



City of Albuquerque

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Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 14, 2025 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM

- **Call to order**
 - The Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee Meeting of July 14, 2025, was called to order by Chair Applegate at 4:03 pm.
- **Introductions**
 - **Committee Members Present**
 - Alex Applegate, Chair & Representing NW Quadrant
 - Luciana Roça, Vice Chair & Representing ABQ SE Quadrant
 - Sebastian Bentley, Member Seat Representing Youth Under 24
 - Frank Horine, Member Representing Older Adults Over 60
 - Leila Murrieta, Member Representing Bicyclists
 - Adrian Carver, Member Representing ABQ SW Quadrant & Environmental Planning Commission (EPC)
 - **Committee Members Absent**
 - Dr. Naomi George, Member Representing Individuals w/a Disability
 - **Staff Members Present**
 - Matthew Cox (Council Services)
 - Eli Kosko (CABQ Parks and Recreation Department)
 - Albert Lee (CABQ Office of Sustainability)
 - Julie Luna (Bernalillo County Planning Department)
 - Robert Messenger (CABQ Planning Department)
 - Paul Olson (CABQ Department of Municipal Development)
 - Whitney Phelan (CABQ Parks and Recreation Department)
 - Jenae Robertson (TYLin)
 - Debbie Wolfe (Bernalillo County Planning Department)
 - **Visitors Present**
 - Dianne Cress (BikeABQ)
 - Katherine Castillo (City Hall Intern, CABQ Office of Sustainability)
 - Alicia Montoya (District Manager/Tax Administrator, 19 Pueblo District)
 - Mark Thompson (VP Property Management & Development, Indian Pueblo Cultural Center)
 - Peter Rice (Downtown ABQ News)



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- **Review and Approval of July 14, 2025 Meeting Agenda**

- Chair Applegate asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Vice Chair Roça moved to approve the agenda. Member Murrieta seconded. Motion approved 6-0-0
Yes: 6 (Adrian Carver, Luciana Roça, Alex Applegate, Leila Murrieta, Frank Horine, Sebastian Bentley)
No: 0
Abstain: 0

- **Review and Approval of June 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

- Chair Applegate asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Vice Chair Roça moved to approve the agenda. Member Bentley seconded. Motion approved 5-0-1
Yes: 5 (Adrian Carver, Luciana Roça, Alex Applegate, Leila Murrieta, Frank Horine)
No: 0
Abstain: 1 (Sebastian Bentley)

- **Public Comments**

- None

- **Discussion / Action Items**

- **Discussion:** Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Amendment of the Centers and Corridors map to add Menaul Blvd as a Major Transit Corridor to reflect the new ABQ RIDE Forward Recovery Network (Case ID: Plan-2025-00001), Matthew Cox, Principal Planner, Council Services, City of Albuquerque
 - Background for this discussion with GAATC:
 - EPC did recommend approval on this case, with a condition that Council reach out to GAATC and the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center.
 - Amend the Comp Plan to classify the Menaul corridor, west of Louisiana to Rio Grande, then south to I-40 from a Multi-modal to a Major Transit Corridor, and connecting to an existing Major Transit Corridor at I-40. This proposal connects the Uptown Urban Center, the Activity Centers, American Square and Indian School.
 - Multi-Modal Corridor Type prioritizes pedestrian, transit, and auto users, with bicycle facilities on nearby parallel streets.
 - Major-Transit Corridor Type prioritizes high-frequency and local transit service over other modes to ensure a convenient and efficient transit system.
 - This request is based on the new route frequency proposed in the ABQRIDE Forward Network Plan.
 - IDO regulations for a Major Transit Corridor designation allow for new entitlements that are detailed in the IDO Provision for ABC Comp Plan Centers and Corridor Areas, Table III.



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- Comp Plan Policy 6.1.6 for Major Transit Corridors: Prioritize transit users in street design and improvements, encouraging pedestrian amenities, such as bulb-outs, pedestrian-activated signals, and refuge medians at intersections and near transit stops and stations.
- Development Process Manual, Table 7.2.29 Street Element Dimensions details the difference between the two corridor types, with the only difference being that a Major-Transit Corridor allows for a travel lane width up to one foot wider than a Multi-Modal Corridor allows.
- This Comp Plan Amendment Case will still go through two other meetings, the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee of Council in August and the full City Council most likely in September.
- *Member Carver requested a motion to recommend approval of this Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee and the City Council. Chair Applegate moved for a vote. Member Bentley seconded. Motion approved 6-0
Yes: 6 (Alex, Luciana, Sebastian, Adrian, Frank, Leila)
No: 0
Abstain: 0
*GAATC will vote on whether to ratify this recommendation of approval at their August meeting.

- **Presentations**

- None

- **Staff Reports**

- Municipal Development (DMD), Engineering Division, Paul Olson, Manager
 - Buena Vista Bike Boulevard project 2nd Open House was on July 9th:
 - Staff shared 60% plan drafts, project updates, and information boards
 - Attendees were able to provide and discuss questions and comments
 - Next steps: Team is working on reviewing comments and revising 60% plan. After revision, the 60% plan moves to the Design, Review, and Construction (DRC) section of the Planning Department and continues to 90%. The final design is planned to be completed by the end of 2025. When the plan is complete, a contractor will be selected after funding is secured.
 - Updates will be shared again in a few months.



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- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pilot Project between Arno and Locust where there are existing buffered bike lanes will test out different types of vertical delineation to create different types of separated bike lanes.
- Council Services
 - No Staff Present
- Parks and Recreation, Whitney Phelan
 - Alameda Drain Trail and North Diversion Trail Rehab:
 - Preparing to submit construction agreements
 - Go to bid in November/December 2025
 - Vista Alegre to backside of Ladera Golf Course:
 - Short trail connection has State Capital Outlay funding, currently preparing to be reviewed by DRC
 - Juan Tabo Trail extension
 - 60% design, in review by DRC
- Senior Affairs
 - No Staff Present
- Planning, Robert Messenger
 - No updates
- ABQ RIDE
 - No Staff Present
- Sustainability, Albert Lee
 - No Updates
- Bernalillo County, Debbie Wolfe
 - Bernalillo County Public Works was rewarded \$4 million TAP Grant for Phase I of the Isleta Drain Trail, Central Avenue to Blake Road in South Valley
- MRCOG
 - No Staff Present
- NMDOT District 3
 - No Staff Present
- **Next Meeting:** August 11, 2025 4 – 6 pm
- **Adjourn 5:15 pm**



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