



City of Albuquerque

Department of Municipal Development

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Jennifer Turner, Director

Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC)

Meeting Minutes

August 10, 2026 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM

- **Call to order**

The Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee Meeting of August 10, 2026, was called to order by Chair Carver at 4:02 pm.

- **Introductions**

Committee Members Present

- Chair Adrian Carver
- Vice Chair Sebastian Bentley
- Frank Horine
- Melinda Montoya
- Joseph Moriarty

Committee Members Absent

- Alex Applegate
- Andrew Keleher
- Dr. Naomi George

Staff Members Present

- Deepa Bansal, Council Services
- Andrew Coon, City Legal
- Valerie Hermanson, DMD
- Robert Messenger, Planning Department
- Davin Nelson, Bernalillo County

Visitors Present

- Luke Hanks
- Peter Rice, Downtown ABQ News

- **Review and Approval of August 10, 2026 Meeting Agenda**

- Motion: Vice Chair Bentley moved to approve the August 10, 2026 agenda
- Second: Member Montoya
- Yes: Chair Carver, Vice Chair Bentley, Member Horine, Member Montoya, Member Moriarty

- Absent: Member George, Member Applegate, Member Keleher
- Abstained: 0
- Motion approved 5-0-3

- **Review and Approval of July 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes**
 - Motion: Member Moriarty moved to approve the July 13, 2026, meeting minutes
 - Second: Vice Chair Bentley
 - Yes: Chair Carver, Vice Chair Bentley, Member Horine, Member Montoya, Member Moriarty
 - Absent: Member George, Member Applegate, Member Keleher
 - Abstained: 0
 - Motion approved: 5-0-3

- **Staff Reports**
 - Department of Municipal Development: DMD is hosting a third and final open house for the Buena Vista Bike Blvd on Thursday, August 20, from 5 – 7 pm at the Heights Community Center. Staff posted online and at City Hall a notice of potential quorum in case a quorum of GAATC members attends the meeting. Please note that no GAATC business can be discussed amongst members at the meeting.
 - The first meeting for the GAATC and GARTC Task Force will be on Tuesday, August 18 from 4 – 5 pm.
 - Scott Quakkelaar resigned from the committee. He was representing the bicyclist seat, and we're grateful for his service. This means that GAATC's Bicyclist seat is now vacant. Please let folks know who may be interested that they can apply on the City Clerk's Boards and Commissions website: <https://www.cabq.gov/clerk/boards-commissions/boards-and-commissions-membership-application>
 - Council Services: EPC approved the Main Street corridor designation for Central from Wyoming to Tramway and recommends approval to City Council.
 - Planning Department: The Mid Heights Community Planning Area Assessment (CPA) will kick off on September 30 from 5 – 7 pm at the Janet Kahn School of Integrated Arts. Also, the Foothills CPA will kick off on September 16 from 5 to 7 pm at the Holiday Park Community Center. Please see the attached flyers for additional information or visit: <https://cpa.abq-zone.com/>
 - Bernalillo County: On August 6, there was a ribbon cutting for the completion of BernCo's 2nd Street at Rio Bravo reconstruction. The previous committee before GAATC, GABAC, had provided comments on the project.

- **Public Comment**
 - Jon Eldredge: My work schedule prevents me from attending your GAATC meetings, but could I have a comment read into the record?

From a bike commuter's perspective, the extension of the Paseo de las Montañas Trail westward almost to San Pedro at Indian School has been a great development. The intersection of the trail with San Pedro NE has two problems. First, as bicyclists and pedestrians who cross here know, the buttons to request a walk signal are mere props. One can wait 5 minutes without the light changing. Only when a car approaches the intersection from Indian School does the light change. At that point, bicyclists and pedestrians trying to cross have to contend with cars turning right onto southbound San Pedro. Second, the extreme turn at the bottom of the hill to make the connection between the Trail and the crosswalk needs to be reengineered to make it more navigable. Thank you for considering and acting upon my comments.

