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**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE BICYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2015

**Members Present**

Scott Hale, Chair  
Douglas Stiebler  
Mark Aasmundstad

Ed Hillsman  
Dan Majewski  
Scot Key

**Staff Present**

Debbie Bauman, COA-DMD  
Ron Romero, COA-DMD  
Tom Menicucci, COA-Council Services  
Carrie Barkhurst, COA Planning  
Jason Coffey, COA-Parks and Recreation  
Andrew Webb, COA COA-Council Services  
Chuck Malagodi, COA-Parks and Recreation  
Gabriel Boyle, COA-DMD  
Hugh Hulse, COA Parks and Recreation

**Members Absent**

Larry Gilbert  
Moises Gonzalez

**Guests**

John Barncastle  
Victor Jaramillo  
Diane Cress

- **Mr. Hale called the meeting to order** (4:35pm)
- **The presence of a Quorum was established**
- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Approval of the December 15, 2015 Agenda**  
A motion was made to approve the agenda; motion passed.
- **Approval of 2016 GABAC Meeting Schedule:** GABAC approved every proposed date except October, which will require further discussion.
- **Public Comment**
  - **Victor Jaramillo**– Restriping bike lanes and paths still feels’ strongly about fluorescent white paint. Currently, thermoplastic in CABQ has reflective materials. Car tires run it over then it covers the reflective stuff. NMDOT uses reflective paint and repaints every year except where plows are.
  - **John Barbcastle**– The police report is still not available. The news story disappeared. BikeABQ volunteered to publish a letter. Silda revised the letter. Craig was going to revise the letter but still hasn’t. We understand the problem but we don’t know how to address it.
- **Announcements/Administrative**
  - **Scott Hale**- GABAC would like to get list of unwarranted traffic signals (note: there probably is not “a list”). Debbie has never seen it and she’s asked for it and is trying to track it down.
  - This past week, the FAST Act was passed at the Federal level. We need to look at it.
  - **Scott Hale**- Here in ABQ there has been a lot of recent fatalities that some are potentially related to infrastructure. **Dan Majewski**- There was an update, the person was hit from behind in the right lane they think it was a marron vehicle. We will share the article on Facebook. It was a hit and run apparently.
  - **Scott Hale**-There was controversy over a decision GABAC made. It wasn’t perfect but the ABQ Journal incorrectly covered it (Singing Road). Context of our letter was safety. Personally, being in the middle of it, it sets our community back.
  - **The map – send in comments to Gabe.** A lot of confusion occurs with the existing striping and signage. **Ed:** if you see something on the map and it’s not accurate, please report it. We need eyes on the street.
  - **Gabriel Boyle**- would prefer that you contact him vs. just calling 311. Scott knows people who have tried to report and it hasn’t worked. It sounds like doing both is the best option. Gabe receives a report about 311 calls every month. Can we see a copy of that report?
  - **Scott Hale**-Public participation request from GABAC members regarding Charlie’s email on observations from our meeting. Please get comments to Scott.
- **Staff Reports**
  - **BernCo – Nolan Bennett**
  - **Alameda Drain Master Plan** – Effort to look at the Alameda Drain (entire corridor). There is an existing trail on Matthew. We are looking at Alameda Drain from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street all the way to the pueblo. Looking at many different aspects including storm water,

- vegetation, amenities etc. Have documentation and each of the segments of the drain different widths etc. Each segment is slightly different. Looked at width, etc. There are 2 somewhat imminent projects on Alameda drain: County project starting Montañño (north) has some money. At I-40 and Rio Grande, some private property owners are working on possible trail opportunities (Garcia family). There are people who use the drain as property access sometimes there are conflicts. Two things we are considering are putting the trail on the west side or the east side of the drain each has issues. The conservancy district likes 10-20 ft wide easement for maintenance of the drain and access. We want to use a swale to discourage driving. We would likely pull the trail to the intersections for arterial crossings. Looking at various options on the side streets. We would be willing to sit down and talk about which side of the drain the trail should be on.
- We will have a Public meeting – Jan. 20. Want to do site visits as well on the (we think its 30<sup>th</sup>) for those who want to ride.
  - **Sunport/Woodward Project, Bridge**-(Jan. 13 meeting) on Bridge (restriping).
  - **Sunset** - potentially restriping, potential multimodal project, extremely constrained ROW.
  - Bernalillo County has a call center like 311. **Dan:** Is there a place on line to go? Nolan 848-1503 will send us more info.
  - BernCo looking at hiring Sprinkle Consulting for ongoing contract for 3<sup>rd</sup> party review. Connection at Rio Grande and I-40 “connection”? Nolan we will have some suggestion for some connections. Where do we connect people from the trail? There is no timeline.
  - County used to have a GABAC staff position in the past. The county decided not to participate in this forum. Something we could revisit.
- **DMD – Debbie and Gabe**
    - **Debbie Bauman**- Lots of updates taking place during the discussion. We have now installed the last pie shaped bike locker in our inventory.
    - **Debbie Bauman**- E-lockers – really seem to be something the rest of the country is looking at. This is something we are working through. Things like where we would put them we are working with transit potentially for placement. For people that still need a bike locker, old bike lockers are available to be relocated.
    - **Debbie Bauman**- Draft RFP for the bike feasibility study is making the rounds internally at DMD. We will bring it back once is it is reviewed.
    - **Gabriel Boyle** – We had our first “bike to work day” meeting. We talked about some of the goals for “bike to work day”. The overarching goal was to increase new riders. There is a lot of stuff about encouraging ridership in the plan which has a goal of 5 percent mode share. We have been looking at different groups to assist in encouragement which is one of the 5 E’s and in the BTFP. Looking at encouragement there is a lot of growth potential. National goals talk about increasing ridership.
    - **Julie Luna**- did a great job at providing numbers, about 1000 last year. Let’s circulate those numbers.
    - **Scott Hale**- missed the e-lockers presentation or discussion wanted to state that communities with rail and transit are having issues with the safe bike parking.

