



City of Santa Fe

MINUTES

BICYCLE AND TRAILS
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JANUARY 14, 2021 AT 5:30 PM
VIRTUAL MEETING

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, Projects Administrator & Staff Liaison
Erick Aune, Santa Fe MPO Officer
Leah Yngve, Santa Fe MPO Transportation Planner
Hannah Burnham, Santa Fe MPO Planner Technician

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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



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

For: Chair Garcia, Member Eisenstein, Member Finger, Member Morlino, Member Redner, Member Serrano, Member Spencer, Member Tallman, Member Gabriele

Against: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 10, 2020

MOTION: Member Eisenstein moved, seconded by Member Spencer, to approve the as minutes of December 10, 2020 as presented.

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

For: Chair Garcia, Member Eisenstein, Member Finger, Member Morlino, Member Redner, Member Serrano, Member Spencer, Member Tallman, Member Gabriele

Against: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Morgan Roth from Bird's Scooter Government Partnership Team has introduced himself to BTAC Members. His company is aware of City's interest in developing micro-mobility transportation and would like to have the opportunity to work with the City to achieve City's sustainability goals.



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6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER AGENCIES

- a. Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (Erick Aune, AICP, SFMPO Officer)

Ms. Leah Yngve, MPO Transportation Planner reported that MPO and the City had a kick-off meeting this morning on multi-modal transit and parking study transition plan that MPO is assisting the City with. The project will study areas in the City in detail to see how bicycle and pedestrian connect to the transit system. It's a 5-year transit and parking analysis.

Erick Aune, MPO Officer reported that MPO is working with the City to advance mobility transition plan. MPO sees BTAC as a primary stakeholder and looks forward to BTAC's specific input as project progresses over the next 18 months.

Mr. Aune has also a quick comment as to Morgan's introduction. The MPO has been contacted by at least 3 e-scooters companies (in the recent months) to provide services to the City. There is really no mechanism for a company to make contact with the City. Mr. Aune wants to know what is the appropriate way to move forward exploring ideas (beyond the MPO) for micro-mobility. He understands that the City has major concerns about e-scooters; has a resolution banning e-scooters. MPO has written a white paper on this subject.

Member SkyTallman pointed out that there are two ways to do this: 1) through an RFP; and 2) via policy change where a scooter company apply for a permit. Would that be the approach we are taking ... to create a platform for a company to apply.

Mr. Aune said that it would be very similar how the City of Albuquerque did two years ago. But short answer is the City has no mechanism.

Member Khal Spencer commented there was a discussion in the Committee regarding e-scooter under previous Chair but does not know what happened.

Mr. Aune commented that MPO did a study the issue and appendage it in the Master Plan. According to the resolution, the City Manager has to make a



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decision on the matter in May 2020 but because of the pandemic it's very understandable that it is not in the list of her priorities. But he would like to move forward so companies are not in limbo land. Chair Garcia said he will reach out to City Manager and Mayor and ask what the status is and also ask if it would be feasible for BTAC to look into the process. Mr. Aune offered to provide the Chair with a brief.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Discussion on bicycle issues i.e. trail crossings on major roads, deteriorating condition of sharrows, winter riding on roads and trails, and usage of the electronic version of the city trail map (Khalil Spencer, BTAC Vice-Chair & PEP Sub-Committee Chair).

Since the City's Traffic Operations Manager Mr. Jose Lerma cannot attend this meeting, Staff Liaison asked Member Spencer to email her the questions he will ask at the meeting, so Mr. Lerma can email the answers to his questions to Staff Liaison:

Q1: What is the status of putting up the BMUFL (R4-11) signage? I would especially like to see BMUFL signs in critical areas such as when the River Trail ends and goes down to a sidewalk on Alameda. Currently, there is a tiny sign on the path that says "allowed to use full lane" but I don't know if it is an MUTCD compliant sign and its yellow, which means advisory. It doesn't formally indicate the MUP ends nor does it inform motorists. Signage may help educate bicyclists to get off the sidewalk and tell motorists why we are doing so. Recall the complaints about bike/ped conflicts. There is currently no unambiguous signage where the River Trail goes to a sidewalk as you enter town.

A1: The yellow "Bicycles allowed to use full lane" signs were ordered incorrectly. Since then our sign team has been changing out to the correct R4-11 signs – 30"x30" square, white background with black bicycle sign and lettering. We currently don't have a traffic engineer to make the necessary judgement or study to install more signs. This is usually contracted as well. Our sign team handles the signs and markings on city roadways and trails.