- **Agenda Item #1:** Presentation and possible action item: Girard Streetscape Project (Phase 1), Sarah Gale, Department of Municipal Development, City of Albuquerque: The previous Councilor initiated the project in 2022 to slow down drivers and create a more pleasant pedestrian environment on about two blocks south of Indian School Rd on Girard Boulevard and Girard Court. The vision was to narrow the roadway, change curbs/gutters, widen sidewalks, minimize drive pads, and add street trees. Due to availability of construction funding, the

project team phased this project. Phase one includes minimal but high-impact changes such as making Girard Blvd and Indian School Rd right-out only and continuing the bike lane from Haines to Indian School. Adding green stormwater infrastructure bump-outs at Girard Court and Girard Blvd, which also decreases the crossing distance for people walking. And decreasing the pedestrian crossing distance across Girard Court at Indian School Rd. On Girard Court, the project will also narrow the roadway, repair sidewalks, remove PNM pole obstructions, and clean up landscaping. The project is at 90% design, with the construction of phase one anticipated in the winter of 2026-2027. This project is funded by Capital Outlay.

GAATC members suggested:

- Include striping and/or warning signage for drivers in advance of Girard Blvd and Indian School Rd that drivers will not be able to turn left and will only be able to turn right onto Indian School Rd.
- Identify options to further disincentivize illegal left turns for drivers from Girard Blvd onto Indian School Rd.
- Install green thermo crossbikes to highlight conflict points between drivers and bicyclists for the southbound bike lane on Girard Blvd and Girard Court and for the eastbound bike lane on Indian School Rd and Girard Blvd.

DMD will investigate these suggestions along with the MUTCD and City standards and if they are able to integrate into the project, they will. Staff also made a note to report back to GAATC about changes.

- Next Meeting: September 14, 2026, 4 – 6 pm
- Adjourn: 4:45 pm

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GIRARD STREETScape PROJECT (PHASE 1)

**Greater Albuquerque Active
Transportation (GAATC) Meeting**

10 August 2026

Sarah Gale, PM

Department of Municipal Development

City of Albuquerque



Project Background and Goals

The Girard Streetscape Project was initiated in 2022 with the goal of slowing cars and creating a more pleasant pedestrian environment on Girard Blvd and Girard Court

- Narrow roadways, repair and widen sidewalks, minimize drive pads, add street trees

Due to availability of construction funding the project has been phased

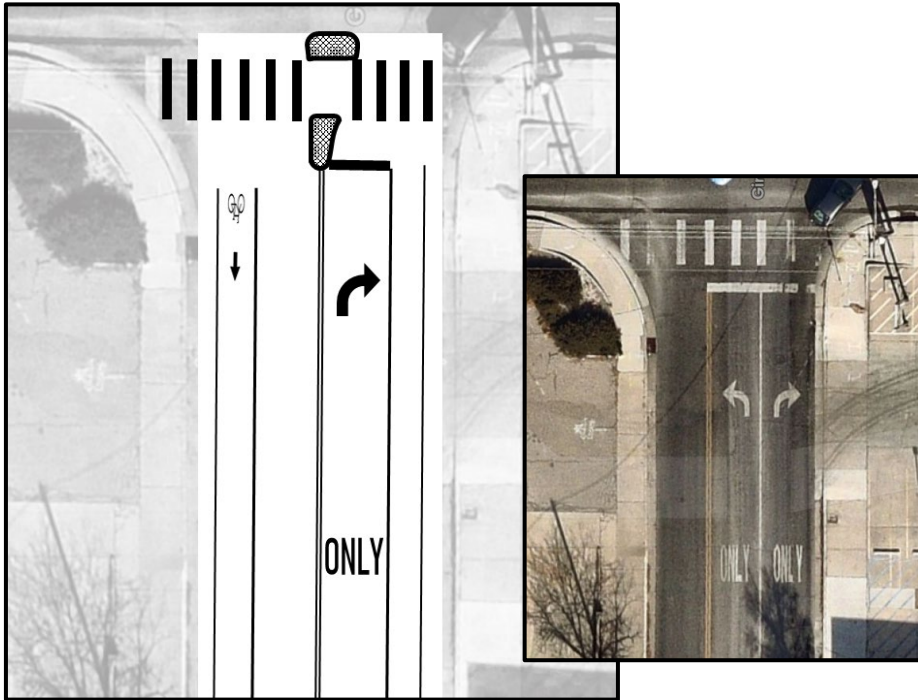
- Phase 1 – Minimal, high impact changes to Girard Blvd and full Girard Court streetscape plans
- Phase 2 – Full streetscape project on Girard Boulevard



