



Richard J. Berry, Mayor

GABAC



GREATER ALBUQUERQUE BICYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT, PO BOX 1293

ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87103

(505) 768-2680

MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2017

Members Present

Jim Fordice
Ed Gerety
Dan Majewski

Lee Ratzlaff
Scot Key
Moises Gonzalez

Staff Present

Debbie Bauman – COA-DMD
John Castillo – COA-DMD
Andrew Varoz – COA-DMD
Eric Michalski – COA-DMD
Jill Cuppernell – COA-DMD
Hugh Hulse, COA-Parks and Recreation
Valerie Hermanson, MRCOG
Julie Luna, Bernalillo County
Isaac Benton – City Council
Petra Morris – City Council

Guests

Eric Froberg Diane Cress

Debbie Bauman called the meeting to order

(4:30 pm)

• **Welcome and Introductions**

Debbie Bauman welcomed new GABAC member, Lee Ratzlaff, and initiated a roll call of attendees.

To accommodate Councilor Benton’s schedule the GABAC Committee Reports/Updates was moved to the first agenda item.

A discussion ensued regarding Recommendations for Silver Bike Boulevard between 8th Street and the Bosque. The discussion was primarily lead by Councilor Benton, Scot Key, and Dan Majewski. A handout with graphics (see attached) was presented to the overall committee and Councilor Benton, by Mr. Key and Mr. Majewski detailing possible Silver Boulevard Improvements. Councilor Benton appreciated the effort and information from GABAC. Councilor Benton indicated that the project is still in the development stages and all parties agreed that the next step was to issue an RFP and solicit an engineering/planning consultant to further evaluate the project, included the GABAC suggestions. Final Action to be taken under a separate Agenda item.

• **Approval of the Agenda –**

*Motion to Approve with GABAC Committee Reports/Updates as the first agenda item
Motion to Approve (Ed Gerety), 2nd (Scot Key), Vote - Unanimous*

• **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Ed Gerety initiated a discussion regarding a statutory requirement for GABAC to have a Chair /Vice Chair and to produce an Annual Report. Mr. Gerety stated the responsibility of the Chair is to facilitate the meeting, abstain from participating in discussions, and only vote to break a tie. Mr. Gerety stated the Vice-Chair serves as the back up the Chair, but operates as a regular voting member when the Chair is present.

Mr. Gerety asked for nomination. Hearing none, Mr. Gerety nominated himself as Chair. Mr. Gerty stated his primary concerns are to ensure that all GABAC member opinions are heard, the meeting progresses, and the administrative function is fulfilled.

Jim Fordice would like to review the statutory regulations prior to proceeding with election of a Chair and Vice-Chair. Dan Majewski and Moises Gonzalez suggested the elections be deferred until a future meeting, after reviewing the statutory regulations. Ms. Bauman to provide applicable ordinances for review.

*Motion to Defer elections to a future meeting
Motion to Defer (Moises Gonzalez), 2nd (Dan Majewski), Vote - Unanimous*

• **Public Comment**

No Public Comment

• **Announcements/Administrative**

Meeting Format.....Debbie Bauman
-Please wait until recognized to begin Comment/Questions
-Written Questions/Comments and/or Response may be requested

No additional Announcements

• **Presentations**

No Presentations

- **Staff Reports**

DMD Engineering

Rio Grande and Candelaria permanent striping Update

Based on a GABAC request at the November meeting, the re-striping action previously considered was re-evaluated. Two locations in the overall corridor, at Candelaria and near Matthew, were re-evaluated based on traffic counts and potential conflicts between vehicles and bicycles and the City has elected to not proceed as previously discussed. The Consultant has been instructed to update the Plans without the revised striping near Matthew.

Ms. Bauman stated that the City also received a request to re-evaluate the right turn lane at Griego. The City is awaiting the results of the evaluation from the Consultant. Jim Fordice concurred with the need to evaluate this right turn lane.

Dan Majewski inquired if the proposed Rio Grande project included any pavement improvements (mill/overly or reconstruction). Ms. Bauman stated the project was striping only and the existing pavement has an expected remaining life of 5 years. Scot Key asked how long until this corridor would be repaved. Ms. Bauman reiterated the existing pavement has an expected remaining life of 5 years.

Mr. Key asked, on an unrelated topic, when the “Complete Streets” list would be available. Ms. Bauman and Petra Morris stated the Maintenance List is expected to be complete in March, which includes all anticipated maintenance activities by corridor. “Complete Street” improvements are considered in conjunction with Maintenance projects and not as a separate list or project.

