



City of Albuquerque

Department of Municipal Development



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Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC) Meeting Minutes

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

- **Call to order**
 - The Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee meeting of September 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
 - Adrian Carver, Member Representing ABQ SW Quadrant & Environmental Planning Commission
 - Dr. Naomi George, Member Representing Individuals with a Disability
 - Frank Horine, Member Representing Older Adults, Over 60
 - Sebastian Bentley, Member Representing Youth, Under 24
 - **Committee Members Absent**
 - Leila Murrieta, Member Representing Bicyclists
 - **Staff Members Present**
 - Paul Olson (CABQ Department of Municipal Development)
 - Perry Hampel (CABQ Department of Municipal Development)
 - Jessica Sapunar-Jursich (CABQ Department of Municipal Development)
 - Jenae Robertson (TYLin)
 - Matthew Cox (CABQ Council Services)
 - Agnes Vallejos (CABQ Department of Senior Affairs)
 - Cheryl Somerfeldt (CABQ Parks and Recreation Department)
 - Eli Kosko (CABQ Parks and Recreation Department)
 - Robert Messenger (CABQ Planning Department)
 - Albert Lee (CABQ Office of Sustainability)
 - Tara Cok (Mid-Region Council of Governments)
 - Julie Luna (Bernalillo County)
 - Debbie Wolfe (Bernalillo County)
 - **Visitors Present**
 - David C'De Baca (Strong Towns ABQ)
 - Peggy Norton (North Valley Coalition President)
- **Review and Approval of September 8, 2025 Meeting Agenda**
 1. **Motion:** Vice Chair Roça moved to approve the September 8, 2025 meeting agenda
 2. **Second:** Member Bentley seconded



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3. Vote: Motion approved 6-0

Yes: 6 (Naomi George, Adrian Carver, Luciana Roça, Alex Applegate, Frank Horine, Sebastian Bentley)

No: 0

○ **Review and Approval of July 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

1. Motion: Vice Chair Roça moved to approve the July 14, 2025 meeting minutes

2. Second: Member Carver seconded

3. Vote: Motion approved 6-0

Yes: 6 (Naomi George, Adrian Carver, Luciana Roça, Alex Applegate, Frank Horine, Sebastian Bentley)

No: 0

○ **Public Comments**

• Emailed Comments: None

• In-meeting Comments:

- Peggy Norton. I am here on behalf of the North Valley Coalition to encourage you to not ratify the change in the designation of Menaul, west of I-25, which is within our boundaries. East of I-25 is very different, and many neighborhoods there lack associations. West of 6th Street has many great features of a multi-modal corridor. It would be better to work on enhancing east of 6th Street rather than change the designation to Major Transit. Which, according to the Comprehensive Plan emphasizes auto-oriented development for much of the corridor. Increased transit frequency and addition of service west of 12th Street could be implemented immediately without a designation change. This is the only east-west multi-modal corridor. Wyoming is multi-modal but I drove around the I-40 interchange area and saw no bike lanes, landscape buffers, etc. Montgomery is a major transit but is a 40-minute bus service. Three or four adjacent neighborhoods and the Coalition submitted letters of opposition, and Los Duranes, the 4th, helped write our original letter to EPC. It is an insult to ignore this opposition in a local neighborhood issue and our City Councilor voted against the approval. While the legislation was presented as only an update to the Comprehensive Plan, there are land use entitlements that go with the designation, and IDO amendments are being proposed to allow others. While it was spoken at City Council that there are no differences between multi-modal and major transit, items such as landscape buffers are usually omitted from the plans without intensive pressure from neighborhoods- note Restaurant Depot, Maverick, and the redevelopment plans for American Furniture. This resolution has little to do with transit and more to do with densification and commercialization. Thank you for considering our request.

○ **Agenda Item #1**

• **Presentation:** *Public Sidewalks, City Ordinance, and ADA Improvements* – Perry Hampel, Construction Project Manager, CABQ Department of Municipal Development

- The City of Albuquerque has a sidewalk ordinance, a portion of which states that the adjacent abutting property owner is responsible for the maintenance and repair of that sidewalk.
- The City does not have the capacity to proactively evaluate all of the sidewalks across the city and instead responds to 311 calls. If a violation is observed, a notification is issued to the



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property owner. The property owner has 90 days to complete the repairs. If the repairs are not completed, the City sends a second, and final notification that if the repairs are not completed, the City will make the repairs and send the property owner an invoice for those repairs. Those repairs are made by one of two on-call contractors.

- Currently, there are around 850 violation locations that are being tracked across the city, which is only a portion of the sidewalk issues that exist in total.
- There are approximately 4,000 linear miles of sidewalk in Albuquerque.
- [Sidewalk Ordinance](#)
- [ADA Transition Plan Update, 2019](#)

○ **Agenda Item #2**

- **Presentation:** *MRMPO Annual Bike Survey and 2025 Results* – Tara Cok, Transportation Planner, Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization/Mid-Region Council of Governments

(Due to technical issues, this presentation was rescheduled for the November 10, 2025 meeting.)

○ **Agenda Item #3**

- **Action:** At GAATC's July meeting, GAATC voted to Recommend Approval of the *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)*. GAATC will vote on whether to ratify this recommendation of approval.
 1. **Motion:** Member Carver moved to recommend approval of the *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)*.
 2. **Second:** Member Bentley seconded
 3. **Vote:** Motion approved 6-0
Yes: 6 (Naomi George, Adrian Carver, Luciana Roça, Alex Applegate, Frank Horine, Sebastian Bentley)
No: 0

○ **Agenda Item #4**

- **Action:** Adopting *Resolution No. 1-2025, A Resolution Adopting Open Meetings Policy and Meeting Schedule for 2026* (Resolution).
 1. **Motion:** Member Bentley moved to approve *Resolution No. 1-2025, A Resolution Adopting Open Meetings Policy and Meeting Schedule for 2026*
 2. **Second:** Member Carver seconded
 3. **Discussion:** Chair Applegate expressed interest in increasing public comment during the meeting, specifically related to agenda action items, and would like to amend the Resolution to reflect that. Vice Chair Roça, Member Carver, and Member Bentley participated in a discussion in support of postponing the motion until additional language regarding public comment is added to the Resolution. City staff indicated that City Legal assisted City staff in developing this Resolution and that City staff would need to receive further guidance before changing the Resolution.



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4. **Amendment:** Member Carver moved to Postpone the Motion Adopting *Resolution No:1-2025, A Resolution Adopting Open Meetings Policy and Meeting Schedule for 2026* until the October 20, 2025 meeting. Member Bentley seconded.
5. **Vote:** Motion to postpone the Adoption Vote to the October 20, 2025 Meeting approved 6-0
Yes: 6 (Naomi George, Adrian Carver, Luciana Roça, Alex Applegate, Frank Horine, Sebastian Bentley)
No: 0

○ Staff Reports

- CABQ Department of Senior Affairs
 - 3rd Annual Age Friendly Summit, this year's event is focused on employment. We see the intersection between transportation and employment. Will send more information as details are finalized.
- CABQ Office of Sustainability
 - Will participate in the ABQ CiQlovía event on October 19th
- Bernalillo County
 - Coors Boulevard Pedestrian Safety Project Open House is Thursday, September 11, 2025, 5:30-7:30 pm at the South Valley Academy, 3426 Blake Road SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105. Will be sharing recommended improvements from north of Blake Road to south of Gun Club on Coors Boulevard
 - Bernalillo County has a similar sidewalk ordinance requirement as the City of Albuquerque

○ **Next Meeting:** October 20, 2025 4 – 6 pm

○ **Adjourn 5:06 pm**