

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Seeks New Members from Council Districts 2, 3 & 4 Application Deadline: June 10, 2021 @ 5 PM

**SANTA FE, NM, May 28, 2021** – Re-established in January 2021, the Bicycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), formerly known as the Bicycle and Trails Advisory Committee (BTAC), is seeking new members from Council Districts 2, 3 & 4. For 18 years, since BTAC was formed in 2003, the ten-member Committee strives to make bicycling and walking safe, equitable, viable, and comfortable modes of transportation, commuting, and recreation. This includes the responsibility to deliberate on City projects, plans, and policies that impact both on-road and off-road bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and to advise the Governing Body on such matters.

Specific duties and responsibilities of the committee include:

(a) Assist in the prioritization of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects to be completed using city, state, and federal funds, through the development of the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (SFMPO) Bicycle Master Plan and the SFMPO Pedestrian Master plan;

(b) Review preliminary designs for new Public Works projects involving public roadways and trails funded out of city, state, or federal sources to ensure designs comply with the City's commitment to make bicycling and walking safe, equitable, viable, and comfortable modes of transportation.

(c) Advise on policies, programs, and ordinances as they relate to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure safety, design, construction, and operation and maintenance;

(d) Develop, review, and advise on media and educational campaigns providing information and promoting bicycle- and pedestrian- related activities and education;

(e) Work with other agencies for the enhancement of city and county trail systems;

(f) Review and recommend updates to Bicycle Master Plan, Pedestrian Master Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Parks Master Plan related to trails, and the City's Land Use Development Code as they pertain to bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and associated regulations;

(g) Seek funding from city, state, and federal sources to implement the City-led projects identified in the SFMPO's 2019 Bicycle Master Plan and 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and consider reoccurring funding sources from the City to be applied to the implementation of policies, programs, and other projects that are supported by the plans;

(h) Pursue the League of American Bicyclists Diamond-level Bicycle Friendly Community designation for the City of Santa Fe, as well as any other local, state, or national awards or designations that the City deems worthy of pursuit;

(i) Advise on polices, projects, ordinances, and funding as they relate to bicycling and walking as safe, equitable, viable, and comfortable modes of transportation; and

(j) Educate the public on the work of the Committee.

BPAC is an advisory committee of Public Works – Roadway and Trails. It is currently chaired by City Councilor Michael Garcia, and meets on the second Thursday of each month from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., currently via Zoom. When things get back to normal, BPAC will meet at the City Council Chambers, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Since Council District 1 is currently well-represented in BPAC, we are looking for residents from Districts 2, 3 and 4 to join the Committee. Members are recommended by the city council to be appointed by the Mayor. Applicants need not be bicyclists. We're looking for members who can represent the varied interests of recreationists, youth and neighborhood group users, commuters, bicyclists, and pedestrians; and those who can contribute to the development of an effective multi-modal transportation system in our City. Members are not compensated.

Interested residents may apply by submitting via e-mail: 1) letter of interest (why do you wish to become a BPAC member and how your skills and experience attain BPAC's purpose and objectives; and 2) resume to:

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The remaining BPAC meetings for 2021 are scheduled for: July 8, 2021 August 12, 2021 September 9, 2021 October 14, 2021 No meeting in November (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday falls on Veteran's Day) December 9, 2021

DEADLINE for application is on June 10, 2021 at 5 PM.

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