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Monday, January 11, 2021 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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

## **Approval of January Meeting Agenda**

## **Approval of December Meeting Minutes**

## **General Announcements / Meeting Format**

- Virtual meeting etiquette
- Committee membership announcements

## **Public Comments** (2 minute limit per audience member)

• Please email comments to <a href="mailto:treed@cabq.gov">treed@cabq.gov</a> prior to the meeting or use the virtual raise hand feature during the meeting.

### **Presentations**

GABAC Priority List (Debbie Bauman + Terra Reed)

### Staff Reports

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

## **Discussion / Action Items**

### **Adjourn**

- Planning
- Bernalillo County
- MRCOG
- NMDOT District 3



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#### **Committee Members Present**

Richard Meadows (Chair); Rose McCamey (Vice-chair); Raul Chavira; Dan Jensen; Josiah Hooten; Robin Allen:

### **Committee Members Absent**

**Lanny Tonning** 

### **Staff Members Present**

Debbie Bauman (DMD Engineering); Terra Reed (DMD); Petra Morris (Council Services); Whitney Phelan (Parks & Rec); Cheryl Somerfeldt (P&R); Carrie Barkhurst (Planning); Tara Cok (MRCOG);

### **Visitors Present**

Aaron Sussman (BHI), Susan Gautsch (e-bike business), Peter Rice (Downtown Albuquerque News); Allen Hudson (bike advocate)

### Call to Order

• Mr. Meadows called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM

## **Approval of January Meeting Agenda**

Rose (motion); Robin (second) – approved unanimously

**Approval of September and December Meeting Minutes** (September 2020 meeting minutes were not voted on because of a lack of quorum at October 2020 meeting so they need to be approved)

- September 2020: Motion (McCamey); Second (Allen) 6 in favor 1 abstained because he wasn't on GABAC at the time of the meeting (Jensen)
- December 2020: Motion (McCamey); Second (Jensen) 6 in favor, 1 abstained because he was absent at the December meeting (Chavira)
  - Meadows: Please revise to complete the phrase about landscaping in the section about the Copper Trail.

## **General Announcements / Meeting Format**

- Mayor has submitted a recommendation to appoint Nevarez Encinias to GABAC (EC-229) to replace Dan Majewski, who resigned in December. Council will vote on the appointment on January 20.
- GABAC terms for Richard Meadows, Rose McCamey, Raul Chavira, and Lanny Tonning end in April of this year. All are in first of 2 allowed terms. Members interested in a second term need to reapply; otherwise, let staff know so that efforts can be made to fill the position.

## **Public Comments** (2 minute limit per audience member)

- Susan Gautsch Recently moved back to ABQ, planning to open an e-bike company. Wanted to introduce herself to the committee and identify ways to get more involved.
- Together for Brothers (via email from Christopher Ramirez) planning for <u>Transit Equity Day</u> (February 4) and considering different opportunities for engaging around transit equity (keeping COVID restrictions in mind). T4B priorities: 1) make the free youth bus pass permanent, 2)





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expand the free youth bus to 19-24 years old and 3) increase access and visibility for COVID-safe activities in our parks and open spaces. CABQ Transit has committed to free fares and marketing the event; community partners are working on other elements. T4B will also be hosting a bicycling cohort for young men of color later in the spring.

- BikeABQ (via Terra Reed) <u>2021 National Bike Summit</u> is being held virtually this year (Feb 28-March 3). BikeABQ members can use a member discount code to register and participants 21 and under can register for free. Member discount code in the December issue of VeloViews. If you aren't a BikeABQ member, you can join on their website and email the board for the code.
- Joseph Fuka (via email forwarded by BikeABQ) interested in improvements along Montano to protect the bicycle lane from drivers. (see attachment for email)
  - o (Jensen) Would like more information about where on Montano.
- Julie Luna (Bernalillo County) the City was <u>awarded Silver Bicycle Friendly Community status</u> in December from the League of American Bicyclists.