- **Debbie Bauman-** MLK is moving and we need to do education and outreach for the new design before construction happens. The message and target audiences needs to be flushed out.
- **Park and Recreation Hugh and Jason**
  - **Huge Hulse-** In the last 2.5 years we have been doing the “earn a bike” we now over 700 bikes earned in the program. Intended to teach mechanics and safe cycling.
  - **Huge Hulse-** Esperanza teaches from the bike map! We are all creatures of habit. People want to route themselves along driving and bus routes. Want to reiterate, though there are problems with the data set we have seen in previous maps, the map is still a really good document! And along the same lines I have been talking to a lot of people in my classes, who are concerned about the amount of info on the map. From the end user standpoint, don’t want it to be too information dense!
  - **Ed Hillsman-** Is there stuff that would be helpful to new riders that’s not on the map?
  - **Hugh Hulse-** No. If anything, it’s too busy and confusing as is. There should be more info about transit or it needs to be connected somehow. A lot of patrons (in his classes) use transit. Lots of confusion about what the colors mean, people who don’t know how to use maps. The waterproof maps are fantastic!! It’s increasing their ability to be used.
  - **Huge Hulse -** lack of signage is a problem. The lines on the map and the signage need to match. Could increase the signage where it says “bike route”. What does it all imply to the end user? Hugh sends people to 311. Telling people to call, not email, app, etc.
  - **Scott Hale-** Is there a hierarchy? Do people understand bike lanes more than other features on the map?
  - **Hugh Hulse-** people immediately understand the multiuse trails. The lanes are something that people pick out because they can see it on the ground. Bike routes are more abstract. There isn’t something on the road talking about where you are supposed to be. Bike blvds – mixed reviews cause there aren’t enough around town for people to get used to them.
  - GABAC - City cycling class, please give us info so we can sit in, thanks Hugh.
  - **Mark Aasmundstad-** On bike routes, do sharrows help?
  - **Hugh Hulse-** not sure. People hear about sharrows in class but don’t really talk about later because maybe they don’t see them.
  - **Dan Majewski-** Is it specifically the lack of signage on bike routes or incorrect signage?
  - **Huge Hulse-** The stuff I’m hearing isn’t so much they got lost but that there is no signage identifying the routes.
  - **Scott Hale-** Have you heard of any intimidation, on a bike routes, where they get to the route and it’s too intimidating?
  - **Huge Hulse-** I believe that is an underlying issue with a lot of this.
  - **Doug Stiebler-** On Bike routes it’s easy to implement “bike may use full lane” signs. Would that be something easy to understand?
  - **Hugh Hulse-** It might sure but it can’t hurt.
  - **Jason Coffey-** About to begin a bridge and trail evaluation study. We will include inventory of all the trails and bridges currently maintained by Parks and Rec. They want GABAC to be involved in the way-finding development of the project. Parks and Rec needs input. Work with agencies to make sure that consistency is there.
  - **Jason Coffey-** Bollard study 55 bollards were installed in phase 1. We are still working on phase 2. Ordered 80 bollards total. Results are getting better as they progress through. Only a handful of trails left.

- **Jason Coffey**- Bosque trail at Montaña pipe gate removal scheduled for Monday, Dec. 28 - Dec. 31. Plan is put out signage around the trail 5 days beforehand. Jason will check it out, make sure it looks right.
- **Scott Hale**- Can we widen curb cut?
- **Jason Coffee**- Not as part of this.
- **Dan Majewski**- Recommended a detour route.
  
