Tim Keller, Mayor

Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC) – Minutes

Monday, September 18, 2021 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present

Richard Meadows (Chair); Dan Jensen; Josiah Hooten

Committee Members Absent

Raul Chavira; Nevarez Encinias, Robin Allen; Lanny Tonning

Staff Members Present

Debbie Bauman (DMD), Cheryl Somerfeldt (Parks and Rec), Tim Brown (DMD), Petra Morris (Council Services), Whitney Phelan (Parks and Rec), Tara Cok (MRMPO), Julie Luna (Bernalillo County), Jill Mosher (NMDOT), Joseph Casares (NMDOT)

Visitors Present

Aaron Sussman (BHI), Clare Haley (BHI), Michael Worral (Horrocks Engineers), Terra Reed (BikeABQ), Tatiana Falcón Rodríguez (CiQlovia/Presbyterian Community Health), Beau Hunter (Horrocks Engineers), Amy Bell (Groundwork Studio), Sarah Ijadi (CiQlovia Planning Committee and MRMPO), Maggie Ramirez (Community Member), Peter Rice (Downtown Albuquerque News), Erika Robers (Groundwork Studio), Bernadette Hardy (IDHCC), Alejandro Villezcas (Together 4 Brothers), Diego Garcia (Together 4 Brothers)

Richard Meadows called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

Approval of September Meeting Agenda

- *No quorum to approve agenda*

Approval of August Meeting Minutes

- *No quorum to approve minutes*

General Announcements / Meeting Format

- No quorum of committee members present
- Meeting will be recorded

Public Comments (2-minute limit per audience member)

- No comments

Presentations

- **Bernalillo County Sunport Blvd Extension Project** – Julie Luna, Bernalillo County
  - Staff report attached
  - Breaking ground in a couple of weeks
  - Project connects San Jose neighborhood to the Bosque Trail

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- Gap in bike network will still exist, but will be much smaller
  - Gap will be right near the interchange: not an ideal location for a bike facility gap
  - GAATC support is needed to move forward with gap closure project. Will likely require multiple jurisdictions' support.
  - Gap could be evaluated using the bike gap closure evaluation tool that is being developed for GAATC
- Discussion
  - Dan Jensen: Would a gap closure project be a City or City/County project
    - Julie L: The gap is 100% in City of Albuquerque limits
    - Debbie B: Funding might be an issue, but this project can be analyzed with the gap closure work that is being done for GAATC

- **Louisiana Blvd Vision Zero Project** – Amy Bell, Groundwork Studio
  - Project originated from the Roadway Safety Audit (RSA) along Louisiana Blvd
  - Project's intent is to make interim/intermediate pedestrian safety improvements
  - High pedestrian activity along the street and on the Vision Zero High Fatality/Injury Network
  - Interventions will be engineering driven and recommended by the RSA
  - Community engagement work will focus on specific interventions and locations
    - Outreach will not replicate past outreach work/RSA
    - Will focus on creative placemaking: what does pedestrian safety look like to the community?
  - Discussion:
    - Richard M: Where and what will the interventions look like on Louisiana?
      - Amy B: We are in the process of identifying specific locations. Renderings will be shared at CiQlovia.
      - Richard M: It is hard to picture Louisiana looking different than it does now.
      - Aaron S: Part of our scope is looking at arterials and treatments that are appropriate for larger roads. Some of the ideas may be transferrable to other locations in Albuquerque via an arterial traffic calming toolkit.
      - Dan J: What is the probability that this work will be implemented?
      - Aaron S: Part of project is a near-term re-striping plan. We're looking at road diet options to remove a lane and add additional traffic calming. Our scope is also to recommend long-term interventions.
      - Erika R (via chat): We have a time frame in which we'd like to start the installations this winter into the spring 2022.

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- Dan J: It's frustrating to keep talking about these projects while people are still dying in crashes. This project has a lot of merit because of its location in an underserved area and high pedestrian activity.
- Amy B: We have city funds to compensate community members for their time for building installations/placemaking features.