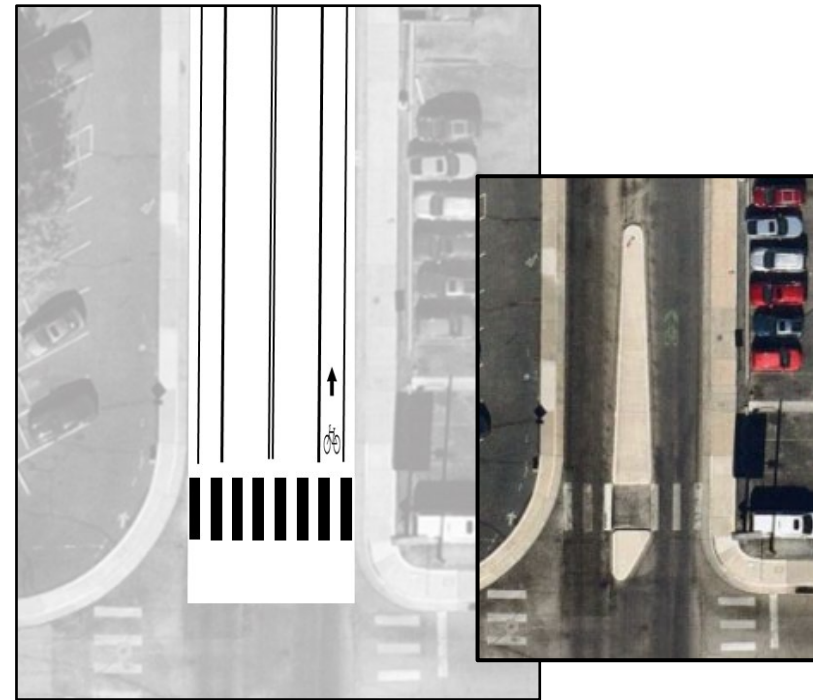
Project Details – Girard Blvd

High impact changes on Girard Boulevard

- Right-out only onto Indian School
- Add bike lane between Haines and Indian School to continue the Girard bike lane all the way to Indian School



