



Tim Keller, Mayor

# Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC) – AGENDA

April 11, 2022 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM



Meeting will be held virtually.

Due to current public health considerations, no in-person option will be provided this month.

Zoom meetings will be recorded and the chat will be saved for notetaking purposes.

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**Zoom Meeting Info:** <https://cabq.zoom.us/j/88461619655>

**Join by Phone:** +1 346 248 7799 (\*6 mute/unmute | \*9 raise/lower hand)

**Meeting ID:** 884 6161 9655

## Welcome and Introductions

Vacant  
NE Quadrant

Vacant  
SE Quadrant

Dan Jensen  
NW Quadrant

Nevarez Encinias  
SW Quadrant

Richard Meadows (chair)  
Pedestrians + Transit Users

Josiah Hooten  
Bicyclists

Vacant  
Individuals w/a Disability

Vacant  
Youth (Under 24)

Lanny Toning  
Older Adults (over 60)

## Approval of April Meeting Agenda

## Approval of March Meeting Minutes

## Public Comments (2 minute limit per audience member)

- Please email comments to Valerie Hermanson ([vhermanson@cabq.gov](mailto:vhermanson@cabq.gov)) prior to the meeting or use the virtual raise hand feature during the meeting.

## Discussion / Action Items Presentations

- **City of Albuquerque RAISE grant for construction of Albuquerque Rail Trail – Ciaran Lithgow, Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency**

Website: <https://www.cabq.gov/mra/rail-trail>

Executive Summary: <https://www.cabq.gov/mra/documents/part-i-rail-trail-executive-summary.pdf>

**Action Item:** Request for letter of support from GAATC (draft letter attached)

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022**



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### Staff Reports

- Municipal Development (DMD)
  - Engineering
  - Vision Zero
- Council Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Planning
- ABQ RIDE
- Bernalillo County
- MRCOG
- NMDOT District 3

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**Adjourn**

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## Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC)



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**TO:** Secretary Pete Buttigieg  
Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington DC, 20590

Dear Secretary Pete Buttigieg and the RAISE Grant Merit Review Committee:

I am writing to express our sincere support of the Albuquerque Rail Trail. As the City of Albuquerque revitalizes our Downtown in the wake of COVID-19, it is vital to provide outdoor amenities, sustainable transportation alternatives, and increased connectivity to historic, cultural, recreational, and employment activities.

This project will enable the city to construct a multi-use trail that would add considerable value to the public and our community by:

- Increasing quality of life by creating a world class urban amenity and improving access to green space for Downtown communities and adjacent neighborhoods;
- Reducing the urban heat island effect by adding 165 trees to the Downtown core;
- Providing safe access to transit alternatives, such as Amtrak, the Albuquerque - Santa Fe regional commuter train (the Rail Runner), Albuquerque Rapid Transit (ART), and the Alvarado Transit Center; and,
- Increasing safe pedestrian and cyclist connectivity in and around Downtown, which will expand access to jobs, reduce parking demands as the region expands, decrease greenhouse gas emissions by promoting transportation alternatives, and improve community health.

Innovative, well-planned rail projects have proven to serve as an economic catalyst for other cities. This can provide the missing piece for Albuquerque's economic revival. Our organization wholeheartedly supports the City's grant application.

Respectfully,

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Richard Meadows  
Chair, Greater Albuquerque Active Transportation Committee (GAATC)