

Text for the first ever GABAC required annual report.

GABAC is constituted by city ordinance for three missions.

- Advising those who design, maintain and build our transportation corridors
- Monitoring progress toward the long-term bicycle plan
- Promoting bicycling to the public, both for transportation and recreation

In 2018 GABAC focused much of its effort on advisement and increased its effort on monitoring progress towards a long-term bicycle plan. Promotion carried on with contributions from individual members.

- During the year, long standing vacancies were filled. This allowed a consistent quorum at meetings. The committee thanks the Keller administration.
- In August, the committee elected a chairperson and vice-chairperson as required by ordinance.
- In collaboration with the city, county and MRCOG the committee has continued to work on the long-range bike plan. GABAC is working on a list of high priority projects for incorporation into the updated plan.
- In June, the committee started a discussion of the City Bike Map. Members were concerned about errors and omissions in the current map.
- The committee passed a resolution asking the city to hire a “bicycle coordinator” who would have overall responsibility for coordinating bicycle related work with various governmental entities.
- The committee advised on numerous projects by the City, County, MRCOG and the State.
- The committee continued, through the entire year, pushing for a solution to a dangerous rail crossing on El Pueblo NW. It is currently drafting a letter to appropriate railroad and government officials that exposes the situation and calls for a solution.

The committee was represented, with materials from the city and personal presence of members, at bike to work day and at the Bike Community Meet & Greet at Old Town Farm. The community Meet & Greet was directed at the bicycling public and at government officials and employees whose work affects the bicycling public. The intention was to promote beneficial contacts among different groups. Generous help from Municipal Development and BikeABQ made the event possible. There were a few “landmark achievements for city bicycling:

- City council passed an ordinance prohibiting parking in bike lanes in June. Enforcement is starting. GABAC was involved in the advisement process prior to the passage of this ordinance.
- A 20mph zone downtown is under consideration by city council. GABAC has actively worked as an advisory committee regarding this issue as well.
- Work is starting on the last remaining at-grade crossing of the North Diversion Channel trail. The trail will be completely separated from motor vehicle traffic. GABAC will continue to help advise and integrate suggestions into this plan as it progresses.

During the year there was ongoing discussion about several continuing issues:

- Railroad crossings on El Pueblo Road, NW continue to be a danger do cyclists. The committee continues to push for a fix.
- Hiring a Bicycle/Pedestrian coordinator for the city. The committee continues to push for a hire.