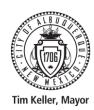
## **Presentations**

## 14 GABAC Priorities List Update

- BHI is under contract on several projects, including reviewing the North I-25 study
  recommendations to determine what projects to prioritize, including developing decision
  criteria. DMD is requesting that BHI incorporate GABAC's recommended gap projects into this
  project and to come back to GABAC with more information at February meeting. Staff has
  requested that BHI provide some content for members to review 2 weeks in advance of the
  February meeting.
  - Meadows: It would help to re-evaluate the list against planned projects to determine if there are any gap projects that could be addressed through other existing projects.

### **Staff Reports**

- Municipal Development (DMD)
  - Engineering
    - Development stages for a couple of projects will come to GABAC with updates as they become available.
    - Complete Streets Maintenance Program will probably become available in the coming months for review.
    - Westside Drive Improvement (NM 528 to Golf Course) project opened bids; working with the state to evaluate bis. Project will improve roadway and provide bike lanes and multi-use trail. It will also tie in to Rio Rancho bike/ped trail project.
  - o Vision Zero
    - Vision Zero Action Plan is in progress and hope to have it ready to make public in late January/early February depending on Administrative review.
    - Working on a marketing campaign to kick off Vision Zero. Opportunity to incorporate video project that GABAC has discussed in the past.
- Council Services
  - Working on Council legislation to rework GABAC adopting ordinance based on GABAC recommendation to expand the scope of the committee to include more active transportation considerations.





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- Will likely include revision of GABAC representation considering some geographic positions, as well as representation of different user groups. Will need to update all existing GABAC member representation to fit into new categories. Interested in feedback from members related to representation what groups/areas should be represented and what groups/areas do you represent so that we can include assignments in the Council action. Will email GABAC members with a request for feedback on membership.
- Will have draft legislation for GABAC review at the February meeting.

### Parks + Recreation

- Working on e-bike policy, particularly related to use in open space. P&R gets many
  questions about where they can be used. Taking comments on that policy development
  (no draft yet, ideas and resources can be sent to Whitney Phelan, wphelan@cabq.gov).
- Copper Trail: still have some punchlist items outstanding and working on permanent fencing. This trail connects Eubank to Daniel Webster Park. Hoping to start landscaping in February.
- o Ventana Ranch:
  - Universe crossing close to complete addressing a few follow-up issues with DMD Traffic.
  - Still doing additional crusher fine in the community park.
- Tom Bullock Park Trail Extension: there was an old project to connect east to San Pedro that was never completed. Working with on-call on preliminary designs, which should go to DRC soon. Staff will share design information with GABAC when a little further along.
- o Alameda Drain Trail: 100% design should be going out to bid soon.
- P&R received some trail maintenance funding. Looking to rent equipment to do crack seal on trails to perform a cost analysis to determine if it is more cost effective for P&R staff to do it vs. contracting out.
- I-25/Osuna bridge: P&R doesn't have the capacity to do the necessary maintenance.
   Needs larger engineering review working on documentation for Administration to fund/support that larger project.

#### Planning

- Long Range Planning starting <u>Community Planning Area assessments</u> in February.
   Three assessments per year in different parts of the city. Will start with Near Heights (I-40/I-25/Eubank/Kirtland/City Limits).
  - Process will include recommendations for capital improvements, other planning processes, facility plans, etc.
  - Visit website to learn more/sign up for updates.

## Bernalillo County

- List of 10 years of projects with Federal funding sent out to Committee members for review. Interesting look back at what has been accomplished – all but 3 had bike elements. (see attachment)
- MRCOG
  - o No updates hoping for updates in February, including micro-mobility update from Jake.
- NMDOT District 3
  - Did not attend/No updates



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#### **Discussion / Action Items**

- El Pueblo rail crossing bicycle crash on Sunday, 1/10 (McCamey)
  - A friend of Ms. McCamey rode through there on Sunday and crashed, breaking her finger. Her helmet and bike were also both damaged.
  - GABAC wrote a letter to BNSF several months ago and there was some discussion with NMDOT. Signage was added encouraging cyclists to dismount. Committee hasn't heard much about it since.
    - Background: NMDOT owns the ROW but because it is a rail spur (even if not/rarely in use), BNSF can override projects within 25 ft. of the rail, which has made it difficult to make any changes.
    - Background: In the past, GABAC has discussed recommendations to detour cyclists around this location, particularly during Balloon Fiesta. Those routes are fairly circuitous – may be necessary to identify something more clear.
  - Ms. Allen has crashed there as well and had a severe cut. She approached the crossing at the correct angle and her tire was still caught in the rails.
  - Signs don't necessarily communicate the danger. People who ride through there may think that they know how to safely cross a track and are surprised by how dangerous it is.
  - GABAC requests an update from NMDOT on their conversations with BNSF and what the options are moving forward.
  - It would be helpful to have a way to track these experiences. City has no record unless police are called or 311 is called; Statewide crash data only includes crashes that involve a motor vehicle.
- I-40 Trail/Gabaldon Crossing (Tonning)
  - Lanny has made requests at previous meetings for the City to look at the crossing of the I-40 trail at Gabaldon and there is poor visibility for both cyclists and drivers. Higher trail use during COVID has brought more people to this location.
    - Mr. Meadows shared that he thinks there was a crash or close call at this location in recent months.
    - Ms. McCamey shared that she has had close calls at this location as well.
  - Per Mr. Tonning's request, staff is reviewing options at this location. There is a mix of City-owned ROW, County-owned ROW, interaction with NMDOT because of the I-40 overpass, and possibly need to engage MRGCD regarding the trees/vegetation along the acequia. Staff will follow-up with the committee at the February meeting.
- Public Information Coordinator (PIC) presence at GABAC and/or press releases? (Tonning)
  - o Mr. Tonning made a request to staff via email about having DMD's PIC attend meetings or for GABAC to be able to produce press releases.
  - o Given Mr. Tonning's absence at the meeting, staff requests tabling this discussion to get more information about the goal of that request. Staff will look into the general practice for boards and commissions.

### **Adjourn**

• Motion (McCamey) – approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 8 2021 4:00 PM

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: jxfuka <

To: "board@bikeabq.org" <board@bikeabq.org>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2021, 2:38:04 PM MST

Subject: Montaño road bike lane

Good afternoon!

I live in the neighborhood near Montaño road, and have observed that the bike lane that is on either side of the road is almost unusable, since drivers seem to swerve into it regularly at speeds higher than the limits. I often see serious bicyclists use the sidewalk rather than take their chances in the bike lane. I can't blame them.

Has there ever been an effort towards asking the city to perhaps install either milled rumble strips or Bott's dots to delineate the bike lanes and deter cars from swerving into the bike lanes? It would even make me feel safer when I am a pedestrian on the sidewalk, as I have seen distracted drivers swerve all the way past the bike lane and contact the curb.

If there has been an effort towards this end, or if there are reasons that I have not considered that make this impractical, I would appreciate knowing about those. If not, and if it is in the interest of the bicycling community, I may try to see whether we can get this to happen.

Thank you, and warmest regards in what must become a better year than last.

Joseph Fuka

## GABAC- "Gaps" Subcommittee Analysis (Dan, Jim, Ed); Jan. 2019

#### Purpose:

- Analyze and prioritize a list of 109 proposed bike facilities provided by DMD
- Facilities were sorted by length, location, and type (lane, route, trail, bike blvd)

#### How We Prioritized:

• Favored trails; bike boulevards (facilities that could be used by the largest number of people, including users other than cyclists); connections to existing popular facilities

Our "Top 14": Resorted based on discussion w/CABQ DMD on Aug 12, 2019:

## Time Sensitive

- #65-66: Montgomery, NDC Trail to Renaissance (ties into upcoming I-25/Montgomery NMDOT project)
  - CABQ DMD response: they will extend their project limit to the NDC trail! \$975,000 programmed by Debbie. alignment of when the money is programmed. more efficient use of money.
- #16: Rio Grande Blvd, Mountain Road to Central Ave (Closes a significant gap on an important north-south route that was recently improved north of I-40)
  - CABQ DMD response: tied to kimley-horn study. A plan exists. is a road diet the
    right thing to do here? still on the radar. changes at interstate might trigger changes
    elsewhere.
  - o what if we just added a bike box?
  - Josef: go through the study, look for low hanging fruit. signage could be added

## Highly Viable

- #49-50: Claremont Bike Blvd (currently a "bike route"; upgrade to a "bike blvd")
  - CABQ DMD response: will take a look at it
- #68-69: San Pedro Zuni to Menaul (we've already motioned to complete this project); I-25 to San Bernadino (connects to many high-density developments)
  - CABQ DMD response: not sure... depends on the paving schedule. Bern Co/county? next bond cycle.
- #75-77: Marble Bike Blvd (recommendation is "bike route"; must be "bike blvd")
  - o CABQ DMD response: will take a look at it
- #82: Blake, Unser to Arenal
  - o CABQ DMD response: need to coordinate w/county, Bern Co

- #83, 89, 91: Central, entire length (I-40 to I-40)- Atrisco to Sunset, Coors to I-40, etc.
  - CABQ DMD response: CABQ fed money project- on the frontage road of Central, from Unser to 106th. designing improvements. councilor wants next to central. putting in trees in the median so they can't put buses in the middle....
  - will coordinate with bernco
  - Money available in 2021... councilor talked about it. could we take a lane? do a reconstruction? restripe?
- #99: Avenida Cesar Chavez, Yale to Edith (critical South Valley, east/west connection)
  - o CABQ DMD response: will take a look; COG can do capacity analysis

## Moderately Viable

- #6: Eagle Ranch, Irving to Coors (Closes an important gap that provides the best connection between the PDN Trail east of the river and PDN west of the river)
  - o CABQ DMD response: ROW issues
- #22: Paseo Del Norte, Rainbow Blvd to Calle Nortena (Closes a significant gap that will complete, along with #6, a very good east-west route)
  - CABQ DMD response: some money behind it- but might be awhile. State funds for design, ROW. Councilor B. actively working on implementing.
- #34: Unser, Paradise to Atrisco (Closes significant gap in the best north-south route east of the river)
  - CABQ DMD response: money- eventually. \$7 million in 2024. starting DOT ROW process in 2020. trail + bike lanes. there's a plan.
- #46: Finish NDC Trail, from the current end at Balloon Fiesta to 4th Street (critical regional connection for all users; improves northern access to Balloon Fiesta event)
  - CABQ DMD response: parks & rec: haven't talked to them. will follow up. they got federal \$ to rehab the NDC. not sure of the limits of this money.
- #97: 1-40 Trail Gaps Big I; Los Altos to Uptown; San Pedro to Carlisle; Coors crossing
  - CABQ DMD response: will talk to parks

## Challenging

- #9: Irving, Unser to Golf Course (Greatly improves an important east-west route north of Paseo Del Norte and provides convenient access to Rio Rancho)
  - CABQ DMD response: construction moratorium; no public funds to be spent.
     approved by Council. was in motion till this occurred. Money has been reallocated.

From: Morris, Petra
To: Reed, Terra L.
Subject: GABAC representation

**Date:** Monday, January 11, 2021 5:26:57 PM

Attachments: <u>image001.png</u>

Good evening Terra,

Can you send this on to GABAC?

Per the vote by GABAC to consider adding Active Transportation to the purview of GABAC, I am working on a draft bill that would make these proposed changes, for GABAC to start reviewing in February. However, as a ripple of this we should consider the roles of the current GABAC members going forward. At present GABAC representation is assigned only in a geographic manner. In contrast GARTC representation is assigned as a mix of geographic and user interest or perspective. This could be a logical approach for GABAC going forward.

With this in mind, please let me know if there are aspects of active transportation that you have an interest in representing, beyond being a cyclist. Examples include pedestrians, transit use, physically challenged, or other active use. We will probably only need to reassign three or four spots... the representation could look something like this:

- At Large
- At Large
- EPC
- Bernalillo County Active Transportation (this could combine the Bernalillo County east and west of the river positions)
- City Active Transportation
- Pedestrian/runner
- Bicycles
- Transit
- Physically challenged

I am open to other ideas for the proposed make up that would capture the range of on-street active transportation users.

Kind regards,

### Petra Morris, AICP

Council Planning Manager Albuquerque City Council 505.768.3161 pmorris@cabq.gov



## Bernalillo County Staff Update

- 1. Bernalillo County Major Project Progress: No major updates at this time.
- 2. Ten-Year Review: We recently compiled 10 years of federal projects awarded to Bernalillo County. Except for a couple of adaptive signal timing project, all of these involve pedestrian and/or bicycle elements. This list helps show how large projects are funded over many years and with several different funding sources.

Funding Type	Project	Fed Agency	Amount	FFY
STPU	Eubank Blvd	USDOT/ FHWA	\$11,295,558	2010
STPU	Bike Monitoring Stations	USDOT/ FHWA	\$74,345	2010
CMAQ	Alameda Blvd Trail	USDOT/ FHWA	\$100,000	2010
STPU	Bike Monitoring Stations	USDOT/ FHWA	\$195,655	2011
HSIP	Tramway Blvd Signal Coordination	USDOT/ FHWA	\$123,211	2011
HSIP	Bridge Blvd/ Isleta Blvd reconstruction	USDOT/ FHWA	\$509,520	2011
CMAQ	Alameda Blvd Trail	USDOT/ FHWA	\$1,800,000	2011
STPU	Eubank Blvd	USDOT/ FHWA	\$3,953,642	2012
STPE	Bosque Trail Reconstruction	USDOT/ FHWA	\$91,000	2012
STPU, TCSP	Sunport Blvd Ext	USDOT/ FHWA	\$1,088,920	2012
TIGER	Bridge Blvd Corridor Redevelopment Plan	USDOT/ FHWA	\$500,000	2012
STPU, CMAQ	Paradise Blvd MU Trail	USDOT/ FHWA	\$700,000	2013
STPE	Bosque Trail Reconstruction	USDOT/ FHWA	\$657,672	2013
SRTS	South Valley Safe Routes to School	USDOT/ FHWA	\$500,000	2013
HSIP	Old Coors & Sage Rd	USDOT/ FHWA	\$444,672	2013
НРР	Isleta Blvd	USDOT/ FHWA	\$187,171	2013
HSP	Sunport Blvd Ext	USDOT/ FHWA	\$143,525	2013
STPU	Sunport Blvd Ext	USDOT/ FHWA	\$6,198,511	2014
STPU	Sunport Blvd Ext	USDOT/ FHWA	\$377,107	2015
CMAQ, TAP	Alameda Drain Trail	USDOT/ FHWA	\$250,000	2016
TAP	2nd St SW/ Valle de Oro Trail Phase 1	USDOT/ FHWA	\$1,000,000	2016
STPU	Sunport Blvd Ext	USDOT/ FHWA	\$1,104,382	2016
TAP	Alameda Drain Trail Phase 1	USDOT/ FHWA	\$775,155	2017

