



City of Albuquerque

Department of Municipal Development



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Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC) Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 11, 2025 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM

- **Call to order***
 - The Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee Meeting of August 11, 2025, was called to order by Alex Applegate at 4:07pm.

**This meeting was convened in accordance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act. However, a quorum was not present, with only four (4) of the five (5) required members in attendance.*

In compliance with the Open Meetings Act, no official action was taken. The meeting proceeded solely to receive public comment and staff reports, as permitted when a quorum is not established. These unofficial meeting minutes are for informational purposes only.

All scheduled action items will be deferred and placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting, which will be held on September 8, 2025.

- **Introductions**
 - **Committee Members Present**
 - Alex Applegate, Chair & Representing NW Quadrant
 - Sebastian Bentley, Member Seat Representing Youth Under 24
 - Frank Horine, Member Representing Older Adults Over 60
 - Adrian Carver, Member Representing ABQ SW Quadrant & Environmental Planning Commission (EPC)
 - **Committee Members Absent**
 - Luciana Roça, Vice Chair & Representing ABQ SE Quadrant
 - Dr. Naomi George, Member Representing Individuals w/a Disability
 - Leila Murrieta, Member Representing Bicyclists
 - **Staff Members Present**
 - Paul Olson (CABQ Department of Municipal Development {DMD})
 - Valerie Hermanson (CABQ DMD)
 - Jessica Sapunar-Jursich (CABQ DMD)
 - Eli Kosko (CABQ Parks & Recreation Department)
 - Robert Messenger (CABQ Planning Department)
 - Julie Luna (Bernalillo County Public Works)
 - Debbie Wolfe (Bernalillo County Public Works)
 - Tara Cok (MRCOG)
 - Jenae Robertson (TYLin)
 - **Visitors Present**



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- Michele Gaidelis (Albuquerque Resident)
- Peter Rice (Downtown ABQ News)
- **Review and Approval of August 11, 2025 Meeting Agenda**
 - No Action Taken
- **Review and Approval of July 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes**
 - No Action Taken
- **Public Comments** (Public comment is limited to two (2) minutes per audience member) Please email comments to Jessica Sapunar-Jursich (jessica@cabq.gov) before the meeting. **Emailed comments must be received by 4 pm on August 11, 2025, and will be read aloud in the meeting. OR** use the virtual raise hand feature during the meeting. In the meeting, please wait until recognized to begin comments.
 - Emailed Comments: None
 - Michele Gaidelis: As a transplant to Albuquerque and someone who lived here back from the mid-90's to the early 2000's, Albuquerque has grown a lot and a lot of really good changes have happened here. Unfortunately public transit, I wrote a letter to the editor to the Alibi back in 1998 about the lack of public transit and the fact that it was fueling our DWI issues back then. And the fact that there were hardly any other safe ways to get around other than by car or taxi at the time. The buses were barely functional. So, the buses have gotten a lot better. But ultimately I think that Albuquerque needs to focus a lot more funding and energy on public transit including improving ART, possibly street cars, light rail. But definitely biking infrastructure, and multi-modal transportation of all kinds. I would love to see way more protected bike lanes than there are here now, some of the bike lanes I have seen on maps I don't consider bike lanes like the ones up and down Coal and Lead, which is near where I live, those are not bike lanes. I would never get on there. And I used to ride in New York on the regular, I used to commute to my job in Manhattan from Brooklyn by bike most days. It's terrifying here and I'm just hoping that my voice along with many, many, others, we'll start to see some changes.
- **Agenda Item #1:**
 - **Action:** A Resolution Adopting Open Meeting Policy and Meeting Schedule for 2026 (see attached).
 - No Action Taken
- **Agenda Item #2:**
 - **Action:** At GAATC's July meeting, GAATC voted to recommend approval of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Amendment of the Centers and Corridors map to



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add Menaul Blvd as a Major Transit Corridor to reflect the new ABQ RIDE Forward Recovery Network (Case ID: Plan-2025-00001). GAATC will vote on whether to ratify this recommendation of approval.

- No Action Taken

- **Staff Reports**

- CABQ Department of Municipal Development (DMD)
 - No Updates
- Council Services
 - Not Present
- CABQ Parks & Recreation Department
 - No Updates
- CABQ Department of Senior Affairs
 - Not Present
- CABQ Planning Department
 - No Updates
- CABQ Transit Department/ABQ RIDE
 - Not Present
- CABQ Office of Sustainability
 - Not Present
- Bernalillo County, Julie Luna
 - Alameda Drain Trail project that extends from Paseo del Norte to Alameda Boulevard is substantially complete
 - Fourth Street Bike Lane
 - Just finished receiving approval to construct in front of residents who have driveways in that area, and then next step is bidding and getting ready for construction
- MRCOG
 - No Updates
- NMDOT District 3
 - Not Present

- **Next Meeting:** September 8, 2025 4 – 6 pm

- **Adjourn 4:17 pm**