

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 18, 2014
4:00 pm

1801 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM
Meeting held in the Facilities Maintenance Building (B)
Large Conference Room

Members Present: Guy Miller, Warren Wild, Valerie Cole, Gary W. Kelly, Bill Schimberg, M.D., John Thomas

Members Absent: Ian Maddieson

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: James Lewis (COA - Parks and Recreation),

Staff Members Absent: None; Susannah Abbey is no longer with the Open Space Division and will now be working with the Planning and Design Division. There has not been an Open Space replacement.

Visitors Present: Tyson Hummell (COA- ADR-Legal), Jackie Bouker, Julie Luna (MRCOG – Transportation Planner), John Barncastle, Scott Hale (GABAC), Carrie Barkhurst (COA-Planning), Diane Albert (GABAC), Michael Smelker (NMDOT), Albert Thomas (BHI), Stephen Verchinski, Steve Mathias (GABAC), Jennifer Buntz (Duke City Wheelmen), Keith King (Duke City Wheelmen), Joe Gallegos (Bike Burque), Debbie Bauman (COA-DMD), Linda Rumpf (COA-Planning), Savina Garcia (Wilson and Co), Danny Zamarripa (Wilson and Co.).

Call to Order and Introductions

Vice-Chairperson Gary Kelly called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Approval of March 18, 2014 Agenda

Motion: John Thomas moved to amend and approve the agenda by adding GARTC discussion of I-25/Paseo interchange in new business. Warren Wild second. Motion passes 6-0.

Motion: Gary moved to amend the agenda by moving the public comment period after the 50 mile loop presentation and before Carrie Barkhurst's presentation: Second by Guy Miller. Motion passes 6-0.

Approval of January 21, 2014 Minutes

Motion: Valerie moved to table the approval of the minutes until amendments are added and the chair has the chance to discuss the amendments wanted by the others in the committee. No second needed. Motion passes 6-0.

General Announcements: None.

New Business/Update Items/Presentations

- **Bert Thomas, P.E. (BHI) Michael Smelker P.E. (NMDOT) – Presentation regarding NMDOT 25/Paseo del Norte Interchange Project:** Bert and Michael provided a detailed PowerPoint presentation regarding the most recent pedestrian and cyclist components to the interchange project. Project is estimated to be completed December 2014.
- **Savina Garcia P.E. (Wilson and Co.) – Fifty Mile Activity Loop Update:** Savina gave a detailed presentation about the first segment of the 50 Mile Activity Loop that is currently in design.

Public Comment

Many people spoke during the public comment period regarding the 25/Paseo Interchange and how they believe the design could be safer for pedestrians and cyclists. Others had comments and questions regarding the 50 Mile Activity Loop and the current design and layout of the area near San Pedro and Indian School.

New Business/Update Items/Presentations

- **Carrie Barkhurst (COA Planning) – Presentation regarding Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan:** Carrie gave an update on the status of the Facility Plan and the next steps involved. Particularly, a meeting that three departments had regarding goals and policies and also getting chapters 1-3 out to the web and to GARTC and GABAC for their review. Also adding 50 Mile Activity Loop to project list.

Discussion, Action Items, and On-Going Business:

- **Interstate 25/Paseo del Norte Interchange (GARTC):** John Thomas spoke about how he does not think the NMDOT design is safe for pedestrians and cyclists. He wants to go straight to Governor Martinez with a letter. **Motion: John moves to write, edit, and send a letter to Governor Martinez regarding the 25/Paseo del Norte Interchange Project and that the project falls short of being safe for pedestrians and cyclists. Second by Guy Miller. Motion passes 6-0.**
Motion: John Thomas moved that he and Gary will write a similar letter that will be addressed to the United States Department of Transportation Secretary Foxx. Second by Warren Wild. All in favor; Motion passes 6-0.
- **Trail design evaluation of projects prior to construction or DRC approval (GARTC).** Gary Kelly and John Thomas spoke about how they both would like to have a chance to review plan designs and meet with engineers as early as possible

in the design phase of all new trail construction. Gary stated that trail quality will not improve and will be only of less quality without the input of GARTC after their design.

Motion: Gary moved to send a letter to Director Barbara Baca asking for a process for GARTC to have more input at 30%, 60%, 90%, and final design plan-set levels. Gary would like to see it approved at a higher level in the future. Second by Valerie Cole. Motion passes 6-0.

- **GARTC letter on midblock crossings within the Albuquerque metro area (GARTC):** Item tabled to May meeting
- **Piedras Marcadas/Golf Course Midblock Crossing (GARTC/Staff):** Item tabled to May meeting.
- **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - **GARTC's bollard policy and next steps – Bollard Sub-Committee**
Tabled to May meeting

Staff Reports and Project Updates

Tabled

Adjourn: Gary moved to adjourn at 5:55 pm. Second by Bill Schimberg. All in favor; (motion passes 6-0)

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the March 18, 2014 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on April 15, 2014.

Chairperson – Ian Maddieson



Nov 18 2014
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Prepared by: James Lewis



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