chair