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GREATER ALBUQUERQUE BICYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2016

Members Present

Scott Hale, Chair
Douglas Stiebler
Mark Aasmundstad
Moises Gonzalez

Ed Hillsman
Dan Majewski
Scot Key

Staff Present

Ron Romero, COA-DMD
Jason Coffey, COA-Parks and Recreation
Gabriel Boyle, COA-DMD
Hugh Hulse, COA-Parks and Recreation
Julie Luna, MRCOG
Jason Coffey, COA-Parks and Recreation
Margaret Haynes, NMDOT

Members Absent

Larry Gilbert

Guests

John Barncastle
Victor Jaramillo
Diane Cress

Mr. Hale called the meeting to order

(4:45pm)

The presence of a Quorum was established

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of the January amended Agenda

- **Scott Hale-** Added 3 bullets: community events, upcoming public meetings, and subcommittee meetings for people who are interested. Tomorrow Ed and I are going to meet with MTB.
- **Gabriel Boyle-** For clarification what does MTB mean for those who may not know.
- **Scott Hale-** Metropolitan Transportation Board and the chair is Debbie O'Malley. It's a very basic meeting mainly to check in and make sure they know us because for a long time they didn't.

A motion was made to approve the agenda; motion passed.

Approval of December Minutes

- **Gabriel Boyle-** Recommended that the minute approval be postponed as he had sent out a draft and wasn't sure it had been corrected he had corrected them but they were not sent out in the email.
- **Scott Hale-** Stated he wanted to make a comment, he has been on GABAC for years now and has never seen the meeting minutes make sense. When he read the meeting minutes he was really excited... We have been taking notes Dan, and since the minutes are so much better maybe we wait to post the notes on Facebook until we approve the minutes and just post the minutes.
- **Gabriel Boyle-** Stated he uses the notes from Dan to create the minutes and it helps him a lot in crafting the minutes.

Public Comment

- **John Barncastle-** Mentioned last week he was able to pick up a copy for the report accident back in September. It is completely fraudulent they are inventing there was a second person when it was the witness that the officer was talking to. Which they did not get her information. John is requesting cam recorders or whatever they had on. APD did no investigation. Group of people who are meeting at the SE substation committee meeting have also been hit by cars and are unhappy with APD. We also have a letter from BikeABQ. BikeABQ has paid for training for officers the past few years and they are going to do that again.

GABAC Members reports

- **Scott Hale-**
 - Highlights/Opportunities from meeting with Terry Brown and Tierra West
Ron Bohannon is on the executive committee to revise the DPM.
They work a lot with the developers they would like us to make it clear to them what they need for bike parking.
 - GABAC Member Project Checklist
GABAC purposes vs. DMD purposes.
Created for GABAC members when they go out to a facility to look at what the items are.
 - Icing/Snow removal and debris—bike lane, trail, path surfaces
We have places that ice is a huge issue if the snow was removed the first day it would go away. It's a maintenance issue and engineering issue.
It's something we need to continue to discuss and resolve. We could probably get volunteers to do it if we would get shovels, brooms out to facilities
 - Brings up larger issue of year round surface condition—at what point is facility

considered unserviceable (3-6" cracks?), raised bollard bases for example (just want to get Parks thinking about it)

- Crashes, Injuries and Fatalities (Traffic Violence)—How do we reduce the carnage; what do we do about escalation, law enforcement participation, Administration guidance (Mayor's Challenge/Vision Zero); Council?
- Headline/Tiburon

I was out there last week at the turn bar to turn south off Headline on to Tiburon and a car was coming right at me I had to dive out of the way. I think we have a roadway behavior we need to fix either through engineering tools, a three way stop, there are a number of things.

Can I get DMD Engineer to meet me in field Ron?

Ron Romero- I'll schedule a meeting to go out there.

- Awesome New Tool—It's called a "Traffic Calming Request"

Click on it and it brings up a GIS map and you click and it brings up a dialog box checklist drops down.

- Safety
- Speeding
- Excess Traffic
- Cut-through Traffic
- Bicycle or Pedestrian
- Commercial Vehicle Registration
- Parking
- Noise

It's a great tool I was number 22 to use it.

Dan Majewski- It's a link, Traffic Calming Request key word on CABQ. One thing I would like to add is that there is a map of current traffic calming request.

Scott Hale- The qualifying speed is 25 or under.

Dan Majewski- There is bunch of criteria. CABQ.gov/traffic

Julie Luna- Just to clarify the road has to be a residential local road and if there is over 400 people in the peak hour then the will implement something.

Doug Stiebler- How do they establish that there are 400 vehicles?

Julie Luna- They would have to do a traffic study.

Staff Reports

- **DMD- Gabriel Boyle**

- **Discussion of election of GABAC officers and committee reappointments**

Gabriel Boyle- We should have had this on the December agenda probably. So next month, we will reelect positions. So the positions are chair and vice chair there is not a secretary.

Scott Hale- We got to do an annual report every year I guess that won't happen this year. Gabe did not know we were required to write an annual report until he saw the GARTC one and saw it in the ordinance. There are two ordinances there's the GABAC ordinance and then there is the boards and commissions ordinance.

Victor Jaramillo- Submitted an application for GABAC and it got lost.

Gabriel Boyle- You were working with Debbie?

Scott Hale- There is a new staff person in Boards and Commissions Office. I doubt they lost it. It likely went in and they had this transition and they just misplaced it.

- **Bike map Gabriel Boyle-** Ed did a tremendous job providing an additional round of comments. I feel the data set itself is actually looking pretty good. We're talking about doing different things with our mapping. What I want to focus on is that; we

have deadlines to complete the new map for 2016. The data is always going to be open for you guys to come back, anybody to come back, and say this isn't accurate on the map, but we're going to move past that to map creation. We would like the subcommittee to continue meeting. The mapping committee is specifically dealing with the bicycle map and the production of it. Hugh mentioned some of the concerns he had. We are planning a series of committee meetings the next few weeks working on the map. We should come to GABAC in February. The bike map needs to go to print by the end of March. On map, we are looking at: level of stress (comfort), air pumps, water fountains, bike share, transit lines, transit stops, etc. We have compiled maps from other places. So other considerations are how to depict hills. We are ready to move forward beyond the data and look at depiction of the data.

Scott Hale – What specifically is a deliverable for GABAC next month? Are we going to have an opportunity to comment on a printed map draft?

Gabriel Boyle – Our goal is to have a couple of map committee meetings after which we will come forward with 3 different options. We will bring these options to GABAC for recommendations, conditions, and ideas.

Scott Hale-Will the inaccurate stuff from the 2015 map be corrected?

Gabriel Boyle- Yes, it already has been. There was over 80 errors that were not correct on 2015 map.

Ed Hillsman-There was a disconnect between the cleanup of the data from the bike plan and the printing of the map.

Scott Hale- GABAC members were given an assignment to look at their quadrants and give us feedback. I was one that didn't do that for whatever reason. I'm thinking of 2nd street from way out in the north. That's a wicked road and that's on the map. And do we want to print that? We haven't had a discussion on that.

Gabriel Boyle- I think that the opportunity to discuss that is in February and it can be sent as part of the recommendation. It's an incremental improvement the map is a living document we will be updating it every year. This is our first stab at making better.

Moises Gonzalez- Are we going to see it next meeting and then the following meeting give you our comments?

Gabriel Boyle- The map will be sent out ahead of time for the next meeting so that we can provide comments before the meeting.

Scott Hale- Another issue is Ron Bohannon said the developers are currently using the bike map to guide decisions but they should be using the bike plan, plan for future facilities. Is that what planning wants?

- **Field review checklist Gabriel Boyle**- This is a draft copy. Original intention with this document was to design a tool that could be used by GABAC. It's more for GABAC than anyone else.

Scott Hale- GABAC was struggling with every month we talked about different stuff and we miss stuff. So it's a comprehensive way based on when you went out to Campus actually. There were a bunch of criteria I thought this is great let's get a checklist.

Ron Romero- We at DMD, have engineering stuff we look at, and you look beyond just engineering so someplace we have to come to the middle. So I think what Gabe has come up with is someplace in the middle so it works for us and it works for you.

Scott Hale- Well that's pretty awesome I think it will. The other misconception is that everything on the checklist needed to be filled out.

- **Map of anticipated DMD engineering projects Gabriel Boyle-** Divided by quadrant. The DMD quadrants are divided via interstate. These are ONLY the DMD projects in **design**. There is a missing project Ladera Phase 1 which I highlighted on your maps. And Singer project goes all the way to Jefferson. So what I propose is if you have any questions about projects in your quadrant give me a call and can I identify the project manager.

Scott Hale- This is really awesome and I want more. I know there is a lot of project's the county is doing in here. That are in design I would really like to see that visual over time. It would be helpful to see all the other stuff on here (the County, NMDOT, Park and Rec, etc.)! Headline and Tiburon where is that Ron?

Ron Romero- Keep in mind this is only design and those are in construction.

Scott Hale- Can we throw construction in there?

Ron Romero- The only problem is it can be ongoing or completed construction. We could put the ongoing construction potentially.

Ed Hillsman- When a project gets completed how is Josef or Gabe, notified, when a project is completed.

Ron Romero- There is a GIS layer for projects and we need to tell that layer they are complete.

Scott Hale- Maintenance stuff how are those put in there?

