



City of Albuquerque

Department of Municipal Development

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

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Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC)

Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2026 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM

- **Call to order**

The Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee Meeting of April 13, 2026, was called to order by Chair Carver at 4:00 PM.

- **Introductions**

Committee Members Present

- Sebastian Bentley, Vice Chair
- Adrian Carver, Chair
- Naomi George (arrived at 4:07 pm)
- Frank Horine
- Joseph Moriarty
- Luciana Roça
- Scott Quakkelaar

Committee Members Absent

- Alex Applegate

Staff Members Present

- Deepa Bansal, Council Services
- Charles Davis, City Legal
- Valerie Hermanson, DMD
- Sarah Gale, DMD
- Bridgette Garrett, DMD
- Eli Kosko, Esperanza Bicycle Safety Education Center/Parks and Recreation Department (PRD)
- Julie Luna, Bernalillo County

Visitors Present

- Althea Atherton, Transit Advisory Board Chair
- Ben Garland
- Susan Hering
- Scot Key
- Alex M

- Melinda Montoya
- Carl Vermillion
- **Review and Approval of April 13, 2026 Meeting Agenda**
 - Motion: Member Moriarty moved to approve the April 13, 2026 agenda.
 - Second: Member Roça seconded.
 - Yes: Member Bentley, Member Carver, Member George, Member Horine, Member Moriarty, Member Quakkelaar, Member Roça
 - Absent: Member Applegate
 - Motion approved 7-0-1
- **Review and Approval of March 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion: Member Bentley moved to approve the March 9, 2026, meeting minutes.
 - Second: Member Roça seconded.
 - Yes: Member Bentley, Member Carver, Member George, Member Horine, Member Moriarty, Member Quakkelaar, Member Roça
 - Absent: Member Applegate
 - Motion approved: 7-0-1
- **General Public Comments**
 - Scot Key: Lives in the county but bikes all over. Thanks to Chair Carver for bringing energy to the committee. Thanks for today's agenda, and is excited to hear both presentations. Rides on Buena Vista often and is interested in the traffic code updates. Has a list of questions that he sent to GAATC members earlier in the day, and understands the presentation is not about enforcement. Wondering if the Chair will open up the presentations for public questions. Wondering if the City of ABQ's traffic enforcement program will emulate Oregon's. Doesn't see a funding mechanism in the resolution for the campaign, so wondering what funding it does have. Wondering about where ASE program revenues are going and where it's tracked.
 - Ben Garland: Wanted to express how amazing the Homewise Speaker Series was last Wednesday, where we were fortunate to hear from Janette Sadik-Khan about strategies for safe streets and quick build projects. Express thanks to Val Hermanson for participating in the panel discussion and everyone else from DMD who helped make the event happen. Hopes we all learned valuable lessons and that we'll start to see similar projects on our streets in the future.
 - Althea Atherton: Serves as the Chair for the Transit Advisory Board. Wanted to express her concern about the City's proposed budget, which will significantly cut or eliminate/decommission transit positions. This is particularly concerning because the transit department is relying on these positions to implement the ABQ RIDE Forward Plan. Feels that GAATC members also understand that every transit rider is inherently a vulnerable road user and an active transportation user, so wanted to make sure that GAATC members were aware. The Committee of the Whole is on May, where they will be marking up the budget.
- **Agenda Item #1:**
 - Presentation: Buena Vista Bike Boulevard Project Update, Bridgette Garrett and Sarah Gale, Department of Municipal Development, City of Albuquerque
 - Staff shared an update on the Buena Vista Bike Boulevard project on Buena Vista between Gibson and Central. Since initially presenting on the project to GAATC in May 2025, the project has progressed to 60% design and has full construction funding. The project will also repave sections of the corridor that are in poor condition. The project will implement traffic calming on the corridor, including neighborhood traffic circles, speed cushions, and striping on-street parking, which narrows the driving lane and encourages slower driving. The project also includes crossing improvements by adding half signals or mid-block pedestrian signals at Gibson Blvd, Avenida Cesar Chavez, and Central Ave. The project team is working toward the final design in the fall of 2026 and hopes that after bidding the project, it will go to

construct the project in the summer of 2027, pending no unforeseen challenges. The DMD project editor is the best place to see what projects are happening and their status: <https://www.cabq.gov/gis/map-views/municipal-development-projects>