Girard Boulevard and Indian School intersection

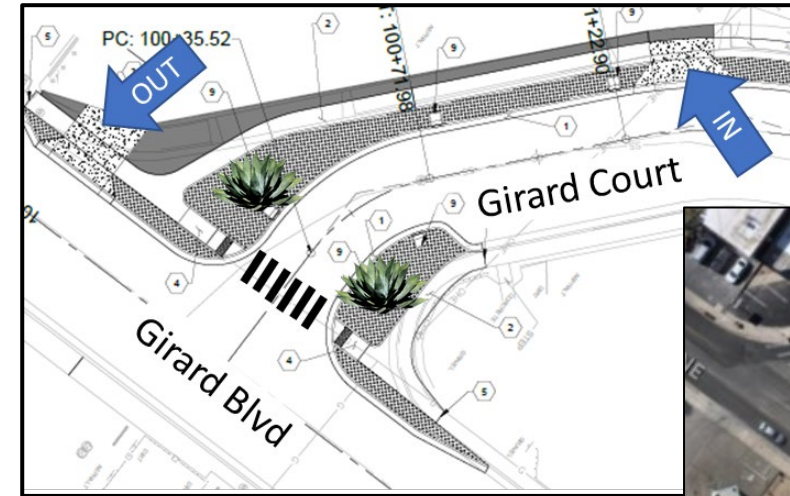


Girard Boulevard at Haines Ave

Project Details – Girard Ct Intersections

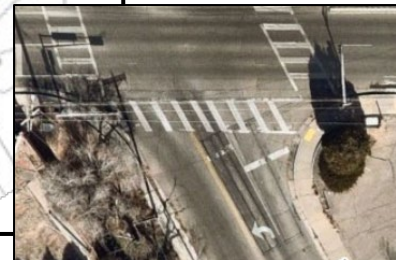
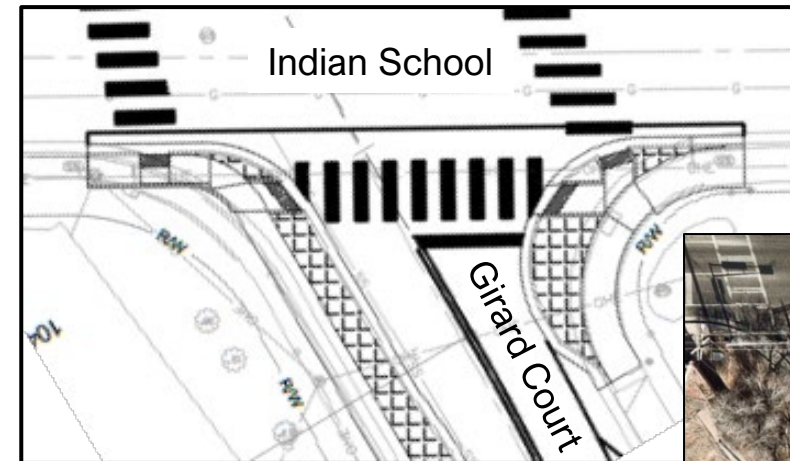
Girard Boulevard and Girard Court Intersection

- Crossing distance reduced from 82 ft to 28 ft
- Changing the driveway of the business
- Adding green stormwater infrastructure to the bump outs



Girard Court and Indian School intersection

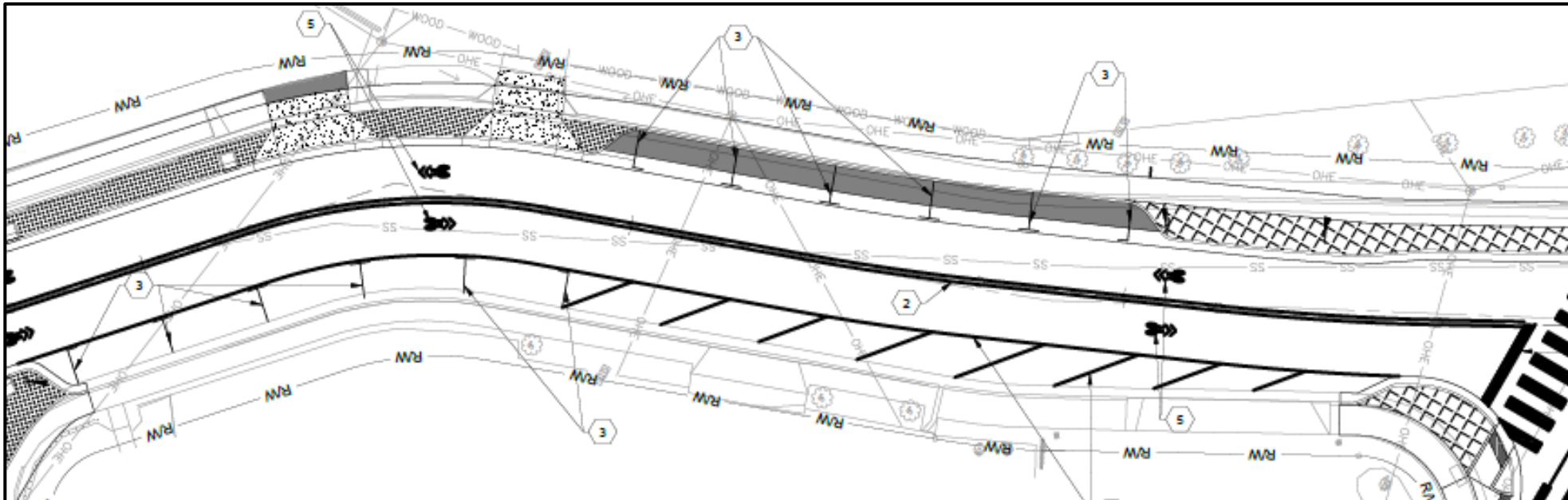
- Crossing distance reduced from 70 ft to 36 ft
- One car lane in each direction



Project Details – Girard Court

Girard Court Streetscape

- Narrow roadway by moving the west side curb line and striping in on-street parking
- Bikes will share the road with cars
- Repair sidewalks and remove PNM pole obstructions
- Remove dead trees and clean up landscaping



Project Schedule and Funding



Phase 1 construction is funded through various sources including capital outlay

Phase 2 design will follow

Thank You!

Questions?