



City of Albuquerque

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Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC) & Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee (GARTC) Task Force

Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2026 | 4 – 5 pm

- **Call to order**

Valerie Hermanson called the meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

- **Introductions**

Task Force Members Present

- Alex Applegate, GAATC
- Melinda Montoya, GAATC
- Sebastian Bentley, GAATC arrived at 4:46 pm
- Dustin Berg, GARTC
- Mariah Tallent, GARTC
- Nancy Tankersley, GARTC

Staff Members Present

- Valerie Hermanson, Department of Municipal Development (DMD)
- Cheryl Somerfeldt, Parks and Recreation Department (PRD)
- Cristobal Rocha, Office of the City Clerk

Visitors Present

- Adrian Carver, Chair of the Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC)
- Patrick Martin, President of Bike ABQ and Transit Advisory Board (TAB) Member

- **Action Item:** Review and approve meeting agenda

- Motion: Member Montoya moved to approve the August 18, 2026, agenda
- Second: Member Tallent
- Yes: Member Applegate, Member Montoya, Member Berg, Member Tallent, Member Tankersley
- No: 0
- Absent: Member Bentley
- Abstained: 0
- **Motion approved: 6-1-0.**

- Review O-26-28 and Task Force tasks and timelines: Valerie provided a high-level overview of the ordinance, O-26-28, which created the GAATC & GARTC Task Force and directs its work. Greater Albuquerque Active

Transportation Committee is also known as GAATC, which is managed by DMD, and generally speaking, their purview is typically on-street biking and walking facilities as they pertain to active transportation. The Greater Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee, or GARTC, is managed by PRD and, generally speaking, they oversee off-street facilities as they pertain to recreation.

Per the ordinance, three members of GAATC and three members of GARTC shall be appointed to serve on the task force, with the seventh member of the task force being appointed and approved by the six members appointed by the two boards. The seventh member will serve as the chair of the task force.

The Task Force shall review governing documents for each committee and ultimately prepare a report and recommendations to the administration and City Council as to whether GAATC & GARTC should merge or not merge. The report is due no later than six months from the first meeting, so the report is due Friday, December 18, 2026.

A quorum of the task force shall consist of a majority of its members, so a quorum will be four members. Upon completion and submission of the report, the task force shall be dissolved.

- **Action Item:** Select Seventh GAATC/GARTC Task Force Member who will also serve as the Chair

- Interested in serving as seventh member and chair:
 - Patrick Martin, President of Bike ABQ and Transit Advisory Board (TAB) member
 - Adrian Carver, current GAATC Chair

Patrick and Adrian introduced themselves and explained why they were interested in serving on the task force and as the chair.

- Motion: Member Montoya moved to choose Adrian Carver as the seventh member
- Second: Member Bentley
- Discussion: Member Berg was interested in making a motion to vote for Patrick Martin as the seventh member. Based on the group's understanding, since there was a motion and a second, we need to close that out first and take a vote unless there's a superseding motion, which this would not be.
- Yes: Member Applegate, Member Montoya, Member Bentley, Member Tallent
- No: Member Berg
- Absent: 0
- Abstained: Member Tankersley
- **Motion approved: 4-1-1.**

Member Berg expressed his support for Patrick Martin and thanked Adrian Carver. Member Applegate also expressed his support for both Patrick Martin and Adrian Carver and said that both are great.

- Identify next meeting date and time: The Task Force directed DMD staff to send out a meeting poll to identify the next meeting date.
- Adjourned at 4:52 pm.