GABAC/GARTC Joint Meeting – AGENDA
Tuesday, June 8 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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Welcome and Introductions
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Vacant
NE Quadrant
[ ] Raul Chavira
SE Quadrant
[ ] Dan Jensen
[ ] Nevarez Encinias
SW Quadrant
[ ] Josiah Hooten
At Large
[ ] Robin Allen
[ ] Lanny Tonning
Unincorporated – East
Vacant
Unincorporated – West
[ ] Richard Meadows

Approval of June Meeting Agenda

Approval of May Meeting Minutes

General Announcements / Meeting Format
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Public Comments (2 minute limit per audience member)
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Presentations
- Tom Bullock Trail Extension (Abiel Carillo, KSA Engineering)
- Rail Trail (Ciaran Lithgow + Jonathan Teeters, CABQ Metropolitan Redevelopment)
- Vision Zero Action Plan Update (Terra Reed, CABQ DMD)

Staff Reports
- Municipal Development (DMD)
- Engineering
- Vision Zero
- Council Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning
- Bernalillo County
- MRCOG
- NMDOT District 3

Discussion / Action Items
- Sub-committees and committee activities.

Public Comment (2 minute limit per audience member)

Adjourn

Next Meeting: Monday, July 12 4:00-6:00 PM
Committee Members Present
Richard Meadows (Chair), Dan Jensen, Nevarez Encinias, Josiah Hooten, Robin Allen, Lanny Tonning

Committee Members Absent
Raul Chavira

Staff Members Present
Terra Reed (CABQ DMD), Julie Luna (Bernalillo County), David Flores (Parks & Recreation), Christina Sandoval (Parks & Recreation), Cheryl Somerfeldt (Parks & Recreation), Julie Luna (Bernalillo County), Tara Cok (MRCOG), Ciaran Lithgow (CABQ Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency)

Visitors Present
GARTC members: Melani Buchanan Farmer, Cathy Intemann, Leigh Sellari
Other attendees: Abiel Carillo (KSA Engineering), Tyler Campbell (KSA Engineering), Peter Rice (Downtown Albuquerque News)

Richard M called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

Approval of June Meeting Agenda
- Josiah H (motion); Dan J (second) – approved unanimously

Approval of May Meeting Minutes
- Lanny T (motion); Nevarez E (second) – approved unanimously

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- No public comments

Presentations
Tom Bolack Trail Improvements (Abiel Carillo, KSA Engineering)
- New multi-use trail connection between San Pedro and Dakota Street for the Tom Bolack Park (just south of I-40). [See attached presentation materials].
- Public meeting planned for June 29 – details TBA.
- Discussion:
  - Richard M: Will there be any landscaping or lighting added?
  - Abiel C.: No landscaping. There currently lighting east of the pinch point, but none at the pinch point or west of it. Looking at adding lighting to existing power poles – will follow up with staff.
Innovation Rail Trail (Ciaran Lithgow, Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency)

- Trail connections between Rail Yards and Lomas along 1st street and the railroad tracks to provide better bike and pedestrian connections and promote economic development, recreation, and public art downtown. [See attached presentation materials, including slides and informational materials provided prior to the meeting].
- Discussion:
  - Josiah H: What is the timeline?
    - Ciaran L: Marquette crossing is in design. Other phases are somewhat dependent on funding.
  - Terra R: What is the required timeline for the requests you are making for letters of support?
    - Ciaran L: The grant proposals and other funding requests need to be submitted over the coming weeks, so as soon as possible.
  - Richard M: What is happening with the Central Avenue underpass?
    - Ciaran L: Can make some aesthetic improvements, but limited in terms of size. Working on an alternative path along Tijeras.
  - Melani BF: What will collaboration with APD/public safety look like and how will you support unhoused populations in the area?
    - Ciaran L: Mostly lighting. Will also provide emergency signals along the trail (similar to the blue emergency lights on UNM campus). We want it to be available to everyone, but not necessarily encourage people to sleep there. This will mostly be accomplished by activating the space and encouraging eyes on the street. We are also working with the new Community Safety Department to identify the best ways to address safety.