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Q2: Sharrows are wearing out in heavy traffic areas. I did a survey of the sharrows on Alameda and they are worn out and practically invisible. If you go over to Palace they are worn out and practically invisible. If you go over to Palace they are in great shape as traffic is light or perhaps they are newer. Does the City have a survey or sharrows and a schedule of when they get repainted? Again, sharrows are MUTCD markings that inform and educate as post the law requirements.

A2: Public Works had bought sharrows and the sign team installed them 8 years ago but no funding was allocated to maintain them. There are 278 sharrows installed.

Q3: Does the City have a catalog of which traffic lights do not respond to bicycle input? For example, at St. Francis and Camino de las Crucitas, I think we still have a magnetic loop detector. If I ride my steel bikes it triggers but if I ride my aluminum bikes it doesn't seem to see them.

A3: We don't have a detailed list of what signals that don't detect bicycles. We have some cameras that Public Works bought and signal shop team installed that will detect bicycles. Those intersections are:

1. Rodeo Rd/Richards Ave – all approaches
2. Richards Ave/Gov Miles Rd – all approaches
3. Zia Rd/Camino Carlos Rey – southbound approach
4. Siringo Rd/Camino Carlos Rey – north and southbound approach
5. Paseo de Peralta/Don Gaspar – southbound approach

Q4: Do we have any indication of how effective the No Right on red signs or the HAWK beacons are at pedestrian/bicycle crossings such as along the Rail Trail, or if there are complaints about non-compliance leading to close calls?

A4: No information.

Follow up questions from Members:

Member Spencer: Can BTAC send a priority list for sharrows replacement?

Staff Liaison: Great help to Public Works. Can also add it in the BTAC Strategic Work Plan.



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Member Gabriele asked how to ensure there would be budget for sharrows maintenance like a recurring budget item.

Staff Liaison: Two ways: 1) apply for funding for sharrows maintenance however chance is small because funding is available for construction but not for maintenance; maintenance is part of operational funds; 2) budget it for the next fiscal year.

Chair Garcia: Can add it to the resolution – we need to know how much to allocate for this purpose yearly. May be it would be better to leave it out because there are years that we have more money and years that we have less money.

Member Gabriele: Regarding the intersection issues – I think it's more than data; may be more of an enforcement issue. Is there any mechanism for enforcement.

Staff Liaison: May be that's an issue for Member Finger to bring to Public Safety Committee.

Member Finger: Attending Public Safety meeting on coming Tuesday. There's also a City link which he e-mailed everyone where one can report issues to the City and it works very well.

Member Tallman: Comment on sharrows maintenance – there are some recent studies that sharrows are not very effective to increase safety or ridership. So given City is facing a lot of budget constraints, it might be wise to focus on the most efficient counter measures. There are many other issues we need to prioritize our dollars with.

Member Spencer: But for areas that we have very limited space such as downtown sharrows are effective to encourage road sharing; it is not really effective as safety measure or for encouraging more riders.

- b. Review of Guadalupe Bridge Rehabilitation Project 60% Design Plan (Raymond Trujillo, WSP & Sky Tallman, BTAC Planning & Funding Sub-Committee Chair)



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Mr. Ray Trujillo, WSP Consultant for the Guadalupe Bridge Rehabilitation Project presented briefly the Scope of Work of the project: repair the bridge to extend the service life of the bridge, do some minor repaving, do sidewalk and median improvements and provide vehicular and pedestrian traffic controls during construction.

MOTION: Member Tallman moved, seconded by Member Spencer, to include in the design to put a buffer on the inside of the median on the other side of the crosswalk.

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

For: Chair Garcia, Member Eisenstein, Member Finger, Member Morlino, Member Redner, Member Serrano, Member Spencer, Member Tallman, Member Gabriele

Against: None

MOTION: Member Tallman moved, seconded by Member Spencer, to look into the feasibility of reducing the number of travel lanes on the bridge (currently has 5 lanes) based on the future Guadalupe St plan (2 lanes).

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

For: Chair Garcia, Member Eisenstein, Member Finger, Member Morlino, Member Redner, Member Serrano, Member Spencer, Member Tallman, Member Gabriele

Against: None

c. SFMPO Website Review (Erick Aune, MPO Officer).



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d. Staff Liaison's Report (Romella Glorioso-Moss)

8. SUBCOMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

a. Law and Policy Sub-Committee (Yolanda Eisenstein, Chair)

b. Planning and Funding Sub-Committee (Sky Tallman, Chair)

c. Promotion, Education and Programming Sub-Committee (Khalil Spencer, Chair)

9. MATTERS FROM STAFF

10. MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

11. MATTERS FROM THE CHAIR

12. NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 11, 2021

13. ADJOURN

Romella Glorioso-Moss

01/25/2021

Liaison

3/1/2021

Chair