- **Planning**
  - **Carrie Barkhurst**- Juan Tabo Hills, unit 2 a second phase of the Juan Tabo development, at the south end of Juan Tabo. The development is a plat review and proposes bike lanes and trails.
  - Alameda, west of Louisiana - as part of off-site improvements, they are widening road, which will include bike lanes.
  - **Doug Stiebler**- Can we fix that bridge south of the arroyo on Juan Tabo?
  - **Carrie Barkhurst**- I believe that it would be a DMD study, project.
  - **Carrie Barkhurst**- Update on 50 Mile Loop – First phase completed. Next steps: working on an overall signage plan. Branding, turns, etc. **Second** Working in the downtown area for cycle track. Couplet - one on 4<sup>th</sup>, one on 5<sup>th</sup>. Third trying to fix Coors / Eagle Ranch... in 2018. Federal funds involved. Plan to have 43.5 miles out of 50 complete by 2017.
  
- **Council Services Andrew and Tom**
  - **Andrew Webb**- Implementation of Jeff Speck recommendations –
    - \$900,000 set aside in bonding capacity for Jeff Speck implementation that will come online in early 2016. Met with GABAC members and engineering staff. Looking at low hanging fruit.
    - Finishing Coal w/ buffered bike lanes up to I-25. Benton wants to get that going ASAP. As geo bonds become available, want to complete Coal over the bridge over the railroad tracks. Connect the route to Alcalde.
    - Some of the funding will also go towards studying a conversion of Tijeras / Marquette and making them 2-way streets. Will also work with Innovate ABQ planners to work on solving issue with Tijeras. Look at potentially switching that to Tijeras to turn it into a T intersection. Would include closing the small stretch of Tijeras from Commercial to Broadway, making MLK / Broadway into a 4 way intersection.
    - Working with Mayors Office on parking study.
    - Looking at signals downtown, looking at turning some of those into 4 way stops. Working with DMD to fund a study. Will start with 4-way flash test.
  - **Andrew Webb**- Girard is under deign, went to DRC in Mid-November. There will be a public meeting in Jan. or Feb. Project would start with paint / phasing.
  - **Scott Hale**- There is a lot of good stuff can we look to put it on Facebook or something
  - **Tom Marriuchi**- The councilor wants to improve traffic safety on San Yisidro.
  
- **NMDOT Margaret**
  - El Pueblo realignment: very preliminary.
  - PDN / I-25: signal phasing - Starting to collect data. Going to do a count and turn analysis. The queuing goes through the next intersection and that's why it's permissive. We are looking at all options.
  
- **MRCOG Julie**

- Want to dig into Strava data. Julie is sharing some bites. Looked at area around ETC! Stop getting data after 6 PM... many limitations of Strava data. This is an entire year of data.
- **Presentations**
  - **Central / Unser – Scott Eddings**
    - This project was initially identified as a longer corridor but because of funding it is being broken into two phases. Currently phase 1 is at 30% design. Project is not moving quickly. Primary reason to focus on Central / Unser is due to fed money. Moving more quickly here cause no ROW issues. Had a very low turnout at public meeting. This money is available in 2017.
    - Project scope is the intersection for this phase – widening of road. 3 lanes + auxiliary lanes. Dedicated bike in north and south bound directions. And the 50 Mile Loop segment so 12 ft. multiuse trail.
    - **Doug Stiebler-** Why is the bike lane different sizes going different directions?
    - **Scott Eddings-** It widens because of the turning movements at the intersection.
    - **Scot Key-** Do you have expected daily numbers once it is completed?
    - **Scott Eddings-** Yes we have current year and design year.
    - **Dan Majewski-** This project is being built for 2035 is that correct?
    - **Scott Edding-** Yes
    - **Dan Majewski-** Is there something specific you want us to look at?
    - **Scott Edding-** Movements through the intersection would like to meet with anyone please give feedback!
    - **Mark Aasmundstad-** Recommended green paint for the MUP in the intersection.
    - **Scott Eddings-** Asked if there was a writing recommendation from GABAC or how did it work?
    - **Dan Majewski-** Often we designate someone to work with by email.
    - **Dan Majewski-** Stated white does not show up well on cement might need to back with black.
  - **Gibson- Terry Brown**
    - Gibson and Walker, new development what was proposed. Projecting 100 left turns / hour at the AM PM peak hour left off Gibson and Walker.
    - **Dan Majewski-** So the goal is to reduce traffic on University
    - **Terry Brown-** The goal is to reduce left turn traffic off of Gibson on to University because of the new development.
    - **Terry Brown-** Stated signs were one of their proposed actions.
    - **GABAC-** if you're going to build this at all, make the left turn bay as narrow as possible in order to bring cars to a complete halt vs. slowing them down. EX: Holly at Wyoming.
- **Adjourn (I stopped the recorder at 6:45 pm)**