



# City of Albuquerque

## Department of Municipal Development



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## Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 8, 2025 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM

- **Call to order**
  - The Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee meeting of December 8, 2025, was called to order by Chair Applegate at 4:02 pm.
- **Introductions**
  - **Committee Members Present**
    - Alex Applegate, Chair & Member Representing ABQ NW Quadrant
    - Luciana Roça, Vice Chair & Member Representing ABQ SE Quadrant
    - Dr. Naomi George, Member Representing Individuals with a Disability
    - Frank Horine, Member Representing Older Adults, Over 60
    - Joseph Moriarty, Member Representing Pedestrian and Transit Users
    - Scott Quakkelaar, Member Representing Bicyclists
    - Sebastian Bentley, Member Representing Youth, Under 24 (arrived at 4:15 pm)
  - **Committee Members Absent**
    - Adrian Carver, Member Representing ABQ SW Quadrant & Environmental Planning Commission
  - **Staff Members Present**
    - Valerie Hermanson (CABQ Department of Municipal Development)
    - Agnes Vallejos (CABQ Department of Senior Affairs)
    - Eli Kosko (CABQ Parks and Recreation Department)
    - Robert Messenger (CABQ Planning Department)
    - Albert Lee (CABQ Office of Sustainability)
    - Julie Luna (Bernalillo County Public Works)
    - Luke Smith (New Mexico Department of Transportation)
    - Jackson Dahl (New Mexico Department of Transportation)
    - Cheyenne Poynor (Horrocks)
    - Mike Worrall (Horrocks)
  - **Visitors Present**
    - Ben Garland
- **Review and Approval of December 8, 2025 Meeting Agenda**
  - **Motion:** Vice Chair Roça moved to approve the December 8, 2025 meeting agenda
  - **Second:** Member Moriarty seconded
  - **Vote:** Motion approved 6-0-2



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Yes: 6 (Alex Applegate, Luciana Roça, Naomi George, Scott Quakkelaar, Frank Horine, Joseph Moriarty)  
No: 0  
Absent: 2 (Adrian Carver, Sebastian Bentley)

○ **Review and Approval of November 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

- **Motion:** Member Moriarty moved to approve the November 10, 2025 meeting agenda
- **Second:** Vice Chair Roça seconded
- **Vote:** Motion approved 6-0-2

Yes: 6 (Alex Applegate, Luciana Roça, Naomi George, Scott Quakkelaar, Frank Horine, Joseph Moriarty)  
No: 0  
Absent: 2 (Adrian Carver, Sebastian Bentley)

○ **Public Comments**

- No public comments.

• **Agenda Item #1:**

- **Presentation:** *I-25 Improved Project: Comanche to Montgomery Active Transportation Maps* — Luke Smith, Central Region Design, New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) & Mike Worrall, Program Manager, Horrocks
  - NMDOT and the consultant team provided an update related to bicycle and pedestrian connectivity within this project. Based on community and GAATC input, the project team was able to make adjustments to the design builder's contract to accommodate design changes. The changes included converting the on-street bikeway to a full off-street combined bicycle and pedestrian shared-use path through the length of the project. The presenters walked through a presentation with graphics showing the project and changes.

• **Agenda Item #2:**

- **Presentation:** *Esperanza Bicycle Safety Education Center Facilities and Programs* — Eli Kosko, Bicycle Education Coordinator, CABQ Parks & Recreation Department
  - Eli provided a presentation about the Esperanza Bicycle Safety Education Center, covering:
    - What is Esperanza? A non-retail, free bike shop offering parts and services, education, and resources. Housed within the City of Albuquerque's Parks and Recreation Department.
    - Program Offerings: earn-a-bike, bike repair clinic, pop-up clinics, and bike safe educational programming
    - Partners, including Family and Community Services Department, Department of Municipal Development, APS, Kidical Mass, Albuquerque Museum, Public Libraries, APS, Explora, Free Bikes 4 Kids, Safe Routes to Schools Partnership, among others.
    - Locations
      - West Mesa: 5600 Esperanza Dr NW
      - East: 3333 Truman St NE



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- **Staff Reports**
  - CABQ Department of Municipal Development
    - Welcome to new GAATC members Scott and Joseph, and thank you for your patience throughout the appointment process.
    - Thanks to Chair Applegate and Vice-Chair Roça for serving in these roles for the last year. Each January, GAATC members will vote for a new Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair is responsible for following the agenda and running the meetings. The Chair is also the primary liaison between the committee and City staff. If the Chair is not able to make it to a meeting, then the Vice Chair will be responsible for managing the meeting. City staff have put together a cheat sheet to assist in running meetings and are always available to answer any questions. Please note this will be on GAATC's January agenda, so please think about whether you might want to participate in one of these roles.
  - CABQ Parks and Recreation Department
    - Eli also forgot to share in the presentation that if anyone would like to learn about bike safety, they can also audit the class that takes place every Monday. You can email Esperanza to give them a heads up and let them know you're interested in learning.
  - CABQ Department of Senior Affairs
    - Last Thursday, their staff planned a field trip out of the North Valley with 20 older adults using free transportation that did not involve private automobiles. They used micro transit, electric vans, and ART. Unfortunately, with the 2-hour snow delay, the field trip was a bit truncated, but people still enjoyed the conversation and learning how to use free transit. It was their staff's first attempt to help older adults start thinking about how to use public transportation differently.
  - CABQ Planning Department
    - Sections 1-3 of the Near North Valley and North I-25 Community Planning Area (CPA) assessment report(s) will be posted by the end of December 2025. These reports also provide links to a Miro board with comments received from the general public about elements such as Transportation (including biking, walking, and transit).
    - For more information about the Near North Valley CPA, please visit: <https://cpa.abq-zone.com/near-north-valley>
    - For more information about the North I-25 CPA, please visit: <https://cpa.abq-zone.com/north-i-25>
  - CABQ Office of Sustainability
    - On December 1, their team submitted the Comprehensive Regional Climate Action Plan to the EPA, which was a requirement from their Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. Albert's colleague Alice presented the plan at GAATC's October meeting, and the plan will soon be available



