



City of Albuquerque

Department of Municipal Development

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

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Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC)

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2026 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM

- **Call to order**

The Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee Meeting of May 11, 2026, was called to order by Chair Carver at 4:02 pm.

- **Introductions**

Committee Members Present

- Chair Adrian Carver
- Vice Chair Sebastian Bentley
- Alex Applegate
- Frank Horine
- Andrew Keleher
- Melinda Montoya
- Scott Quakkelaar

Committee Members Absent

- Dr. Naomi George
- Joseph Moriarty

Welcome, new GAATC members, Andrew Keleher and Melinda Montoya. Thank you, Luciana Roça, for your service.

Staff Members Present

- James Aranda, Planning Department
- Joshua Brown, Albuquerque Police Department (APD)
- Aziza Chavez, Council Services
- Chief Cecily Barker, APD
- Charles Davis, City Legal
- Albert Lee, Sustainability Office
- Julie Luna, Bernalillo County
- Shawn Maden, DMD
- Benito Martinez, APD
- Robert Messenger, Planning Department
- Davin Nelson, Bernalillo County
- Paul Olson, Department of Municipal Development (DMD)

- Whitney Phelan, Parks and Recreation
- Jessica Sapunar Jurich, Planning Department

Visitors Present

- Ben Garland
- Peter Rice, Downtown ABQ News
- Luciana Roça

- **Review and Approval of May 11, 2026 Meeting Agenda**

- Motion: Member Applegate moved to approve the May 11, 2026 agenda.
- Second: Member Bentley seconded.

- Yes: Member Applegate, Member Bentley, Member Carver, Member Horine, Member Keleher, Member Montoya, Member Quakkelaar
- Absent: Member Moriarty, Member George
- Motion approved 7-0-2

- **Review and Approval of April 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

- Motion: Member Applegate moved to approve the April 13, 2026, meeting minutes.
- Second: Member Bentley seconded.

- Yes: Member Applegate, Member Bentley, Member Carver, Member Horine, Member Keleher, Member Montoya, Member Quakkelaar
- Absent: Member Moriarty, Member George
- Motion approved 7-0-2

- **General Public Comments**

- Ben Garland: Thanks to DMD for all the work that keeps, keeps happening around the city. It's just an amazing amount of repaving and other stuff going on. I continue to be impressed. I hope we can keep the momentum going on the roadway safety and active transportation front. So, thanks for all the hard work. It is greatly appreciated, and I know it doesn't happen automatically.

- **Agenda Item #1: Presentation: Shared Active Transportation Program (SATP), James M. Aranda, MCRP, Deputy Director, Planning Department, City of Albuquerque**

- City Council passed the shared active transportation legislation in October 2018, which created a permit program for private operators to provide shared bikes and scooters in the right-of-way for use by the public. They are meant to serve as another transportation option for people to get around the city. In 2023, Council revised the ordinance and decreased fees, which spurred more operator interest. Spin ended its operations in July 2025. Beam ended their operations in December 2025. Lime is currently the sole operator in ABQ. Lowest ridership is between November through January, with approximately 18,600 trips in January and the highest ridership is April through October, with 36,000 trips plus in April. In the industry, strong ridership is considered to be 1.2 to 2 trips per vehicle per day (TPV/D). ABQ has approximately 1.4 for 8 months of the year and 1.2 for 2 months of the year. People can report parking issues with the scooters to 311 or contact Lime directly.

- **Agenda Item #2**

- Discussion: Introduction with Chief Cecily Barker, Deputy Chief of Special Operations Josh Brown, Commander Benito Martinez, Albuquerque Police Department, and briefly discuss enforcement related to active transportation
- Chair Carver expressed his thanks to Chief Barker, who was able to come to the beginning of the meeting and meet everyone.
- Deputy Chief of Special Operations spoke about an increase in bicycle and pedestrian fatalities over the last few years. He also spoke about the updates to the traffic code related to vulnerable road users. APD

completed a training for all officers about the traffic code changes and how it applies to enforcement action.

APD uses data to identify potential issue areas or hotspots then they conduct strict enforcement in those areas related to all traffic laws. They also have great resources and technology, which helps officers be proactive. Each fatal traffic crash is investigated essentially as a homicide, and it goes through a rigorous investigation.

Chair Carver asked for APD to come back in November or December to report back on data enforcing the new traffic code.

- **Agenda Item #3:** Discussion and possible action: Capital Budget, Shawn Maden, CIP Official, Department of Municipal Development, City of Albuquerque
 - Gave a high-level overview of transportation-related funding, including the quarter-cent tax, which is a transportation infrastructure tax. A quarter percent of any tax that gets charged goes to that fund. 57% of that goes to road infrastructure improvements. 5% goes to trails and bikeways. Then 38% of that funding goes to the Transit Department to work on items such as buses, bus stops, etc. The operating budget is before the City Council currently, which includes items like some DMD staffing salaries. The capital budget is related to the general obligation (GO) bonds, which will be heard by Council at the beginning of 2027. Most DMD plans, projects, and programs are driven through the capital program.
- **Staff Reports**
 - Department of Municipal Development: Bike to Work Day is May 14, where there will be 8 pop-up stops. One pop-up for Sandia National Labs will be on Tuesday, May 12. More information can be found on cabq.gov/bike under “May is National Bike Month” to find a pop-up near you and to learn about other activities happening with Bike Month. There are also still volunteer spots available if you’d like to volunteer. The link is also on the City’s website.
 - Parks and Recreation Department: Waiting on a notice of obligation from the State for a trail along Vista Allere, which connects to the existing Unser Trail in the northwest part of the city. The Alameda Drain Trail second City phase will connect from Floral Rd at Rio Grande at I-40 to St. Teres Church. It will involve repaving the trail along Matthew. This is with FHWA for approval, so once approved, they will bid.
 - Planning Department: Open House Event Near North Valley and North I-25 Community Planning Area (CPAs) assessments on the evening* of June 24th at the Los Duranes Community Center. More event details to come. This celebration/event will have food, family-friendly and bike-themed activities, and allow input for recommended Policies and Actions. The event will take place from 5 to 7 pm. For more information about the Near North Valley CPA assessment, please visit: <https://cpa.abq-zone.com/near-north-valley>
For more information about the North I-25 CPA assessment, please visit: <https://cpa.abq-zone.com/north-i-25>
 - Office of Sustainability: June 9 from 8:30 – 3, Bernalillo County is having the Thrive Summit talking about 10 essential services for Bernalillo County residents. Transportation is one topic. It’s open to the public.
 - Bernalillo County Public Works: Davin Nelson is a new transportation planner with Bernalillo County.
 - Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG): In addition to the annual [Bike to Work Day survey](#) put out for Bike to Work Day, the Albuquerque-area MPO (MRMPO) and the Santa Fe-area MPO, in partnership with dbiTilde CORE, Inc., are conducting a survey to gather thoughts and preferences about cycling as an older (50+ years) adult. The survey takes about 20 minutes, is anonymous, and completely voluntary. The survey was first offered in 2018 and is now in its sixth year. Here is a link to the survey: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/8663044/2026-50-Cycling-Survey-Santa-Fe-MPO>

The 50+ Cycling Survey Year 5 Report is now available at: <https://dbltildcore.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/50-Cycling-Survey-Year-5-Report.pdf>

Thank you for taking these surveys and helping to spread the word to your networks!

- Next Meeting: June 8, 2026, 4 – 6 pm
- Adjourn: 5:58 pm