- **CiQlovia** – Tatiana Falcón Rodríguez, Presbyterian Community Health and Sarah Ijadi, MRCOG
  - Community members in International District have been discussing safety issues for decades.
  - Healthy Here Initiative started managing CiQlovia in 2017 to ground the event in community, especially International District, which has high crash rates and is stigmatized
  - Many International District projects haven't been advanced beyond pop-up demonstration projects. Hopefully, City will use Louisiana Blvd project/CiQlovia to make needed changes in the neighborhood.
  - CiQlovia is Sunday, October 17 as a hybrid in-person/virtual model, like last year's event which had good participation rates.
  - Last year featured a month-long scavenger hunt, but won't do it as extensively this year because of time/logistical constraints.
  - Four locations for neighborhood hubs at:
    - International District: Casa Feliz (main hub)
    - Near North Valley: Los Griegos Community Center
    - South Valley: Westside Community Center
    - Downtown
    - Other recharge stations around the city and hoping for spontaneous ones too
  - Mobile flu shot clinic at the International District hub
  - Reports from each CiQlovia year since 2017 available upon request
  - Website: abqciqlovia.org
  - See CiQlovia flyer attachment
  - Discussion: None
- **Bike Thru Burque Week** – Clare Haley, BHI
  - Second year of event
  - Purpose is to encourage riding bikes for transportation
  - Dates: October 9 - 17
  - Mural/public art themed
  - Partnered with CiQlovia
  - Events and activities include commit to ride, riding challenge, mural scavenger hunt, photo contest, and propose a ride map.

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- Website at www.bikethruburque.com. Website will be a resource for cycling information throughout the year.
- Looking for business sponsors to donate prizes and offer discounts. Contact chaley@bhinc.com if interested in sponsoring.
- Discussion: None

- **I-25 Montgomery/Comanche Project** – Michael Worrel (Horrocks Engineers)
  - Project originally was to have bike lanes and sidewalk along Comanche and Montgomery. During last GAATC meeting, committee asked if sidewalks/bike lanes could be combined into one facility that provides more separation for cyclists.
    - Richard M: comment was originally just for Montgomery, not for Comanche.
    - Michael W: Developed cross sections for both roads, and looking for feedback on both roads
    - Barrier separation provides good protection but also invites encampment especially under overpasses
    - See cross sections attachment
  - Discussion:
    - Michael W: Do these cross sections capture the committee's idea on a combined bike/ped facility?
    - Richard M: Yes, this idea is captured in the new cross sections
    - Julie Luna: Maintenance of shared use path in the middle of the road might be tricky.
    - Richard M: How will we incorporate lighting?
    - Jill M: Lighting is part of the project, but will likely not solve problems with camping as lights can be vandalized/taken down
    - Richard M: Will there be Texas turn-arounds on both roadways?
    - Michael W: Yes.
    - Richard M: We don't want people to block the path by camping.
    - Dan J: As long as there is a sidewalk under an overpass there is a chance for encampments. Having a barrier will probably not affect how many encampments there are.
    - Dan J: Is it safe for e-bikes and pedestrians to share the same space?
    - Julie L: Westbound on Comanche is downhill and it might be difficult to share space because cyclists will be going fast. Shared-use path on Montgomery might work better because cyclists will be going slower uphill. What will the transition to shared-use paths look like?
    - Jill M: There will still be crossings at the frontage road, which will reduce speeds and provide a transition area from bike lane to shared path. There will still be some areas of mixing with traffic.

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- Richard M: Path provides a safe place through interchange, but is only for a short section before opening up again into separated sidewalks/bike lanes.
- Michael W: Signalized intersections will provide the transition zone.
- Richard M: Because some committee members are absent, we should share the presentation with them and get feedback at a later date.
- Michael W: we can come back in a month to get feedback.
- Dan J: Requests cross sections of both alternatives (separated bike lanes/sidewalks and shared path).
- Jill M: Hopefully we'll have more law enforcement there to deter campers. If anyone has ideas on how to deter camps, let us know.

Staff Reports

- *Zoom meeting closed unexpectedly during staff reports. Staff emailed the following reports after the meeting:*
- Municipal Development (DMD) Debbie
  - Unser Blvd and Paseo del Norte projects in the work, but nothing to share yet
- Parks and Recreation (Whitney Phelan, Cheryl)
  - Phase III of the Alameda Drain Trail will soon go to bid
  - Final plans are still being wrapped up for Copper Trail Landscaping
  - PRD is currently studying the potential for a multi-use trail through the Calabacillas Arroyo
  - Final Plans are almost complete for Tom Bullock Trail Extension to connect the existing trail to San Pedro.
- Council Services (Petra Morris)
  - Nothing to report
- Engineering (staff name)
  - Nothing to report
- Vision Zero (staff name)
  - Nothing to report
- Planning
  - Nothing to report
- Bernalillo County
  - Nothing to report
- MRCOG
  - Nothing to report
- NMDOT District
  - Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM