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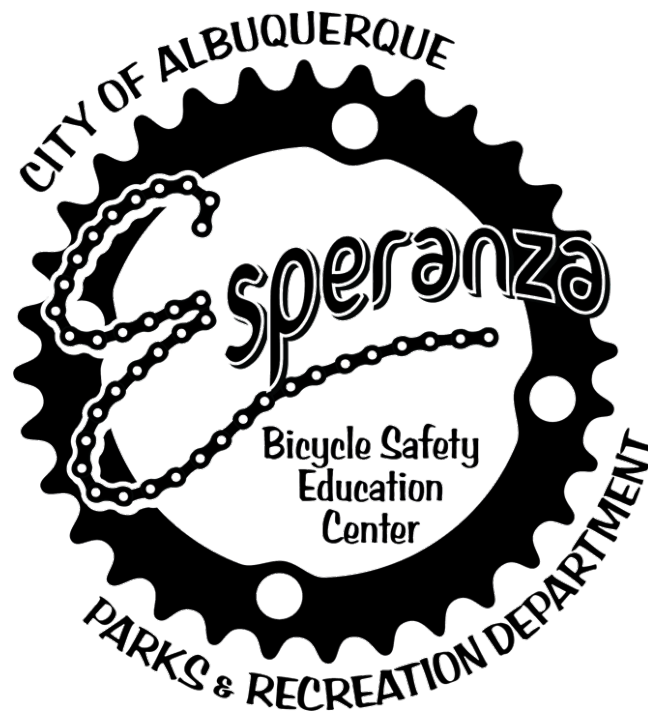
- Bernalillo County Public Works
  - Bernalillo County's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Plan was approved by the Bernalillo County Planning Commission, and it goes to the full Commission in January for approval.
  - Several bus routes will change in both their frequency and their route, serving unincorporated Bernalillo County. Route #10 on North 4<sup>th</sup>, Route #53 on Isleta Boulevard, and Route #54 on Bridge and Westgate. ABQ RIDE has more information, and these changes will happen next Monday, so their staff are gearing up for that.

- **General Public Comment**

- No public comments.

- **Next Meeting:** January 12, 2026, 4 – 6 pm

- **Adjourn** 5:18 pm



# Esperanza

## Bicycle Safety Education Center

# Agenda

- 1: What is Esperanza?
- 2: Program Offerings
- 3: Partners
- 4: Locations and Contact



# What is Esperanza?

## Free Bike Shop

Non-retail: No charge for any parts or services

All parts and bikes are donated by the community

## Education

Learn mechanical skills for maintaining your own bike

Safe riding skills

## Resource

We will help you find the answer to any bicycle related questions you may have

## Parks and Recreation

We work with the entire population of Albuquerque to create and maintain a safer environment wherever you choose to ride







# Esperanza Programs

- Earn – A – Bike
- Bike Repair Clinic
- Pop – up Clinics
- Bike Safe – Educational Programming

# Earn – A – Bike

2-hr long safety class held every Monday  
only at the West Mesa Shop  
Participants receive a free bike and helmet



# Bike Repair Clinic

- Takes place Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at both shop locations
- 1.5 hr. long slots made by same day appointment
- Participant learns how to and performs the work on their own bike with the help of our assistant and lead mechanics
- All parts are donated by the community





# Pop-up Repair Clinic



- Mobile version of the Bike Repair Clinic
- Doesn't require an appointment
- Slightly more limited resources and repair options but greater opportunities for outreach



# Bike Safe Educational Programming

Youth



All Ages



# Youth Programming

Funded by the DOT Transportation Alternatives Program

## Ages 5 - 10

- Walk this Way
- Elementary Rodeo
- Walking School Bus



## Ages 11-14

- SHRED mountain bike basics
- STEM Work Shops
- Pump-it-Up
- Skills and Handling Courses
- Youth Drop-in Repair Clinic



## Ages 15-18

- Route finding 101
- Group Rides
- Youth Drop-in Repair Clinic
- Mountain Biking Basics
- Pump-It-Up





# All Ages Educational Programming



## Learn To Ride & Learn to Mountain Bike

- Partnered with open space
- Multi session course with skills and group rides

## Bike Safety Skills

- Learn safe cycling skills in Albuquerque
- Offered during National Bike Month
- Participants received safety gear bags including spoke reflectors, helmets, reflective vests and leg bands, and rechargeable lights

## Bicycle Friendly Driver – Coming Soon!

- Based off the League Cycling BFD course
- Required parent/guardian course during youth Learn To Ride
- Offered as a stand alone

# Partners

ONE  
ALBUQUERQUE

family &  
community  
services

KIDICAL  
MASS  
ABQ



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Safe Routes  
PARTNERSHIP



# Where are we Located?



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