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**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE BICYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT, PO BOX 1293**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**MAY 9, 2016**

## **Members Present**

Scott Hale, Chair  
Moises Gonzalez  
Dan Majewski

Ed Hillsman  
Scot Key  
Doug Stiebler

## **Staff Present**

Jason Coffey, COA-Parks and Recreation  
Debbie Bauman, COA-DMD  
Hugh Hulse, COA-Parks and Recreation  
Josef Jansen, COA-DMD  
Margaret Haynes, NMDOT-District 3  
Andrew Webb, COA-Council Services  
Julie Luna, MRCOG

## **Members Absent**

### **Guests**

Eric Froberg  
Diane Cress

**Debbie Bauman called the meeting to order**

**(4:37pm)**

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Approval of the Agenda**
- **Approval of March 2016 Meeting Minutes**

- **Approval of April 2016 meeting minutes**

The April minutes were not prepared by the staff contact prior to his departure; there were not minutes to approve

There was substantial discussion of the meeting minutes and how action items are reported. The minutes need to be sent out to Committee members to allow enough time for review prior to the meeting. Issues with the March meeting minutes included more discussion of why the election of officers was tabled, inadequate discussion of planning's comments about streets and zoning.

Debbie suggested that the meetings should allow enough time at the end to run through the list of agreed upon action items so that they can reported on.

Scott Hale stated that projects are happening without input and they are not being done well.

- **Public Comment**

No public comment

- **Announcements/Administrative**

Meeting Format..... Chair

-Please wait until recognized to begin Comment/Questions

-Written Questions/Comments and/or Response may be requested

- **GABAC Member Reports**

Detour for water authority work for ART on West Central Avenue was presented by Scott Hale. The detour has a very steep grade and Scott reviewed his concerns with the committee. Airport and Avalon are challenging and Avalon and Central is unsignalized. The Water Authority should find a better way to detour cyclists. Scott to send link of project information for DMD to post.

Silver from Yale to Monroe: Scot Key sent a letter to Parametrix; committee has requested that Debbie forward that comment on to the committee and also to post it on the GABAC website.

General discussion about GABAC website: request for more information on the website than just agendas and minutes; what is the scope of the group; what is the best way to deliver to the community what is being discussed at the meetings? Community members are confused and unclear about what we are discussing at our meetings. More information needs to be provided to them.

Need a list of who is responsible for what deliverables; who should follow up. What City department does what? There used to be a "watch list" on the agenda; what happened to that?

Debbie suggested that before the end of each meeting that there be enough time on the agenda to review the "action items" for the following month.

Re-striping of Encantado: How did this happen? Pictures were distributed to the committee showing the revised striping of the bike lane. Bikes and cars are supposed to yield to each other but people don't really know that. There are many complex questions that weren't well-thought out by DMD regarding this striping. Striping directs cyclists into the guardrail, on a curve.

Scott Hale reviewed the history of the project: request came from Council, went to DMD for design. There was no public process, GABAC wasn't aware of the project and no public input was gathered before doing the work. Where is the oversight of engineering? No one from the bike community saw it until one of our members encountered the re-striping.

Doug Stiebler: maybe we shouldn't have bike lanes on a steep downhill of a certain grade?

As a result of "pushback" city will be removing the bike lane but leaving the parking strip, but why was the parking striping/hatching even needed? GABAC requested the opportunity to provide

input whatever changes happen next.

General committee discussion: How to prevent things like this from happening in the future? Our role should not be complaining every time a mistake is made. Department's or City process are not allowing us to provide input before situations like this get on the ground. There is a serious communication breakdown and GABAC is not responsible for fixing this problem. If the parking re-striping is done, then we will be stuck with Comanche all over again. Albuquerque is counting a lot of on-street parking lanes as bike lanes.

GABAC requested that the engineering designer for this project present to GABAC as a follow up.

Ed Hillsman: signalization and network issues: San Pedro and Mountain is impossible to cross as there are queuing issues. GABAC would like the staff person responsible for signalization to discuss with GABAC.