- Dan J made a motion to submit the three letters of support requested by the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency, using the templates provided, to be signed by Richard M as Chair of GABAC. Lanny T seconded. Approved unanimously.
- Public meeting planned for July 22 from 5-7 at the Rail Yards.

Vision Zero Action Plan (Terra Reed, Department of Municipal Development)

- City’s Vision Zero Action Plan was released on May 21, 2021. [See attached presentation materials and review the plan here.]
- Vision Zero is about making sure that people can get around Albuquerque safely regardless of mode, and supports t
- Discussion
  - Richard M: How do we do education and encouragement to increase safety and change the car culture?
    - Terra R: Working with a marketing firm on messaging that is dedicated to reminding people to respect all road users. Working with community partners and participating in events like CiQlovia to highlight safety and transportation options.
  - Lanny T: Would like to suggest that GABAC consider urging City leaders to encourage that the legislature include a robust section on bicycling in drivers education.
    - Richard M: Encourage Lanny T to draft a letter for the committee to review and approve.
Terra R: May also want to consider, with the new scope of GABAC once it becomes GAATC, including pedestrians as well as bicyclists.
Christina S: Esperanza Community Bicycle Education Center does work with driving schools – would be good to contact them and find out what they are already doing.

- Malani BF: Traffic safety issues are getting worse. Like that you have policy, regulation, and practice in the plan – needs to be. Need to hold people accountable for behavior. A family member was recently almost hit in a crosswalk – the driver was very negative and felt that they had the right-of-way because they were in a bigger vehicle.
- Terra R: Working with peer Vision Zero cities to address issues with enforcement and moving away from focusing on enforcement. Also looking into automated enforcement tools that would allow enforcement of speed laws in more places, while reducing potential negative interactions between the police and the public. Interested in feedback from committees/committee members.
  - Lanny T: Automated enforcement removes the human element. Fines are inequitable because some can pay many fines and never slow down, while others can’t pay. People should be required to give their time.
- Dan J: Vision Zero is often portrayed as being more about bicycle safety than general traffic safety - missed opportunity. Campaigns like “Speeding Has a Name” tend to be more ‘feel good’ than effective at changing behaviors. Is City Council really committed to Vision Zero or not? What is the best way to get City Council to be responsive to input? I have sent two messages to my Councilor, one to the whole Council/staff, on the plans for East Central based on the presentation at our last meeting and have received no response. Expected response at least as a member of GABAC.
  - Terra R: Still educating City Councilors about Vision Zero and the work being done. Councilors have mentioned the letter from Dan J in discussions, so it has been read.
- Cathy I: Do you work with the NM Department of Transportation?
  - Terra R: I am often part of conversations about projects that NMDOT is working on. GABAC also generally gets presentations on NMDOT projects and has some opportunity for input.

Staff Reports

- Municipal Development (DMD)
  - Engineering
    - No staff present.
    - Terra R: Will provide an overview of Complete Streets maintenance review at next GABAC meeting.
- Vision Zero (Terra Reed)
  - No additional updates.
- Council Services
  - Terra R: City Council voted to approve the Ordinance amendment (O-21-63) to change the name and scope to Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC). Will be official by the July meeting. Council will also approve an Executive Communication at its June 21 meeting to update the roles of existing members based
on input received from members. Committee can discuss goals, roles, expectations during upcoming meetings.