Ron Romero- I have a list of maintenance projects and I need to sit down with Phillip Romo. Once we come to an agreement on what we are going to do, I can come to you guys and let you know what we are going to do.

- **MLK Ron Romero-** We are still working on ROW issues.

Moises Gonzalez- What ROW issues are we talking about?

Ron Romero- Broadway MLK where Jacksons MMA is and the other is up by the frontage road that little doctor's office where we are adding right turn lanes. The plans are 100 percent.

Moises Gonzalez- Does it look like you are going to get the ROW?

Ron Romero- Yeah it's just a process we have to go through we have to go through offers the whole process until we acquire those two pieces of property.

Moises Gonzalez- One of the things I had asked a couple months ago was about the 6 foot lane which is really nice now except it is being used as a right turn lane now. The real concern is the longer it's left like that people are just going to use it as a right lane. You could put something on the road etc.

Ron Romero- We are going to rehab the whole thing and at that time we can stripe it accordingly.

Scott Hale- Maybe some raise disk or delineator's in the interim because he has a good point if we allow the behavior in the interim.

Moises Gonzalez- Maybe you throw down a bicycle thermal plastic right there.

- **DMD Striping and Signing Replacement Policy Statue and Schedule Ron Romero-** Basically that falls on traffic not engineering. So if you have any concerns you may just want to call 311.
 - Gabriel Boyle-** In addition traffic stated, indirectly, they do not have budget to replace signs or restripe.
- **Bike lane street sweeper Gabriel Boyle-** There is a bike lane street sweeper so if there are issues with debris in bike lanes call 311.
 - Dan Majewski-** Is this new?
 - Ron Romero-** No we have had it for four years.
 - Moises Gonzalez-** How does it differ from a regular street sweeper?
 - Ron Romero-** It is a little smaller.
 - Scott Hale-** Does it work for trails too?
 - Ron Romero-** They use it for streets.
 - Scott Hale-** Can we get a presentation on that?
 - Ed Hillsman-** Is there a regular schedule for sweeping the bike lanes?
 - Ron Romero-** It's kind of a yes and no, because the way Romo does it is he'll schedule a roadway that need to be done and he'll also respond to 311's. I can ask Romo to come in and do a presentation.
 - Scott Hale-** I would ask that. To give you an specific example Montano bridge there is always clean outs on the bridge that get full of leaves so snow melts and gets jammed up and freezes.
- **Parks and Recreation Jason-** The trails maintenance supervisor with parks management to develop a more robust winter maintenance protocol for the trails. We are honing in on the spots where it's needs to be done making sure we have the right supplies. Parks management was turned down is working on getting a better sweeper. They have one but it doesn't work very well.
 - Jason Coffee-** Projects in the pipeline in the next few weeks: North Diversion between Menaul and Tucker: It's a basically a renovation with a little widening with surfacing, signage and striping. It could start in the next few weeks depending on weather.
 - Ed Hillsman-** How are we letting people know this is going to happen?
 - Jason Coffee-** We're leery of recommending detours.
 - Scott Hale-** We absolutely have to have a detour.
 - Jason Coffee-** We could not do the project also, I don't know of a good detour is what I'm trying to say. I personally don't ride in there.
 - Dan Majewski-** Washington is the best option.
 - Jason Coffee-** There is going to be a renovation project on the University Trail south of Rio Bravo erosion problems need to be corrected.
 - Scott Hale-** Let's create a committee for Scott, Jason, Dan to look at creating detours.
 - Jason Coffee-** There is a chance they could do the detour on the trail.
- **NMDOT Margaret Haynes-** Coors restriping bike lanes that going to begin in the spring, originally, we were talking about ending the bike lane at Sipi. And that way Wilson & Co. working for the city of Albuquerque is working on the next phase of the 50 Mile Loop. The next phase is at Eagle Ranch road. For me it makes since if we end the bike lane at Eagle Ranch Road instead of carrying it on to Sipi. The striping would only be in there a year should the bike lanes end at Eagle Ranch.

Scott Hale- You absolutely need to have the bike lane for that year going north. South bound that section is going to have to remain. I have one more question about a study for the slip lane (On Paseo/i25 Interchange) did we just fail to educate motor vehicles users that left turners cannot access I 25? Do we need a new study or can't we just have an engineer look at it?

Margaret Haynes- We have an engineer doing counts at peak hours AM, midday, and PM.

Scott Hale- The reason this is important is GABAC members is driver pattern and the old way of doing things now people are starting to use the slip lane.

Margaret Haynes- The traffic data was projected for the project so we want to study it now there has been a lot of signage added that wasn't originally there.

Scott Hale- Maybe we didn't do a good job of PR and what I saw this morning was drivers using the slip lane. So it appears the engineering is much better than I thought.