Andrew Varoz is the project manager and he will be looking at the signal timing issues after the roadway reconfiguration has occurred. Has DMD looked at the signal timing on San Pedro since the road diet went in?

The DMD Director should present to GABAC to discuss issues of concern within DMD. Is GABAC advisory or advocacy organization. Debbie Bauman stated that the committee is advisory.

Ed Hillsman: what is the status of the 2016 bike map? Is there time for more input? Debbie Bauman said no that the bike map has been sent to the printers in order to be ready for Bike to Work Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>, but if after the committee reviews the map and additional changes are requested then we can have that discussion prior to the next printing. This is an evolving document.

Maps from 5 different departments are incorporated in to the dataset. Committee suggested having the next iteration of the map ready for Balloon Fiesta – what kind of schedule needs to be set up to allow time for committee input prior to printing?

New GABAC member recommendations: of the applications that have been received by the Boards and Commissions department in the Mayor's office, two names were suggested to be advanced. Debbie has not heard if either of the names are moving through the approval process.

- **Staff Reports**

- **DMD Engineering**

- Most of the items Debbie would have covered have already been discussed. Ron Romero was not present so the list of items he was to update the committee on will be presented in June.

- Debbie summarized the efforts that have gone out for Bike to Work Day. The committee asked for an update of statistics for the June meeting. Debbie also mentioned that she will be working on the Bike Friendly City designation application this year.

- **Parks and Recreation**

- Jason Coffey – bridge and trail evaluation study is going on. AECOM was selected as the consultant for the project. Price, scope, etc., have not been determined yet. Study should take up to a year from the time they are authorized.

- Scott Hale asked is there was a way to have an interim plan as GABAC never knows when projects start or finish. They never saw drawings for Unser trail.

- Paseo del la Mesa is a resurfacing project that is being done. It's an Open Space trail. Committee mentioned that they don't understand the jurisdictions and who is responsible for what. Can the

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committee get a list of projects for the next year?

At the May GARTC meeting there will be a presentation about ADA and the committee is invited to attend.

### **NMDOT District 3**

Margaret Haynes discussed the following:

PDN/I-25 south frontage road intersection. District received the study, 3 alternatives were evaluated. The protected left, westbound to south – caused “severe delays” for multiple intersections and is not the preferred alternative. One left turn bay, would cause many issues with backing up of traffic. Looked at criteria, including sight distance and crash data; did a bike/ped count and applied the factor used by MRCOG. Signal optimization was looked at to see if gaps could be created. Flashing yellow arrow – this was the recommended option. In theory – push the button, the next cycle gives the protected left – it’s a two-minute cycle. The City maintains the signals and the City doesn’t currently use yellow arrows.

Coors/SIPI – mill and inlay this fall. Wanted to repave but SIPI owns the property, not NMDOT. They can’t get permission to pave it.

Roy Road, I-25 to NM 313 – there was a seam/lip in the shoulder. Overlay already occurred so the calculation of the pavement life cycle started over. Committee stated that by NMDOT doing the partial paving the facility has been degraded for cyclists. This is a highly used facility -how did this happen?

Isleta/Rio Bravo – project fixed a gap.

El Pueblo – alignment hasn’t been selected yet; NMDOT is still working on the drainage report.

### **Discussion/Action Item(s)**

Dan Majewski proposed moving the items from the bottom of the agenda that received no discussion to the top of the agenda for the following month. There was no consensus or motion on this suggestion.

Debbie Bauman quickly reviewed her notes and identified the following “action items” for June:

- ✓ What will the rework of the striping look like for Encantado?
- ✓ Moises noted that the GABAC ordinance needs revisions
- ✓ San Pedro: Lomas to Indian School needs follow up
- ✓ Develop a schedule to update Bike Map
- ✓ Develop a schedule of projects to be completed by Parks and Rec and present to GABAC
- ✓ Cutler access/parking issue: staff should go out at the peak hours of use to see what is happening. Need follow up discussion next month about possible solutions for access/parking etc., near Green Jeans restaurant at Carlisle/Cutler/I-40
- ✓ Debbie to send Scot Key comments on Silver to committee

- **Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm**