



County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report

June 13, 2017

Agenda No.:	A.
Indexes (Council Goals):	2018 Council Goal – Quality of Life – Mobility – Maintain and Improve Transportation and Mobility
Presenters:	Eric Martinez
Legislative File:	9477-17

Title

Presentation and Discussion of the 2017 Bicycle Transportation Plan

Board, Commission or Committee Recommendation

On June 1, 2017, the Transportation Board approved the 2017 Bicycle Transportation Plan and recommended Council adoption.

Body

See presentation, Attachment A, for plan highlights and summary.

The following is a chronological background and summary of this item:

On April 22, 2016, Ms. Brenda Fleming filed a petition requesting the development of an urban bike path through the center of town connecting to the existing Canyon Rim Trail suitable for all users.

On May 3, 2016, Council approved a motion acknowledging the petition, thanking the petitioners for the recommendation, and requesting that staff investigate/research the matter in collaboration with the Transportation Board and petitioner, and return to Council with information, options, and/or recommendations for action within ninety (90) days.

On June 2, 2016, the petitioner presented her request to the Transportation Board where a subcommittee was formed to formulate recommendations.

On June 16, 2016, a conceptual map of urban bike path and pedestrian routes developed by Engineering Staff was presented to the subcommittee. Staff incorporated recommendations made by the subcommittee which included a high priority corridor that links the Canyon Rim Trail to downtown and Canyon Road points of interest. The high priority corridor also considers further development of the Canyon Rim Trail from its current terminus at Knecht St. west towards 20th Street in accordance with the 2011 Canyon Rim Trail Master Plan and funded with \$1 Million in CIP funds for easement acquisition (approved by Council on March 1, 2016); extension of 20th Street south of Trinity Dr.; and ongoing development efforts in furtherance of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park.

On July 7, 2016, the map was presented to the Transportation Board and the following motion was passed by a unanimous vote: I move that the Transportation Board approve and advise Council to do further study, costing, and engineering designs into the bicycle, pedestrian and route concepts that were created by the bicycle subcommittee and that the Transportation Board will continue this agenda item as the engineering and routes are developed. Updates to the map were made to address comments by the Board.

On July 26, 2016, Council unanimously approved the following motion: I move that Council approve the Bicycle and Pedestrian Route Map formulated by the Transportation Board and Bicycle

Subcommittee for inclusion in the forthcoming update of the Bicycle Transportation System Plan for use in programming future improvements, and further move that we have additional discussions in the January time frame on this subject.

In January 2017, the Transportation Board requested that a bicycle plan subcommittee be formed to work towards creating a Bicycle Transportation Plan. County staff from Public Works, Parks Recreation & Open Space, Community Development, the County Manager's Office, and interested citizens, began meeting in February 2017 to assemble a document aimed towards creating a comprehensive transportation network focusing on bicycle facilities.

Several public meetings to discuss and obtain input for the bicycling plan were held as follows:

Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting - March 29, 2017
Transportation Board Meeting - April 6, 2017
Parks & Recreation Board Meeting - April 13, 2017
White Rock Public Meeting - April 27, 2017
Transportation Board Meeting - June 1, 2017 (Plan Approved)
County Council Work Session - June 13, 2017 (Council Review/Discussion)
County Council - June 27, 2017 (Plan Adoption-Pending)

Through the diligent work of the subcommittee, a draft plan (Attachment B) was developed and approved by the Transportation Board for Council adoption. Staff intends to address any comments brought forward during the Council Work Session then request Council adoption of the plan at its June 27, 2017 regular meeting.

It is anticipated that with adoption of the plan, Los Alamos County will improve the likelihood of being recognized as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists. The League's next application deadline is August 17, 2017.

Attachments

- A - Presentation
- B - DRAFT 2017 Bicycle Transportation Plan