- Parks and Recreation (Christina Sandoval)
  - No updates.
- Planning (Carrie Barkhurst)
  - Planning Department is working on the SW Mesa Community Planning Area assessment and there are opportunities to participate in online input activities.
  - Discussion
    - Richard M: How do CPA assessments address input from GABAC/GARTC.
    - Carrie B: will take any comments and open to further discussion with members. Carrie will reach out to Neva Rez E as SW representative and to GARTC.
- Bernalillo County (Julie Luna)
  - Ongoing projects:
    - Under construction: Bridge Boulevard Complete Street
    - Under construction: Woodward connection between William St. in E San Jose to Bosque Trail
    - Construction soon: Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon at Central and Texas
    - Design phase: Alameda Drain Trail – El Pueblo to Alameda
    - 2nd St – Valle de Oro Trail complete, adding sidewalks on other side
    - Design: Rio Bravo – 2nd St. to S. Diversion Channel (Chris Chavez Loop)
    - Planning: Camino Real Historic Trail
    - Planning: Isleta Drain Master Plan
  - Cathy I: Are there places to park and use the 2nd St. Trail? Many trail users drive to trails for walking/biking.
    - Richard M: For the southern portion, the Valle de Oro Visitor Center, when complete, will be a place for that.
    - Terra R: For the north end, El Pueblo Rail Runner Station has a large parking lot and is near 2nd St.
    - Richard M: As the trail continues to extend, there will be more places along the trail where you can park.
    - Christina S: Parks & Rec will be going to bid for the portion south of Montano along 2nd St./4th St. No trail heads planned (no City-owned land), but may there are places nearby that might be good for parking.
    - Lanny T: Maybe the City could incentivize businesses to have spaces in lots for park and ride.
- MRCOG (Tara Cok)
  - No updates
- NMDOT District 3
  - No staff present.
  - Richard M: Would like to have representation from NMDOT again. Will reach out with that request.

Discussion / Action Items

Role of Committees and Collaboration Among Committees
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- Lanny T: Could have a higher profile with the recommendations that we make to get the word out more. Might better serve the public if we share discussions/advice.
  - Robin A: Agree.
  - Lanny T: We need to be prepared to make appropriate motions and/or individuals need volunteer to do the outreach.
- Cathy I: GARTC members represent user constituencies. Don’t see any way to outreach to the people that I represent (Active Elders). Don’t feel like I have a lot of input – unless the City has things that they need help with, I feel underutilized.
  - Lanny T: New focus of GAATC may help guide some of these changes.
  - Terra R: City also has a Senior Affairs Advisory Council. Transit Advisory Board members have attended their meeting to make a connection around seniors using transit.
- Christina S: Does GABAC have subcommittees? GARTC has talked about that as an option.
  - Richard M: We have done that, but it was for a specific project (BTFP Gap closure prioritization) – once that was complete, the subcommittee closed.
  - Cathy I: GARTC only has 6 members currently.
    - Christina S: Will work with Constituent Services on outreach to fill open positions.
    - Terra R: We will also be working with them to fill GAATC positions.

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM
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Tom Bolack Trail Improvements

GABAC/GARTC Joint Meeting Update

June 8, 2021

Abiel Carrillo, PE

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SAN PEDRO
CONNECT TO EXISTING PAVED TRAIL

PROPOSED ASPHALT MULTIUSE TRAIL

INTERSTATE 40

CONNECT TO EXISTING PAVED TRAIL

ZIMMERMAN LANE
Existing Conditions
Existing Conditions
Typical Section

Project Status

• Design is at DRC for Final Design Review

• Anticipate Neighborhood Meeting on June 29th at 6 pm

• City’s On-Call Contractor will be engaged for Scheduling Construction
GOAL

Together we will activate the historic Rail Corridor to create a thriving urban pathway that celebrates Albuquerque’s unique culture and future visions.

With strategic collaboration and community engagement the Innovation Rail Trail Corridor will become an exciting Downtown destination, a catalyst for economic development, and an avenue for local prosperity.

PURPOSE

- Reconnect East and West Downtown
- Provide safe bicycle and pedestrian access to employment center and transit stations
- Unlock $590M in redevelopment potential
- Celebrate the corridors multi-layer history
- Extend broadband and smart cities infrastructure
- Provide healthy, post-COVID urban amenity
- Link dis-invested communities to employment and transit
- Ensure local community benefits from subsequent investment
ALBUQUERQUE RAIL TRAIL
PROPOSED TRAIL ALIGNMENT

LEGEND
- Railroad
- Trail Gateway
- Trail Alignment
- Historic Route 66
- Trail Destination
ALBUQUERQUE RAIL TRAIL
TRAIL CONNECTIONS

LEGEND
- Railroad
- Rail Trail Current Stage 1
- Open Space/Bosque
- COA Proposed Bike Paths
- Existing Multimodal Trails
- Connection
- Rail Trail Future Extensions
- Point of Interest
NODES

High Line, New York City

Underground At Ink, Boston

Rail Trail, Charlotte
ALBUQUERQUE RAIL TRAIL
CURRENT CONDITIONS & OPPORTUNITIES
INSPIRATION
WHAT IS VISION ZERO?