Next Meeting: October 18, 4-6 PM

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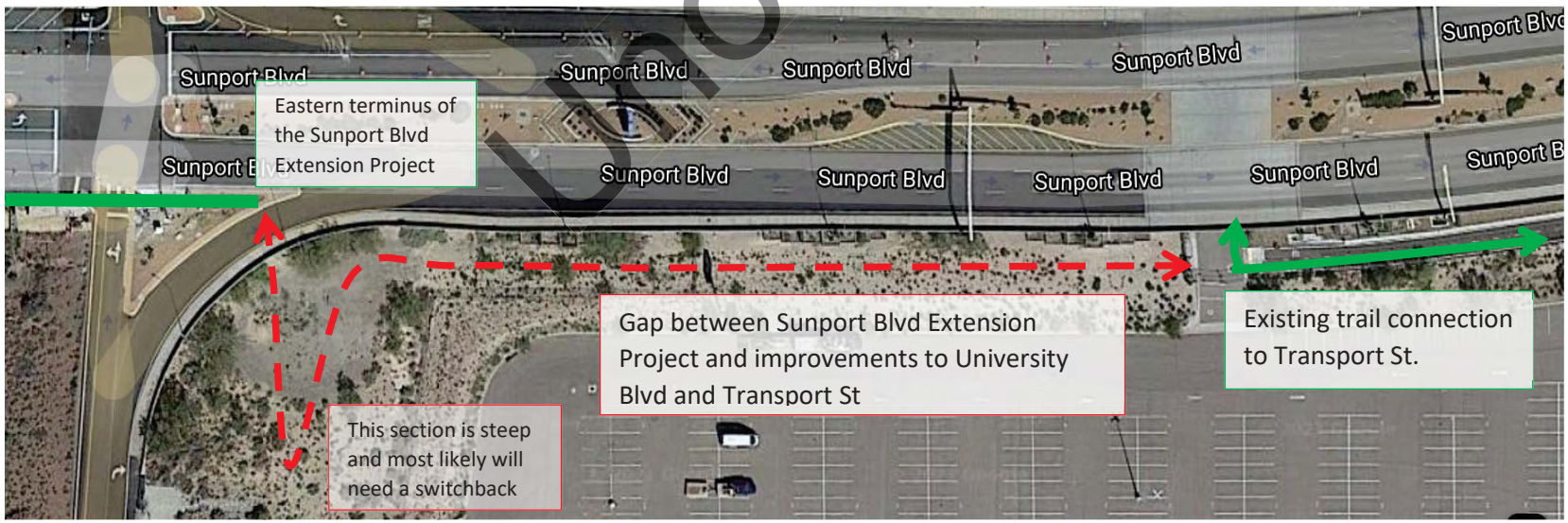
Bernalillo County GAATC Staff Report

September 13, 2021

Bernalillo County Staff Update

Bernalillo County (BC) is seeking Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC) support for a gap closure project. Currently BC is constructing the Sunport Blvd Extension project. This project extends along the Woodward Rd alignment from 2nd St to I-25. The multimodal elements of this project connect the Bosque Trail to William St and up to the Sunport Interchange.

There is one final multimodal gap from the interchange to Transport St. CABQ Parks & Recreation are willing to support the project. At this time, as new project funding cycles come forward, BC does not want to lose opportunities to close this gap.



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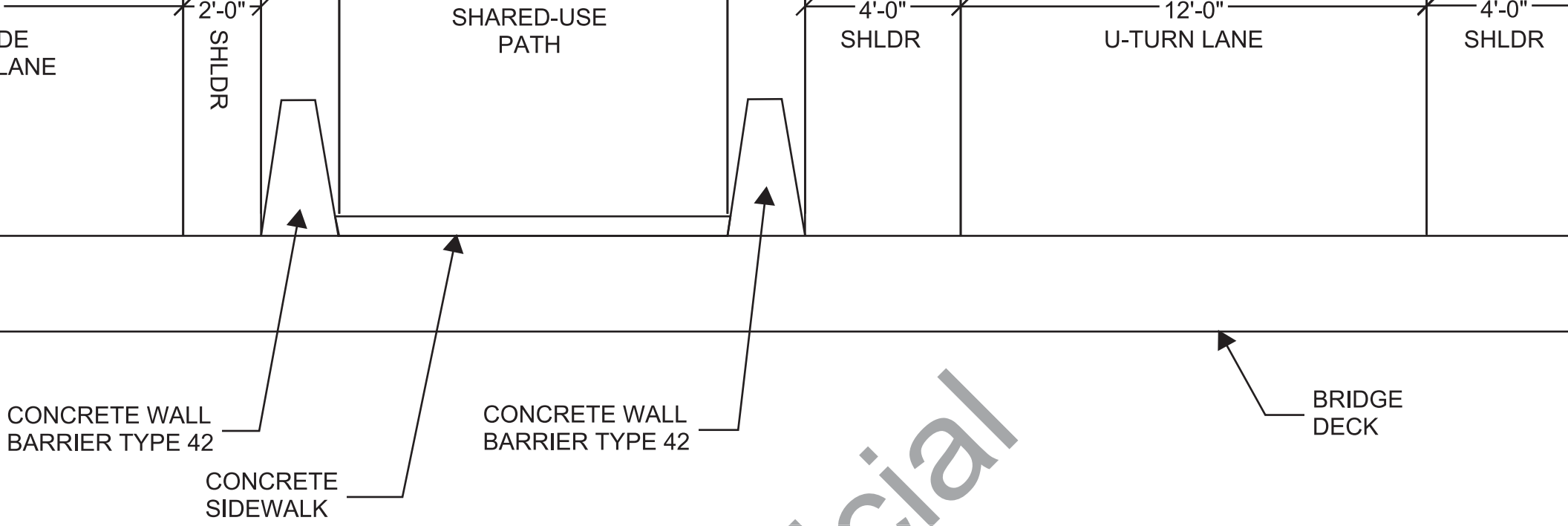

