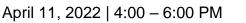


Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC) – AGENDA





Meeting will be held virtually.

Due to current public health considerations, no in-person option will be provided this month. Zoom meetings will be recorded and the chat will be saved for notetaking purposes. *6 mute/unmute | *9 raise/lower hand

Zoom Meeting Info: <u>https://cabq.zoom.us/j/88461619655</u>

Join by Phone: +1 346 248 7799 (*6 mute/unmute | *9 raise/lower hand) Meeting ID: 884 6161 9655

Welcome and Introductions

[] Vacant NE Quadrant

- [] Nevarez Encinias SW Quadrant
- [] Vacant Individuals w/a Disability
- [] Vacant SE Quadrant
- [] Richard Meadows (chair) Pedestrians + Transit Users
- [] Vacant Youth (Under 24)

- [] Dan Jensen NW Quadrant
- [] Josiah Hooten Bicyclists
- [] Lanny Tonning Older Adults (over 60)

Approval of April Meeting Agenda

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

Public Comments (2 minute limit per audience member)

• Please email comments to Valerie Hermanson (vhermanson@cabq.gov) prior to the meeting or use the virtual raise hand feature during the meeting.

Discussion / Action Items Presentations

• City of Albuquerque RAISE grant for construction of Albuquerque Rail Trail – Ciaran Lithgow, Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency

Website: <u>https://www.cabq.gov/mra/rail-trail</u> Executive Summary: <u>https://www.cabq.gov/mra/documents/part-i-rail-trail-executive-summary.pdf</u>

Action Item: Request for letter of support from GAATC (draft letter attached)



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April 11, 2022 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM



Tim Keller, Mayor

Staff Reports

- Municipal Development (DMD)
 - Engineering
 - Vision Zero
- Council Services
- Parks and Recreation

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

Public Comments (2 minute limit per audience member)

Adjourn



Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC)



April 11, 2022

TO: Secretary Pete Buttigieg Department of Transportation 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Pete Buttigieg and the RAISE Grant Merit Review Committee:

I am writing to express our sincere support of the Albuquerque Rail Trail. As the City of Albuquerque revitalizes our Downtown in the wake of COVID-19, it is vital to provide outdoor amenities, sustainable transportation alternatives, and increased connectivity to historic, cultural, recreational, and employment activities.

This project will enable the city to construct a multi-use trail that would add considerable value to the public and our community by:

- Increasing quality of life by creating a world class urban amenity and improving access to green space for Downtown communities and adjacent neighborhoods;
- Reducing the urban heat island effect by adding 165 trees to the Downtown core;
- Providing safe access to transit alternatives, such as Amtrak, the Albuquerque Santa Fe regional commuter train (the Rail Runner), Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART), and the Alvarado Transit Center; and,
- Increasing safe pedestrian and cyclist connectivity in and around Downtown, which will expand access to jobs, reduce parking demands as the region expands, decrease greenhouse gas emissions by promoting transportation alternatives, and improve community health.

Innovative, well-planned rail projects have proven to serve as an economic catalyst for other cities. This can provide the missing piece for Albuquerque's economic revival. Our organization wholeheartedly supports the City's grant application.

Respectfully,

Richard Meadows Chair, Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC)