

Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization

Santa Fe Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan
Citizens Advisory Group

Meeting Notes

Wed., March 16, 2011, 6:00-8:00 pm
Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Ave.

Keith Wilson of the MPO and Tim Rogers, Bicycle Master Plan consultant, welcomed participants and gave a brief overview of the Bicycle Master plan process and the Citizens Advisory Group.

The following individuals were present and introduced themselves:

- Phillip Crump, citizen, city staff member that presented City's 1993 Bikeways Master Plan to City Council.
- Joe Abbatacola, citizen, moved recently from Chicago where he cycled year-round.
- Anna Hansen, citizen, Member of City's Parks and Open Space Commission.
- Paul Cooley, citizen, Father of "Car-free family" and runs a bicycle-based beekeeping business.
- Abe Franklin, citizen, former member of City's Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee (BTAC) focusing on on-road issues.
- Andy Otterstrom, citizen, runs "Creative Couriers," a primarily bicycle-based local business.
- Andrew Jandacek, County planner but also a local bicyclist living in the city.
- Keith Wilson, Planner, Santa Fe MPO.
- Brian Combs, Santa Fe Community College, working on sustainability issues.
- Emily Oaksford, citizen, "fair-weather" bicyclist, also professionally involved in development of La Tierra Trails Master Plan.
- Stephen Newhall, citizen, member of Bike Santa Fe, manager of Rob and Charlie's bike shop, Treasurer of Bike Coalition of New Mexico (BCNM).
- Lisa Miles, citizen, member of BTAC, president of Bike Santa Fe, works at Bicycle Technologies International (BTI).
- Fletcher Catron, citizen, transportation bicyclist in Santa Fe for many years.
- Frank Herdman, citizen, member of but not specifically representing BTAC.
- Gary Schiffmiller, citizen and member of Bike Santa Fe.
- Tim Rogers, consultant to MPO, also a member of "Sustainable Santa Fe Commission" focusing on transportation. Planning work elsewhere in NM includes Safe Routes to School and pedestrian planning, also on board of BCNM.

Gretchen Grogan of BTAC had sent word that she would be unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Rogers provided the following handouts as background for the BMP and the CAG

- AASHTO Guide for the Planning, Design, and Operation of Bicycle Facilities (Draft, Feb. 2010), pp. 13-18
- League of American Bicyclists, "Bicycle-Friendly America" (2011), pp. 58-59
- Lagerwey, "Creating a Road Map for Producing & Implementing a Bicycle Master Plan," pp. 5-7

Mr. Rogers passed around a copy of the Bicycle Master Plan for Washington DC that he had picked up the preceding week during the National Bike Summit. Mr. Rogers promised to send out a list of Internet links to various other Bicycle Master Plans that CAG members would be welcome to peruse in order to develop general and specific ideas about content for the Santa Fe Metropolitan BMP.

Discussion turned to the Citizen's Advisory Group, Mandate and Role, Work Plan & Time Line. The MPO is relying on the members of the CAG for input and guidance in the development of the BMP. Mr. Wilson explained that the CAG will not be a deliberative body making motions to be approved, etc., but rather a working group focused on the development of the BMP. Materials developed by the consultant and reviewed by the CAG will also be reviewed by an Internal Review Team made up of city, county, and other agency staff. Ultimately there will be a give and take between the two groups on issues that arise and are discussed in response to each others' concerns.

The group briefly revisited a document developed by the MPO several months ago, "Proposed Bicycle Master Plan Outline, Process, and Timeline." Elsewhere the creation of a Bicycle Master Plan has taken years, not months. Public meetings did begin in February, most of the CAG members present attended one of the three presentations. Today's meeting constitutes the creation of the CAG. The timeline for the CAG is likely to extend well after May to finalize a plan and have it adopted. We will still try to have something the public can review in May.

The objective is to have the BMP adopted by the MPO, the city, and the county, also possibly by Tesuque Pueblo and NMDOT. Discussion focused on the need to insert the BMP into legally binding processes, e.g. to amend comprehensive plans to include reference to the BMP and/or to have the BMP adopted as a specific ordinance rather than just a plan.

The group briefly considered another handout by Tim that was the beginning of the Santa Fe Metropolitan Bicycle Master Plan outline with the following sections "fleshed out" to one extent or another:

- Context
- Vision
- Goals and Objectives
- Indicators

Andrew Jandacek suggested each of the members explain what are their interests in improving bicycling in general in Santa Fe and in participating in the CAG. The concerns and ideas that arose include:

- Maintenance
- Poor design
- Design vehicles: tandems, trailers
- Economic development: bike-related business
- Safe routes to school
- Crossings
- Obstacles
- Safety
- More and better bikeways as part of a comprehensive city and county network
- Green Building Code -> Sustainable transportation
- Remove “Fear factor” of bicycling
- Need more/better PR and Marketing
- Economics, standard of living: cost containment
- Cost comparison of bicycling vs. motor vehicle transportation; effect on cost of living
- Focus on connectivity of system
- Rights and opportunities: Equal for bicyclists, this should apply to facilities
- Retrofits/design: Incorporate bikes in roadway design - “Enforce-ability” of improvements for bicyclists; need for BMP to have “teeth,” be legally enforceable
- Funding sources. E.g., Impact fees
- Best practices for encouragement, incentives to ride
- Bring in partners: Santa Fe Alliance, Chamber of Commerce
- Reallocate priorities
- Bike Parking
- Targeted improvements
- Business Buy-in
- Enforcement/Education
- Safe convenient attractive every-day transportation for citizens and visitors
- Tourism, economic development, better for business, schools
- Creativity and Beauty
- Signage: Wayfinding
- Online tools
- Goal: Most Bike-Friendly City in the World
- Ref.: See “Pedaling Revolution”

The CAG agreed on meeting next on Tues., April 12, 2011, location to be announced.

Mr. Wilson and Mr. Rogers thanked all for their participation today and in the future, promised to do their best to use CAG members’ time wisely and effectively, would send materials for CAG members to review in a timely manner the week before next meeting. The meeting adjourned at about 8 pm.