Campus/Copper

Mr. Majewski is concerned with vehicles parking in the bicycle lanes and has suggested the dedicated bicycle lanes be removed/converted to sharrows. The suggestion also includes removing the center stripe and providing striped parking.

Following up on the November GABAC discussion, Ms. Bauman understands that MRCOG has some bicycle count data in the area that may be of use. Valerie Hermanson stated that MRCOG does have data, both STRAVA and video, that is currently being processed. GABAC requested and Ms. Hermanson agreed to provide some recommendations based on the results.

I-25 Bicycle Accessibility Study

Ms. Bauman provided a follow up on the I-25 Bicycle Accessibility Study. Ms. Bauman stated that through an on-call task order, data has been obtained through field reconnaissance. This data has been compiled and generally covers one mile east and west of I-25 from Menaul to Tramway.

Ms. Bauman stated the next step is to convene a working group, in early 2018, of interested parties including GABAC. Mr. Key volunteered to serve as the GABAC representative on the proposed committee. Erin Montoya (COA-DMD) would lead this City effort.

Martin Luther King Blvd and Broadway Road

Following up on the November GABAC discussion regarding the location/layout of the bike box on the northwest corner of Martin Luther King Blvd and Broadway Road, Andrew Varoz discussed a proposed solution. The proposed solution, attached, will create a 4’ “through lane” as part of the bike box. This “through lane” will accommodate westbound riders while providing adequate space for riders waiting to turn left and head south. GABAC appreciates the City efforts.

Council Services

Petra Morris provided a brief update on the following projects:

- Girard Blvd – Phases 1 and 2 are complete. The Phase 3 revisions as discussed at the November GABAC meeting are being scheduled for implementation.
- Fair Heights Improvements are under construction with an estimated projected completion in December 2017.
- Bike Loop Detectors are/will be installed at various intersections (San Mateo, Monroe, etc.).

Scot Key inquired about who to contact about power washing/cleaning of bicycle symbols. Ms. Bauman volunteered to be the contact.

Moises Gonzalez asked about the new protected bike lane on 4th Ave, just south of Civic Plaza. Andrew Varoz and John Castillo stated this was a pilot project. Dan Majewski asked if there was a desire to have additional protected bicycle lanes installed. Mr. Castillo stated the pilot project would be evaluated first. Dan Majewski stated GABAC was in support of protected bicycle lanes and wondered about the duration of the pilot project. Mr. Castillo stated the duration of any pilot project depends on several factors.

Mr. Castillo provided information on a traffic calming project on Alahambra west of San Pasquale. Additional information will be provided at future meetings, but the overall project will also include storm inlet modifications and driveway consolidation.

Dan Majewski inquired about a two-way cycle track on Rancho Seco. Mr. Castillo stated this was a part of the ART project. Mr. Castillo will provide follow up information at a future GABAC meeting.

Ms. Morris stated that Lomas & 14th was designed, is estimated to cost \$160k, and is currently seeking funding. Ms. Morris also stated that the Rio Grande Complete Streets project is complete and awaiting funding.

Parks and Recreation

Jason Coffey was unable to attend, but provided a written summary (attached) in advance of the meeting. The written report provides three project updates:

- North Diversion Channel Trail
- Mountain Road Bosque Access
- Gail Ryba Memorial Bridge Slope Stabilization

APD

No Report.

Planning

No Report.

Bernalillo County

Julie Luna stated the County was still waiting on the Bridge Blvd 30% design. GABAC asked if there was an updated on Woodward. No significant update was provided.

NMDOT District 3
No Report.

MRCOG

Valerie Hermanson stated that MRCOG was considering updating the bicycle facilities data every two years as opposed to every four years. The Interim update will allow for better tracking of improvements.

Ms. Hermanson stated the NEAR SOUTH VALLEY MULTIMODAL STUDY was complete, but not yet on the MRCOG website. The full report is attached for GABAC information.

Ms. Hermanson provided an update on the MRCOG Bike Share program. Approximately 50 additional stations and 150 more bikes are planned to be available by March 2018. MRCOG is currently soliciting public input via an on-line survey (see attached) regarding station locations. The survey will collect data through January 5, 2017.