- **MRCOG Julie Luna-** Did a Strava data analysis for Randolph, Gibson, Yale, and University. There was a request for data for these locations.

Dan Majewski- Is there a gap because there isn't an official street.

Julie Luna- The strava data attaches to nodes not links so that's why there is a gap there.

Scott Hale- Ed pointed out that Yale has a lot of traffic and there are no facilities there. This is awesome Julie!!

Presentations

- **Campus Gabriel Boyle-** I wasn't able to put all the variations of Campus but this idea seemed to be the most supported. We have striped parking lanes, sharrows and bike may use full lanes signs proposed. Once again this is an issue where we have seen people parking in the bike lane.
 - **Moises Gonzalez-** The one thing I talked about was taking out the center stripe.
 - **Dan Majewski-** Is there anything we can do.
 - **Scott Hale-** We can certainly write a letter. And when we are talking striping when you do a parking lane it's confused by cyclist to be a bike lane and by motorist. Why stripe the parking lane? And in the MUTCD are we supposed to have cross hatch every so often for parking.
 - **Doug Stiebler-** Why stripe parking then? It doesn't make sense.
 - **Dan Majewski-** The point of the striping is to visually narrow the space and thus reduce speed.
 - **Doug Stiebler-** I think the cars parked there slow down speed.
 - **Dan Majewski-** I recommend that they do what they did in Nob Hill and stripe the individual spaces.
 - **Scott Hale-** So that leads to the question about the use of sharrows and striped parking in all the research I have read if you do parking striping do not do sharrows. The studies are out of Portland State. So the question is striping allowed.
 - **Doug Stiebler-** Didn't we have a discussion nobody knows what a sharrow means why put it down there signs are much more informative.
 - **Scott Hale-** They did find that cars don't see them over a certain speed.

- **Gabriel Boyle-** I would like to say one thing I have noticed sharrows during the day I don't see them but at night I see them.
- **Moises Gonzalez-** But I still think you take out the middle stripe.
- **Gabriel Boyle-** What I would vision coming from this board that would be part of your recommendation. You recommend whatever it is with the condition A,B,C.

- **Scott Hale-** We need to make a motion and have a vote. **Moises** makes a motion second by **Dan** Based upon the research we recommend approval with the following conditions:
 - The center yellow stripe be removed.
 - The parking lane needs to look more like a parking lane so no one mistakes it for a bike lane.
- **Mark Aasumndstad** – Encouragement and PR for this project we are looking at the 5 E's? We need a partnership with UNM and the neighborhoods in the area. We need to get the message out.
- **Ron Romero** – We can't remove the center stripe if it's not a residential street. Also to let you know I looked at parking and sharrows on Comanche and it can be done. So I would like to see the research you have seen (Scott Hale) to see what it is saying about sharrows and parking.
- **MLK PR stuff Gabriel Boyle-** PR for MLK is in the works. We have a lot to cover green paint Copenhagen left.
 - **Scott Hale-** We had years ago a thing called the bus. The point being and I think Debbie mentioned this one to me but this is a great one for a subcommittee. We have people on GABAC with media experience.
 - **Gabriel Boyle-** How about I send out an e-mail before for those who are interested in case we need to me prior to next meeting.
 - **Scott Hale-** Lets just decide now I'll chair it
 - **Moises Gonzalez-** It's my area I'm interested.
 - **Scott Hale-** I would request is Mark Mosco still here he has the experience on Lead Coal because I think there were some lesson learned on Lead Coal and Chuck Malagodi has some insight on the issue.

- **Bike route signage inventory Gabriel Boyle-** There is really no money for signage. I believe signage is a big issue for our bike routes. There has been a lot of discussion of what is a bike route. A bike route is actually not a bike route it is a shared roadway by the definition. And a bike route is a sign that's a wayfinding sign the fundamental wayfinding for a shared roadway. Bike routes are not defined in the MUTCD or AASHTO. We use it to define our shared roadways and we call them bike routes. So I noticed and I have noticed with a lot of people I have gone out with there is a serious lack of bike route signage on the shared roadways. And in addition to the bike route signs missing there are no share the road signs either. We have had discussion about replacing share the road with bicycle may use full lane. This is something we are looking at. Doug provided a link a great potential pilot project for Southern from Eubank to Moon. There is no bike route sign there. GABAC can look at, by quadrant, what's high priority for replacing / adding signs. Signage can really improve the network. I will give us a set of guidelines and we can follow it to identify priorities.
 - **Scott Hale-** I think it's extremely low hanging fruit and it's probably very cost effective. Way finding can be done two ways—signs and pavement markings.

GABAC Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2016

MEETING ADJOURNED (6:35 pm) -

NEXT MEETING: February 8, 2016