- **Agenda Item #2**

- Presentation: City of Albuquerque Traffic Code Update and Traffic Safety Campaign, Eli Kosko, Parks and Recreation Department, and Valerie Hermanson, Department of Municipal Development, City of Albuquerque
- City Council unanimously approved, and the Mayor signed into law both updates to the traffic code as well as the resolution for a traffic campaign to educate people about the traffic code changes. The City brought on consultants to create commercials, logos, billboards, and other materials for the Stop for Everyone campaign. The team also created a kit with graphics, messaging, and presentations to share with community groups or neighborhood associations to help us get the word out. The team will be creating a recording with the presentation and a voice-over that can also be shared. Remaining funds from ASE were used to fund the campaign since the resolution did not include funding to implement the campaign. Staff budgeted between \$150-\$200K and are unsure if other departments or divisions contributed funds for the campaign. Staff noted this fund source is also used to implement safety infrastructure projects. The traffic code ordinance updates also updated the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Ordinance to designate the City's Vision Zero program as the traffic safety program where remaining ASE funds will be spent. Staff also created a map to show where ASE and Vision Zero funds are spent and where bike/ped projects are happening:
<https://www.cabq.gov/municipaldevelopment/maps/pedestrian-bicyclist-and-traffic-safety-projects>. More information on the Stop for Everyone campaign can be found here: <https://www.cabq.gov/stop-for-everyone>. The Stop for Everyone presentation is attached to the notes and includes important updates to the traffic code.

- **Staff Reports**

- Municipal Development: May is National Bike Month, and there will be free city and community events throughout the month.
 - Family bike fiesta - SATURDAY, MAY 2, 10 AM-2 PM, Esperanza Bicycle Safety Education Center - McKinley shop
 - Bike safety skills classes - Wednesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27, 4:30 - 6 pm, free, but registration is required. Held at the Esperanza McKinley shop
 - Bike to UNM Day - Wednesday, May 6, University of New Mexico (UNM)
 - Bike to Work Day - Thursday, May 14, 9 pop-ups with bike safety gear & maps
 - Kidical Mass Paleta Ride - Saturday, May 23, 10 am - 12 pm
 - For the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave Separated Bike Lane Pilot project, we have final plans, and we are working toward implementation in May/June.
 - At your May meeting, I've scheduled James Aranda from the Planning Department to speak about the shared active transportation program. This is the shared bikes and scooters.
 - Introduction with Chief Cecily Barker, Albuquerque Police Department, and briefly discuss enforcement related to active transportation
 - There will also be a presentation on the continuation of the West Central Complete Streets, which will include a sidepath, SBLs, and a protected intersection.
- Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization: MRMPO, in collaboration with local and state agencies, has updated the long-range transportation system maps for the Albuquerque metro area. The draft maps are for the roadway, bikeway, pedestrian, and transit networks and are financially unconstrained maps that support long-range planning efforts to 2045 and beyond.

Long Range Transportation System Maps

- [Transit Map](#)
- [Bikeway Map](#)
- [Roadway Map](#)
- [Pedestrian Map](#)

(Note: if you are having problems viewing the maps, please try viewing the maps in a private browsing window or clearing the browser cache. If you are still not able to view the maps, please contact tcok@mrcog-nm.gov for assistance.)

The maps, if approved, will be amended into the Transitions 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and will be included in the forthcoming, updated Long Range Transportation System Guide document.

[View DRAFT LRTS Guide \(PDF\)](#)

Public Comments and Open House

The public is invited to view these maps and provide any comments to MRMPPO **by April 20, 2026. Please send comments and questions to tcok@mrcog-nm.gov or by calling (505) 724-3627.**

- **General Public Comment**

- Ben Garland: DMD has a new Hub Site, which is a great resource. Thanks to DMD for getting that online. It has maps, story maps, and cool stuff to dig into. <https://dmd-public-cabq.hub.arcgis.com/>. Is also happy to see the change from HAWKS to half signals because he feels that HAWKS are confusing, and glad to see the City has reached the same conclusion. Has some concerns about how the new traffic code will be enforced. Stated he filed a 311 citing the ordinance and that someone closed it because the location did not have a painted crosswalk; however, a crosswalk exists whether it's painted or not. Thinks there needs to be more training.
- Scot Key: Love the vivacity of the meeting. Glad to see that stuff is happening. Has concerns between mid-block and unmarked crosswalks, or regardless of where and if someone is crossing in between those, wondering if, as a driver, they stop? Unmarked crosswalks are not necessarily where there is infrastructure. Feels we need to be really clear if we're going to educate drivers on what they're expected to do.

Chair Carver: Wondering if City staff could include the budget on May's agenda.

- Next Meeting: May 11, 2026, 4 – 6 pm
- Adjourn: 5:34 pm