A strategy used around the world to **eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries** from our roads, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility.

A commitment to create **safer streets for all**, regardless of our age or ability, whether we are walking, riding a bicycle, using a mobility device, driving, or taking transit.

### Traditional Approach
- Traffic deaths are **INEVITABLE**
- PERFECT human behavior
- Prevent **COLLISIONS**
- INDIVIDUAL responsibility
- Saving Lives is **EXPENSIVE**

### Vision Zero
- Traffic deaths are **PREVENTABLE**
- Integrate HUMAN FAILING in approach
- Prevent **FATAL AND SEVERE CRASHES**
- SYSTEMS approach
- Saving lives is **NOT EXPENSIVE**
TRAFFIC DEATHS IN ALBUQUERQUE

Fatal Crashes

0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45

Total Fatalities

0 20 40 60 80 100
HIGH FATAL + INJURY NETWORK (HFIN)

- Standard practice for Vision Zero communities
- Analysis by Vision Zero Task Force w/MRCOG
  - Intersection crash rates
  - Crashes rates for segments
  - Pedestrian-involved crashes
  - Bicycle-involved crashes
- Interactive HFIN map
VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

• 8 Indicators
  • Per capita income
  • Population 65+
  • Population 17 and under
  • People with a disability
  • Non-white population
  • Limited English proficiency
  • Multi-family (10+ units)
  • Households with no vehicle

• Methodology
  • CDC Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)
  • Documentation
  • Additional information
HOW DO WE GET TO ZERO?

• **Engineering + Roadway Design**: Prioritize the safety of all road users and use complete streets design principles when designing, building, and reconstructing roadways.

• **Safe Speeds**: Implement speed management.

• **Policy, Regulation + Practice**: Establish and advocate for proactive and equitable policies, regulations, and practices that center safety and for all roadway users.

• **Education + Encouragement**: Promote a culture of safety and care among all road users.

• **Walking + Rolling**: Increase opportunities for people throughout the city to safely walk, bike, and use mobility devices.

• **Data + Transparency**: Use data to make decisions, prioritize funding, and evaluate traffic safety projects to ensure that Vision Zero initiatives, and the data behind them, are equitable and transparent.
Develop and implement a Vision Zero framework for transportation infrastructure planning and projects.

Implement road design, redesign, and construction projects that prioritize traffic safety and equity using the HFIN, vulnerable communities map, and proven safety countermeasures.

Improve and eliminate gaps and barriers in pedestrian and bicycle networks.
SAFE SPEEDS

Reduce posted speeds, prioritizing areas along the HFIN, in vulnerable communities, and near schools, parks, and other community facilities.

Implement equitable enforcement techniques using emerging best practices.
Establish a Vision Zero program.

Engage stakeholders in decision making related to Vision Zero.

Incorporate Vision Zero principles into citywide programs that impact traffic safety.

Update local and state policy to reflect Vision Zero goals.

Build capacity among City staff to understand and follow emerging best practices.
USE EDUCATION AND ENCOURAGEMENT

Use education and encouragement to engage road users in efforts to create a culture of care and safety.

Collaborate with community partners to strengthen and broaden the reach of education and encouragement efforts.

Expand opportunities to connect Vision Zero with local arts and cultural initiatives.
WALKING + ROLLING

Increase transportation options and create safe, comfortable opportunities for people to walk, ride a bicycle, use mobility devices, and take transit.

Remove barriers to walking, riding a bicycle, using mobility devices, and taking transit.

Develop and promote incentive programs to encourage people to walk, ride a bicycle, use mobility devices, and take transit.
DATA + TRANSPARENCY

Make information related to Vision Zero initiatives available to the public.

Engage stakeholders in data collection and creation to increase data sovereignty and expand understanding of traffic safety issues and solutions.

Improve available data to better understand transportation options and choices and what behaviors lead to crashes.
NEXT STEPS (EXAMPLES)

- Louisiana Road Safety Audit Implementation
- Complete Streets Maintenance Review
- Lighting and Intersection Improvements
- Pilot Projects and Testing
- School Crossing Improvements
- Climate Action Plan
QUESTIONS + DISCUSSION

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