Discussion/Action Item(s)

- How to fill vacant GABAC positions?
 - Ms Bauman stated that three vacancies currently exist: City SW, City SE, and Unincorporated East.
 - Mr. Gerety suggested that personal solicitations by current GABAC members would be the most effective.
 - Ms. Bauman offered to solicit through other committees (GARTC, etc.)
 - Lee Ratzlaff inquired about the process of becoming a member.
 - Ms. Bauman requested that she be informed of potential applicants in an effort to streamline the process.

Final Action Item(s)

- **Silver Bike Boulevard Recommendations**
 - Discussion during GABAC Committee Reports/Updates satisfied this action item
- Parking Lane Proposed Ordinance Revision
 - *GABAC recommends the Parking Ordinance be revised to prohibit parking in bicycle lanes and be punishable by fine.*
Motion to Approve (Dan Majewski), 2nd (Moises Gonzalez), Vote – Unanimous
- William Street resolution
 - *GABAC proposes a William Street resolution (attached).*
Motion to Approve (Scot Key), 2nd (Dan Majewski), Vote - Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 6:38 pm



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Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Monday, December 11, 2017

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

7th Floor Conference Room, Room 7096

Old City Hall, (Fifth/Marquette NW)

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Approval of the Agenda (if quorum present)**
- **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair (if quorum present)**
- **Public Comment**
Please register on the sign-in sheet. Comments are generally limited to two minutes or less.
- **Announcements/Administrative**
Meeting Format.....Debbie Bauman, DMD
 - Please wait until recognized to begin Comment/Questions
 - Written Questions/Comments and/or Response may be requested
- **GABAC Committee Reports/Updates**
 - Recommendations for Silver Bike Boulevard between 8th Street and the Bosque
- **Staff Reports**
DMD Engineering
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NMDOT District 3
MRCOG
- **Discussion/Action Item(s)**
 - How to fill GABAC vacancies
- **Final Action Items**
 - Silver Bike Boulevard Recommendations
 - Parking Lane Proposed Ordinance Revision
 - Parking Code does not prohibit parking in bike lanes. GABAC recommends the parking ordinance be revised to prohibit parking in bike lanes. A member of the public suggested the citation amounts be increased with the difference in fee being

diverted to an account dedicated to future bicycle improvement projects. Ms. Luna suggested Nathan Todd (Santa Fe) as a resource for an ordinance revision.

- Williams Street Recommendations

- **Adjourn**

- **Next Regularly Scheduled GABAC Meeting: January 8, 2018**

Members: Lee Ratzlaff (City At-Large); Ed Gerety (City-At-Large); Dan Majewski (City-NE); VACANT (City-SW); Jim Fordice, (City-NW); VACANT (City SE); Moises Gonzalez (EPC); VACANT (Unincorporated East); Scot Key (Unincorporated West)

City Staff: Debbie Bauman, DMD, Engineering (768-3649)

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SIGN-IN SHEET

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2017- 4:30 p.m.

7th Floor Conference Room, Room 7096, City Hall, (Fifth/Marquette NW)

GABAC MEMBERS (Please Initial)

Jim Fordice

JF

Dan Majewski

DM

Ed Gerety

EG

Scot Key

SK

Moises Gonzalez

[Signature]

Vacant

Vacant

Vacant

Lee Ratzlaff

LR

STAFF MEMBERS (Please Initial and/or Sign)

Note: Please place a check before your name if you wish to provide information

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Silver Bike Boulevard Recommendations

Silver/Lead Improvements Yale West to 8th Street Downtown

- **Silver at Yale West to Cedar:** No recommendations, particularly as Presbyterian proposed closure at Sycamore did not occur.
- **The Choice of Silver or Lead approaching I-25 Westbound**
 - **Silver:** Closing right lane of Oak/frontage road and creating protected cycle track south to Lead; protected (as much as possible) crossing of Oak to cycle track under I-25 (South I-25 Corridor Study) and onward to current buffered bike lane east of Locust/frontage road.
 - **Lead:** Physical separation wherever possible between Cedar and Oak; Curb-separation at Oak, with closure of right lane on Oak/frontage road to narrow exposed crossing to cycle track under I-25 and on to current buffer bike lane east of Locust.
 - Signage/other means to fully instruct drivers on Lead that Bike Boulevard riders enter Lead at Cedar.
 - “Bikes May Use Full Lane” and 18 mph/bike boulevard signs on Cedar between Silver and Lead. Small bike box on right side of southbound Cedar at Lead.
- **Lead I-25 Westbound to Broadway:** Physical separation wherever possible atop current buffer
- **Lead at Broadway:** Reconfigure mixing zone striping/green paint to better reflect speeds of bikes/traffic going downhill. Widen bike lane at intersection and physically separate in a way that leaves cyclists less vulnerable.
- **Lead Train Overpass to 2nd:** Move barriers between bike lane and right driving lane. Extend and complete protected lane all the way to intersection at 2nd.
- **Lead to 8th:** Complete proposed protected bike as presented some months back to GABAC.

