



# MINUTES

BICYCLE AND TRAILS  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 12, 2020 AT 5:30  
PM  
VIRTUAL MEETING

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Chair Michael Garcia  
Member Yolanda Eisenstein  
Member Bruce Finger  
Member Rob Morlino  
Member Sid Redner  
Member Yvette Serrano  
Member Khal Spencer  
Member Sky Tallman  
Member Judith Gabriele

**Members Excused:**

**Others Attending:**

Romella Glorioso-Moss, Special Projects Administrator

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Member Tallman moved, seconded by Member Spencer, to approve the agenda as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:**

**Against:**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**



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a. October 8, 2020

**MOTION:** Member Eisenstein moved, seconded by Member Tallman, to approve the minutes as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:**

**Against:**

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Tim Rogers, Trails Program Manager, Santa Fe Conservation Trust

Alta Vista Bike Lanes

I would like to compliment the City on the striping of Alta Vista St. between Cerrillos Rd. and St. Francis Dr., including what appear to be 4-5 ft.-wide striped shoulders fully functioning as bike lanes in each direction, including at the rail crossing, where they had been deficient in the past.

Now for the first time ever, we effectively have bike lanes the entire distance from NMDOT General Offices on Cerrillos to the Runnels Building on St. Francis, a stretch which is of course bisected by the Rail Trail and a Railrunner station, where bike-friendliness of Alta Vista is even more valuable.

The striping job as seen in these photos also demonstrate that there is enough room on this roadway to fit bike lanes and pedestrian median refuges for any trail crossings for the Rail Trail. I have been arguing with city staff and past BTAC Chairs about this for four or five years because I have known that the Rail Trail improvements that will continue south any day now to Alta Vista St. will completely eliminate space for bike lanes on Alta Vista St. in favor of extra-wide built medians, which will serve as "pedestrian refuges" for trail crossings on each side of the railroad tracks. (This is a lesson we should have learned on Siringo Rd., when Railrunner built a wide median for the Rail Trail at expense of space for bike lanes, and now cyclists get the "squeeze" on a road that otherwise has great bike lanes in each direction.)

As current striping demonstrates, an 8-10+ foot-wide (striped) median is all that is needed on the narrowest side (east of tracks), is sufficiently wide to function as a safe pedestrian refuge for the Rail Trail crossing on this side, and can indeed accommodate



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bike lanes on Alta Vista St. West of the track, where Alta Vista becomes wider, it is even easier to fit bike lanes, as current striping shows.

In short this median construction for the Rail Trail will be a senseless destruction of an on-road bicycle facility along Alta Vista that I know for a fact was never mentioned nor considered in initial nor subsequent planning and design for this project. The idea has since been stonewalled but the striping in place today proves the point that there is plenty of space to safely accommodate both needs. All we could use is a "change order" in the width of the built medians to save our Alta Vista bike lanes.

I hope public works can consider this change order so that we are not taking two steps forward and then one step back for bike-friendliness in Santa Fe.

## 6. PRESENTATION

- a. Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO Officer Erick Aune, AICP)
- b. Santa Fe Conservation Trust (Presentation of Phase 1 Wayfinding Project by Tim Rogers, Trails Program Manager)

## 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Request for Approval of BTAC Meeting Dates in 2021 (Romella Glorioso-Moss, Staff Liaison)

**MOTION:** Member Spencer moved, seconded by Member Eisenstein, to approve BTAC meeting dates in 2021 as presented.

**VOTE:** The motion was on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:**

**Against:**

- b. Nomination and Appointment of a BTAC Sitting Member to the Public Safety Committee as per Resolution #2018-14 (Romella Glorioso-Moss, Staff Liaison)



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Member Spencer moved, seconded by Member Eisenstein,  
**MOTION:** to approve the Appointment of Member Bruce Finger to Public Safety Committee as per Resolution #2018-14.

**VOTE:** The motion was on the following Roll Call vote:

**For:**

**Against:**

- c. Appointment of Lara Miller to Planning and Fundraising Sub-Committee to replace Eleonor Stevens as Member-at-Large (Councilor Michael Garcia, Chair)

Chair Garcia appointed Lara Miller as Member-at-Large to the Planning and Fundraising Committee to replace Eleonor Stevens.

- d. Request to Change the Name of Planning and *Fundraising* Subcommittee to Planning and *Funding* Subcommittee (Yolanda Eisenstein, Member)
- e. Request for Law and Policy Subcommittee to Establish the Process for Developing Partnerships with Other Local Public Bodies Particularly with the Santa Fe County Public Works and Other Non-profit Organizations (Sid Redner, Member).
- f. Request Roads Repavement of Galisteo St. from Cordova to Paseo de Peralta; and Buckman Rd. from the Dog Park to the End near NM 599 (Sid Redner, Member)

## 8. SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Law and Policy Subcommittee (Yolanda Eisenstein, Chair)
- b. Planning and Fundraising Subcommittee (Sky Tallman, Chair)
- c. Promotion, Education and Programming Subcommittee (Khalil Spencer, Chair)

## 9. MATTERS FROM STAFF



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10. **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

- a. What is the status of an Acequia Trail connection between Maez Road and La Cieneguita, which would make it possible to go from the south side of town to the Railyard without traveling on Cerrillos or Agua Fria? (Yolanda Eisenstein)
- b. Why was El Gancho repaved from Old Santa Fe Trail to Old Las Vegas Highway? (Sid Redner)

11. **MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR**

12. **NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 10, 2020**

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Liaison

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Chair