



Tim Keller, Mayor

# Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC) – AGENDA

May 13, 2024 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM



Meeting will be held virtually.  
Zoom meetings will be recorded for notetaking purposes.  
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Join by Zoom: <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/86730137590>  
Join by Phone: +1 346 248 7799  
ID: 867 3013 7590

- **GAATC member introductions**

Welcome, Alex!

[ ] Ryan Mast (Vice Chair)  
NE Quadrant

[ ] Dr. Naomi George  
SE Quadrant

[ ] Alex Applegate  
NW Quadrant

[ ] Vacant  
SW Quadrant

[ ] Vacant  
Pedestrians + Transit  
Users

[ ] Josiah Hooten  
Bicyclists

[ ] Vacant  
Represent individuals  
w/a Disability

[ ] Aaron Hill (Chair)  
Youth (Under 24)

[ ] Lanny Toning  
Older Adults (over 60)

- **Staff introductions**

- **Members of the public introductions**

- **Approval of May 13, 2024 Meeting Agenda**

- **Approval of April 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

- **Public Comments** (Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per audience member)
  - Please email comments to Valerie Hermanson ([vhermanson@cabq.gov](mailto:vhermanson@cabq.gov)) before the meeting (**must be received by 4 pm on May 13, 2024**) OR use the virtual raise hand feature during the meeting. In the meeting, please wait until recognized to begin comments.

- **Discussion / Action Items**

1. **Discussion:** Review Bernalillo County letter of support for an active transportation planning grant for preliminary engineering design of Isleta Drain Trail Phase 1 (see attached draft letter), Richard Meadows, Bernalillo County
  - **Action:** Vote to approve GAATC letter of support

**Next Meeting: Monday, June 10, 2024**



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- **Presentations**

**1. I-25 S-Curve Area Study and I-25 Gibson Interchange Reconstruction Project Updates**, New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT), Horrocks

- **Staff Reports**

- Municipal Development (DMD)
  - Traffic Engineering
  - Transportation Engineering/Vision Zero (please see attached staff report)
- Council Services
- Parks and Recreation

- Planning
- ABQ RIDE
- Sustainability
- Bernalillo County
- MRCOG
- NMDOT District 3

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- **Next Meeting:** June 10, 2024, 4 – 6 pm
- **Adjourn**

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## Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC)



Honorable Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington DC, 20590

**DRAFT**

May 13, 2024

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Bernalillo County is requesting Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program planning funds for the preliminary design of the Isleta Drain Trail, phase 1. The multi-use trail will provide an 11-mile-long spine connecting Albuquerque with several historic unincorporated communities in the South Valley. It will be the first multi-use trail to be constructed in the South Valley on the west side of the Rio Grande. The trail master plan, adopted in 2022, breaks the trail up into five segments, starting at Central Avenue in the north to Malpais Road in the south. The first phase will include the Atrisco and Arenal communities, about a 3.6-mile segment.

The Isleta Drain Trail will provide pedestrian and bicycle access within half a mile to dozens of key destinations including schools, parks and open space, community centers, health centers, retail and restaurants, and cultural sites. Trail access to adjoining transit routes can extend connections to major employment centers such as Downtown Albuquerque and the University of New Mexico. The trail project will provide substantial safety, health equity, sustainability, and economic benefits to disadvantaged South Valley communities.

GAATC supports Bernalillo County's efforts to design and construct a multi-use trail to increase active transportation in the South Valley.

Sincerely,

Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee  
**Chair or Vice Chair**

Valerie Hermanson, City of ABQ, DMD Engineering/Vision Zero staff report for May 13 meeting

Hi Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee members, below please find my staff report.

- **Bike to Wherever Day.** The City's Annual Bike to Wherever Day is Friday, May 17. We will have pop-up tables throughout the city where folks can pick up free biking swag, safety goodies, and the updated bike and trail map. Learn more and commit to ride at [www.bikethruburque.com](http://www.bikethruburque.com) or follow us on Facebook and Instagram
  - If you're interested in volunteering to table at one of the pop-up tables, there may be some volunteer slots open. You can sign up here:  
[https://www.oneabqvolunteers.com/agency/detail/?agency\\_id=136373](https://www.oneabqvolunteers.com/agency/detail/?agency_id=136373)
- **2024 Bikeway and Trail Facilities Plan.** Since November 2022, the City of Albuquerque has been working to update the [2015 Bikeway and Trail Facilities Plan](#) to reflect Albuquerque's growth as a city, recent investments in bikeways and paved multi-use trails, and national best practices in network planning and bikeway design. The 2024 Plan recommends and prioritizes bikeways and paved multi-use trail projects across the city to make biking a safer, more comfortable, and appealing transportation and recreation option for people of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. Staff presented on this plan update to GAATC at three different GAATC meetings throughout the plan development.
  - The City released the draft 2024 Bikeway and Trail Facilities Plan for public review through May 31, 2024
  - Please visit the project website (<https://www.abqbikeplan.com/>) to review the draft 2024 Plan and provide feedback through a brief survey with key questions that would be most helpful for the project team. You can also access summary story maps with key highlights from the plan, including the proposed bikeway and trail networks.
  - The project team will also host an informational public meeting on Tuesday, May 14, from 6 – 7 pm where you can learn more. Join the public meeting here: <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/84984761204>
  - We expect to bring the plan to EPC in July. I'd also like to request a letter of support from GAATC for EPC. I will have more information for the next GAATC meeting.
- **GAATC staff vacancies** – please refer to the meeting notes for the April meeting. I provided a staff response/update to the discussion about vacancies. We've been working to fill them but ran into challenges described in the notes. I'm working with EPC staff to fill the vacant EPC/GAATC representative.