Coal Improvements Eastbound 8th to Cedar

- **8th to 2nd:** Complete proposed protected bike as presented some months back to GABAC.
- **Overpass to Broadway:** Physical separation (barriers similar to those on Lead Overpass), green paint and signage in mixing zone approaching/at intersection with Broadway.
- **Broadway to I-25:** Physical separation wherever possible atop buffer, continuing, particularly, to intersection of Locust/frontage road.
- **Under I-25:** Consider adding need for cycletrack similar to that proposed for Lead/I-25 in South I-25 Corridor Study’s next iteration. If not, widen bike lane to meet Complete Streets dictate with physical separation through I-25.
- **Oak to Cedar:** Continue physical separation wherever possible. Signage instructing Bike Boulevard users to turn left at Cedar. Two-point “Copenhagen” turn configuration at Cedar, including green paint.
- **Cedar, Coal to Silver:** “Bikes May Use Full Lane” and 18 mph/bike boulevard signage throughout. Bike box across Cedar at Lead with bicycle-detecting signal feature.

Downtown Improvements, including 8th to the Bosque Multi-Use Path

Short term:

Revise the bike blvd resolution - As we're going through this process, I strongly recommend revising the bike blvd resolution. It has overly specific language about which streets should be bike blvds and, as it's written, would prevent the bike blvd from being re-routed. Here it is for review - <https://www.cabq.gov/parksandrecreation/recreation/bike/documents/bicycle-boulevard-resolution.pdf>

Directional Sign at 14th and Silver (and along entire corridor) - I recommend that the the bike boulevard "split" here, with one route heading towards the Bosque and the existing route terminating at the Old Town Plaza, with signage to reflect this.

Add 1/2 mile of bike blvd between Bosque and 14th - Add directional signage on Silver between 14th and Raynolds, Raynolds between Silver and Kit Carson, Kit Carson between Raynolds and Alcalde, and Alcalde between Kit Carson and Tingley (detailed in map)

Prioritize median refuge construction on Lomas at 14th - we've been told this is in the works. How can we help to accelerate it?

Reroute bike blvd through Old Town - Add directional signage on Marble between 14th and 19th, 19th between Marble and Old Town Rd, Old Town Rd between 19th and San Felipe, and San Felipe between Old Town Rd and Plaza St (0.6 miles; detailed in map).

Decommission portions of bike blvd, make them bike routes - decommission 14th between Marble and Mountain, and Mountain between 14th and Bosque Trail.

Is Mountain a great and popular bike route? Absolutely. Is it a bike blvd? No. It would be costly and challenging to make Mountain between Rio Grande and Panmunjon a good route for "scaredy cat" riders, due to limited right of way and relatively high traffic volumes. Bike blvds, according to the CABQ resolution, should connect popular destinations via low traffic residential streets, such as Silver, 14th and Alvarado. Mountain doesn't quite fit this criteria.