Funding Type	Project	Fed Agency	Amount	FFY
STPU	Bridge Blvd Reconstruction	USDOT/ FHWA	\$724,820	2017
FLAP	2nd St SW Reconstruction Phase 1	FHWA CFL	\$6,000,000	2017
STPU	Sunport Blvd Ext	USDOT/ FHWA	\$3,104,346	2017
STPU	Bridge Blvd Reconstruction Phase 1	USDOT/ FHWA	\$4,662,056	2017
HSIP	Coors Blvd/ Blake Rd Reconstruction	USDOT/ FHWA	\$2,543,600	2017
STPU	Sunport Blvd Ext	USDOT/ FHWA	\$2,136,000	2018
TAP	Alameda Drain Trail Phase 2	USDOT/ FHWA	\$256,320	2018
HSIP	Rio Grande Blvd Bike Lanes	USDOT/ FHWA	\$520,000	2018
HSIP	Sunset Rd Phase 1	USDOT/ FHWA	\$450,000	2018
STPU	Bridge Blvd Reconstruction Phase 1	USDOT/ FHWA	\$6,420,000	2019
STPU	2nd St SW/ Valle de Oro Trail Phase 2	USDOT/ FHWA	\$325,854	2019
TAP, STLE	Alameda Drain Trail Phase 2	USDOT/ FHWA	\$439,675	2019
STPU, STLE	Sunport Blvd Ext	USDOT/ FHWA	\$2,658,375	2019
STP Flex, STPU	Woodward Rd Improvements	USDOT/ FHWA	\$59,808	2019
STP Flex, STPU	Sunport Blvd Ext	USDOT/ FHWA	\$7,532,864	2020
STPU	Woodward Rd Improvements	USDOT/ FHWA	\$1,554,712	2020
STPU	Bridge Blvd Reconstruction Phase 1	USDOT/ FHWA	\$2,531,577	2020
TAP, STPU, STLE	Alameda Drain Trail Phase 2	USDOT/ FHWA	\$537,546	2020
Trails to Parks	El Camino Real Natioinal Historic Trail Plan	USDOI/ NPS	\$90,000	2020
CRISI	South Valley Railroad	USDOT/ FRA	\$4,600,000	2020
STPU	Bridge Blvd Reconstruction Phase 2	USDOT/ FHWA	\$130,796	2021
CMAQ	Bridge Blvd Reconstruction Phase 3	USDOT/ FHWA	\$299,040	2021
STPU	Woodward Rd Improvements	USDOT/ FHWA	\$2,471,769	2021
STPU	Rio Bravo Adaptive Signals	USDOT/ FHWA	\$1,025,280	2021
STPU	Rio Bravo Blvd Gap Widening	USDOT/ FHWA	\$640,800	2021
TAP, STPU, STLE	Alameda Drain Trail Phase 2	USDOT/ FRA	\$971,254	2021
STPU	Rio Bravo Blvd/ 2nd St SW Reconstruction	USDOT/ FHWA	\$2,000,000	2022
TAP, STPU	Alameda Drain Trail Phase 4	USDOT/ FHWA	\$52,992	2022
STPU	Bridge Blvd Reconstruction Phase 2	USDOT/ FHWA	\$6,289,204	2022
CMAQ	Bridge Blvd Reconstruction Phase 3	USDOT/ FHWA	\$3,004,613	2022
STPU	Rio Bravo Blvd Gap Widening	USDOT/ FHWA	\$4,272,000	2022
FLAP	2nd St SW Phase 2 Reconstruction	FHWA CFL	\$6,500,000	2023
TAP, STPU	Alameda Drain Trail Phase 4	USDOT/ FHWA	\$105,072	2023

Funding Type	Project	Fed Agency	Amount	FFY
STPU	Isleta Blvd Reconstruction	USDOT/ FHWA	\$427,200	2024
TAP, STPU	Alameda Drain Trail Phase 4	USDOT/ FHWA	\$351,920	2024
STPU	Sunset Rd Phase 2	USDOT/ FHWA	\$186,150	2024
STPU	Sunset Rd Phase 2	USDOT/ FHWA	\$1,273,849	2025
TAP, STPU	Alameda Drain Trail Phase 4	USDOT/ FHWA	\$952,492	2025
STPU	Isleta Blvd Reconstruction	USDOT/ FHWA	\$2,990,400	2025
TOTAL		\$113,162,430		