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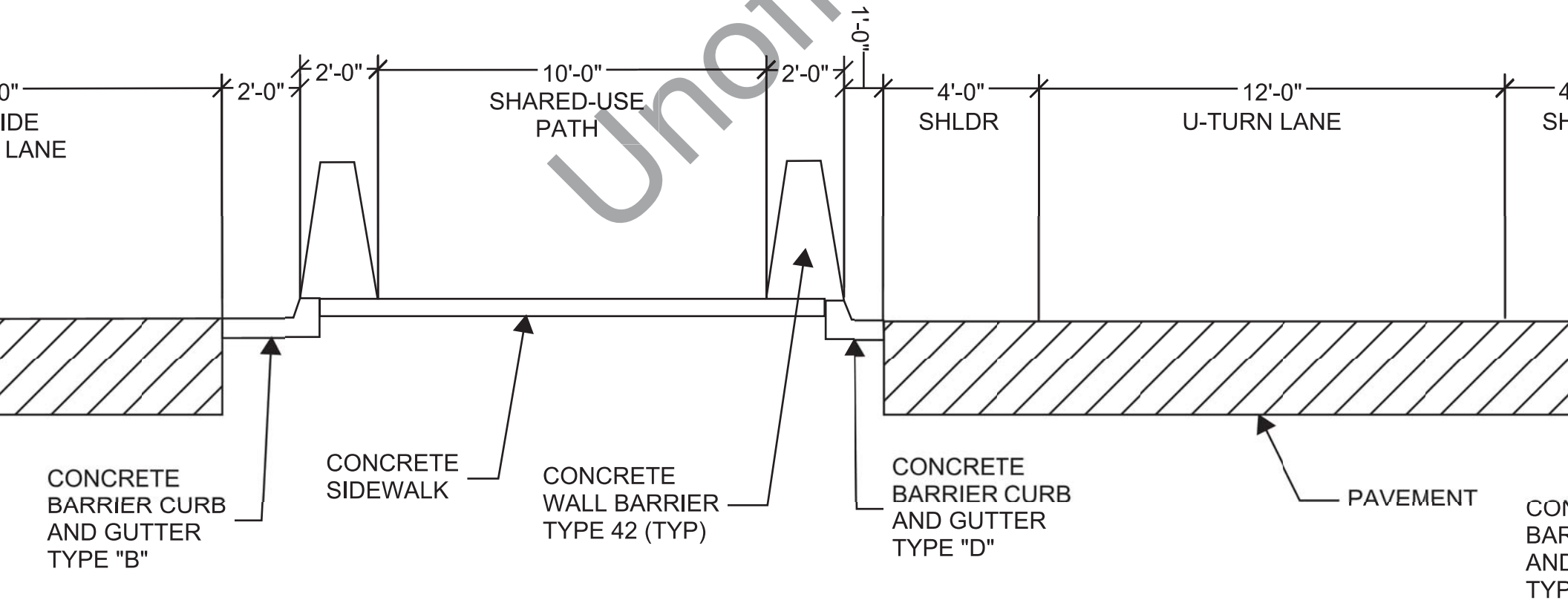

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Build
Build a vision for pedestrian and bike safety across 'Burque

Move
Walk with neighbors, bike the trails, dance to some Zumba, roll through our streets

Play
Enjoy the parks, join in some citywide scavenger hunt action, take pictures

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021
10:00AM - 1PM
MULTIPLE LOCATIONS
MAIN HUB @
CASA FELIZ
443 ESPANOLA ST SE

PRESBYTERIAN Community Health
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International District Healthy Communities Coalition
Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health 20 REACH YEARS
Healthy Here Communities Leading Healthy Change