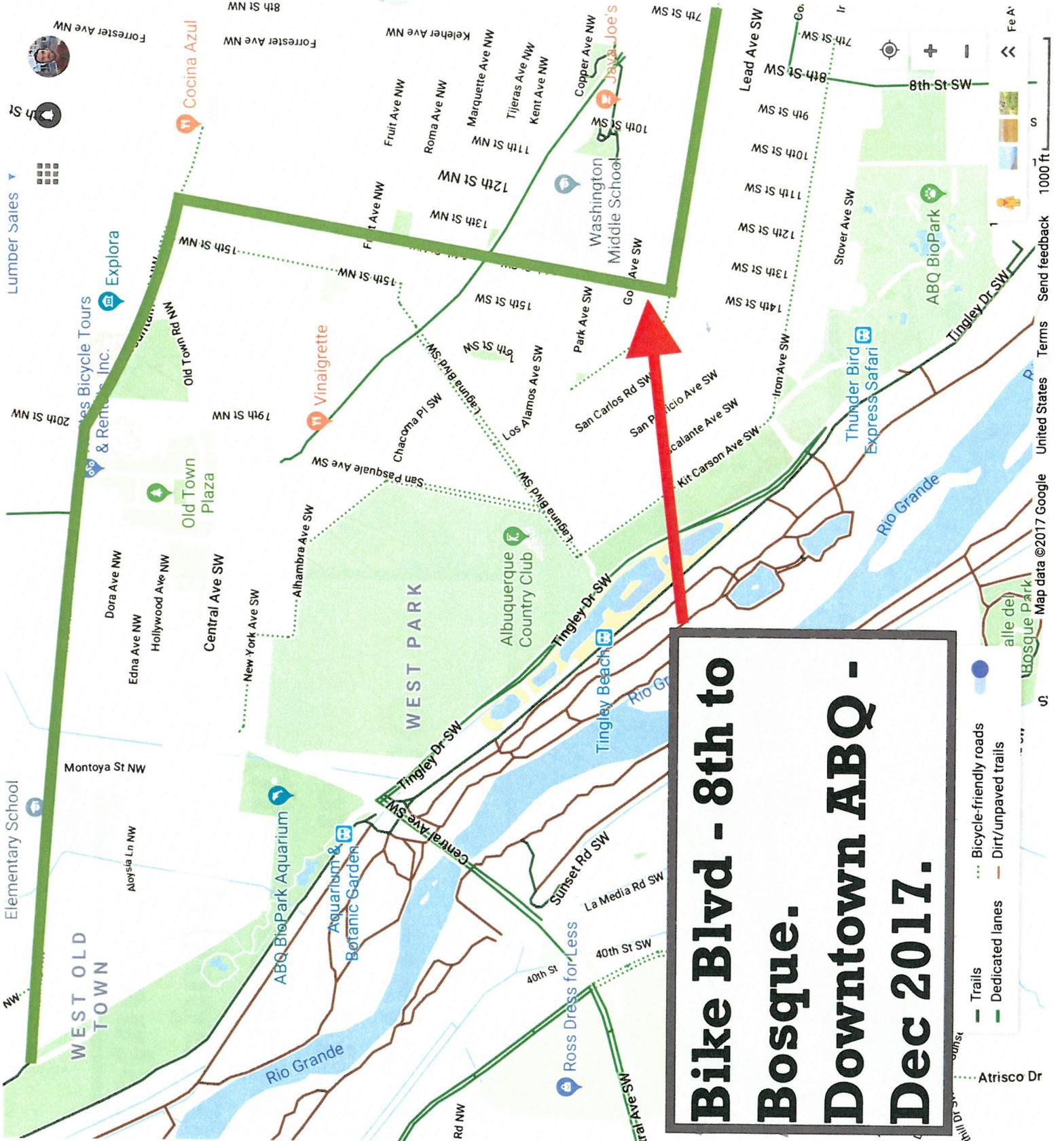
Where do "scaredy cat" riders want to ride? On the Bosque Trail, or on other multi use trails. Therefore, the goal of Silver, and other bike blvds, should be to connect neighborhoods to the trails quickly and easily. That is exactly what the Fair Heights Bike Blvd will be doing- and that is what the Silver Bike Blvd should do as well.

Long Term:

Add parking protected bike lanes (or just protected bike lanes) on Lead and Coal between 2nd and Alcalde

Redesign Alcalde between Tingley and 14th - narrow the road, add bike lanes, sidewalks; needs to be studied by a consultant/professional; currently designed for high speed automobile traffic

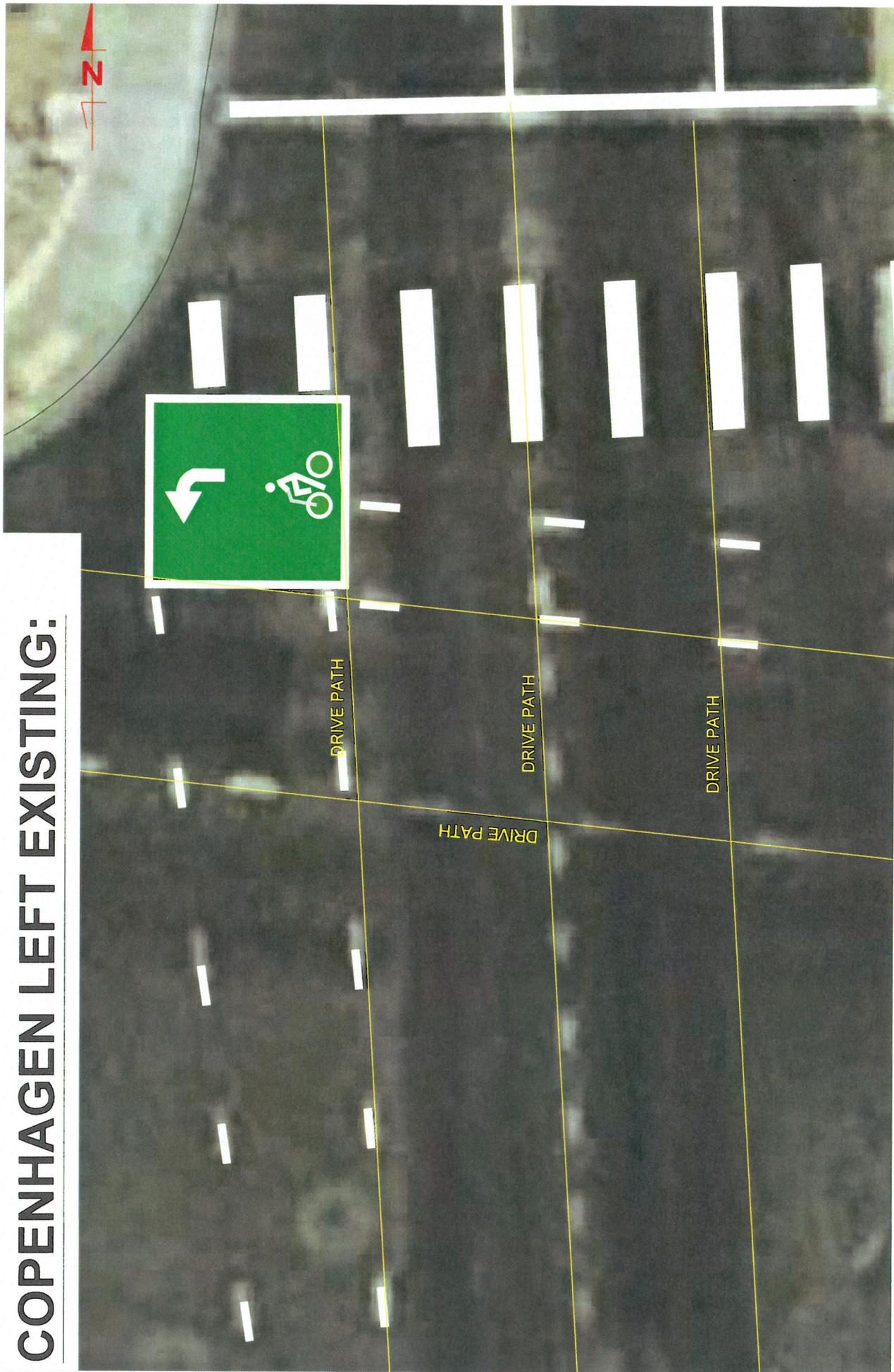
Decommission Silver between 2nd and 14th - make it a bike route instead of a bike blvd, as protected bike lanes are superior to bike blvds.



**Bike Blvd - 8th to
Bosque.
Downtown ABQ -
Dec 2017.**

- Trails
- Bicycle-friendly roads
- Dedicated lanes
- Dirt/unpaved trails
- Atrisco Dr

COPENHAGEN LEFT EXISTING:



COPENHAGEN LEFT PROPOSED:



12/11/2017

Jason Coffey, Senior Planner, Parks and Recreation, GABAC Staff Report

At the November 21, 2017 GARTC meeting the committee got an update on the 50 Mile Loop project, a presentation on the Regional Safety Action Plan, and selected a GARTC member to participate on the I-25 Accessibility Study work group.

- **The North Diversion Channel Trail-** Parks and Rec has decided to have the on-call contractor preform the bridge deck work and a pre-estimate meeting is being scheduled with the contractor to go over the plan set in detail prior to the submittal of a cost estimate for the work. A project number has been requested so we are moving closer to beginning construction on this project, but still a few months away.
- **Mountain Rd Bosque Access-** PRD renovated the trail from the west end of Mountain Rd to the Paseo del Bosque Trail. The final walk through was today (12/11/17) and there are a couple minor items for the punch list. Those punch list items will be completed tomorrow or the next day and then the barricade signs and detour will come down.
- **Gail Ryba Memorial Bridge Slope Stabilization-** Work continues on the gabion baskets at the base of the slope on the west approach to the bridge. Once the gabions are complete the work will shift to seeding and planting the slope and connecting the temporary irrigation. The work is slow due to the logistics of getting the materials to the work site while safely maintaining access to the trail.

