

**MESILLA VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The following are minutes for the meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee of the Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which was held July 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at Dona Ana County Government Building, 845 Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT: George Pearson, Chair (City of Las Cruces Citizen Rep)
Andrew Bencomo (Pedestrian Community Rep)
Ashleigh Curry (Town of Mesilla Citizen Rep)
Jack Kirby (NMSU)
Cathy Mathews proxy James Nunez (City of Las Cruces
Staff Rep)
Samuel Paz (Dona Ana County Rep)
Jess Waller (Bicycle Com. Rep.) (Arrived 5:08)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Donna Devine (Bicycle Community Citizen Rep)
Jolene Herrera (NMDOT) Jack Kirby (NMSU Staff Rep)
Mark Leisher (DAC Citizen Rep)
Lance Shepan (Town of Mesilla Staff Rep)

STAFF PRESENT: Andrew Wray (MPO)
Michael McAdams (MPO)

OTHERS PRESENT: James Shearer, NMSU
Becky Baum, Recording Secretary, RC Creations, LLC

1. CALL TO ORDER (5:02)

Pearson: Okay, it's a little bit after 5:00, so I'm going to call this meeting of the Mesilla Valley MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Advisory Committee to order. We'll just go down the line and do introductions for who's here. Sam.

Paz: Samuel Paz, Dona Ana County.

Kirby: Jack Kirby, New Mexico State University.

Curry: Ashleigh Curry, Town of Mesilla Representative.

Mathews: Cathy Mathews, City of Las Cruces, proxy for James Nunez.

Bencomo: Andrew Bencomo, Pedestrian Rep.

Pearson: And I'm George Pearson, City of Las Cruces Representative.

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2 **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
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4 Pearson: First order of business is approval of the agenda. Do we have any
5 changes or a motion to accept the agenda as presented?
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7 Bencomo: So moved.
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9 Mathews: Second.
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11 Pearson: We have a motion and a second to accept the agenda as presented. All
12 in favor "aye."
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14 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
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16 Pearson: Any opposed? Agenda's accepted.
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18 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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20 **3.1 May 15, 2018**
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22 Pearson: Next we have approval of the minutes from our May 15th meeting. Do we
23 have any discussion on that? I noticed that Jack Kirby was listed as
24 present twice, so just a little deletion needed there. Any other comments
25 on the minutes? I'll hear a motion to approve the minutes as amended.
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27 Curry: I'll put forth a motion to approve the minutes.
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29 Kirby: I second.
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31 Pearson: We have a motion and a second to accept the minutes as presented. All
32 in favor say "aye."
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34 MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.
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36 Pearson: Any opposed?
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38 **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
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40 Pearson: Next item is public comments. Our galley seems pretty empty. So I'll
41 close the opportunity for public comment.
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43 **5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
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45 **5.1 Bicycle Repair Station at Mesilla Valley Intermodal Transfer Terminal**
46 **Update**

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2 Pearson: Next are discussion items. Bicycle repair station at Mesilla Valley
3 Intermodal Transfer Terminal Update.
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5 MICHAEL MCADAMS GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.
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7 Kirby: I have a question. You'd mentioned the amount of usage that that stand is
8 received. How's that gathered? I'm just curious because we also have
9 stations on campus.
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11 McAdams: Mr. Chair, Mr. Kirby. What they do is staff, the security people and also
12 any staff will just note it on a piece of paper, a form that they observed a
13 person using the bicycle repair station and also whether they use a pump
14 or the tools or both. The station is right outside the window of the lobby of
15 the Transfer Center and so the staff at the dispatching or the information
16 office can see them when they're using it.
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18 Kirby: Right. Okay.
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20 McAdams: It's also a good thing for protecting it against vandalism too.
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22 Kirby: Right.
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24 McAdams: So that's what, it's an informal way, I'm sure, probably people are using it
25 after hours too but we have no way to do it besides just doing video
26 monitoring which is really time consuming to go through all the video.
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28 Kirby: Right. Thank you.
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30 McAdams: You're welcome.
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32 Pearson: Any other questions?
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34 Waller: Yes, I had a question. Sorry for being late. And maybe I missed it
35 because I was last and I apologize, if so. How many of these stations are
36 going to be installed?
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38 McAdams: Mr. Chair. This is only a demonstration project.
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40 Waller: Just one.
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42 McAdams: As far as through our money, through MPO monies and FHWA money
43 flowing through us. RoadRUNNER Transit has stated they would like to
44 install others, but particularly around different spaces where we know that
45 a lot of bicycles are using transit as well. So mostly oriented toward transit
46 users that are bicycle users too.

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2 Waller: So it would be to clarify would be for bike riders who are using the bus
3 service?
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5 McAdams: Not necessarily. It could be any bike riders. If they're around that area
6 and they like to use a bicycle repair station, there's no problem. It's
7 intended as, actually through FHWA to encourage multi modalism, so
8 that's the purpose of the grant but of course we're not going to say,
9 "You're not a transit user you not going to use it." Anybody that's in the
10 area of the Transit Station can surely use that.
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12 Waller: And again to clarify, where will the demo be installed?
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14 McAdams: It's already installed. It's installed at the Mesilla Valley Transit Center.
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16 Waller: Okay.
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18 McAdams: Right in front of the lobby outside.
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20 Waller: And I'm sorry if I missed that.
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22 McAdams: No problem. It's a good thing to reiterate some of these things too.
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24 Pearson: Anyone else?
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26 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. I have a couple of questions and comments.
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28 Pearson: Okay.
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30 Bencomo: So for the use of that, is there any other way to get feedback from
31 community members? Like they show up to use it and they have some
32 feedback to say "Hey if you did this it might be easier to use" or "What if
33 we had that tool?" or "What if this was different?" Is there a way to collect
34 any comments or feedback?
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36 McAdams: Mr. Chair, Mr. Bencomo. I guess the only thing, if they want to comment
37 to us, we have through the video, but we haven't done that. We don't
38 know, I guess they would also contact RoadRUNNER if they had
39 comment on that too. Another thing that would be a good idea would be
40 for Velo Cruces and other advocacy groups, to post the video on the
41 website. If you look, we're putting on our Facebook page too, I think many
42 have already done that. So that would be a way if you just reference the
43 MPO or RoadRUNNER Transit on your Facebook post, you know that's
44 probably be a good way to do it too as well. And kind of comments from
45 your advocacy groups, please let us know too. Just free thinking, that's a
46 way to gather satisfaction. In Velo Cruces for example ask "Have your

1 members heard about anything about approval or disapproval of the
2 Bicycle Repair Station?"

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4 Bencomo: If there was some way for the community, or people in there to use it to
5 give feedback, that's how we can improve it too. If we take their feedback
6 rather than us necessarily saying we know what they need. True, I think
7 you understand that completely and with other groups you've been part of.
8 And then also in the video, is this the only video they're going to make?
9 They going to do any others maybe? Because maybe some actual
10 examples, the example in there of the chain feel off, that one really, you
11 can probably put it back on without tools, depending on what happened,
12 but some other examples of what could go wrong and why you might want
13 to use that in terms of getting the word out because people will be like
14 "Repair station, why would I want to go over there to do a repair?" And
15 then the other one is, has this been marketed to like Community of Hope?
16 Because they're a huge bicycle using community that probably has no
17 tools per se and maybe a second demonstration area for this would be at
18 Community of Hope.

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20 McAdams: I think we only have money for one demonstration site. But I think
21 perhaps at the RoadRUNNER site put that, one at Community of Hope,
22 that'll be a good location. So we'll pull the minutes and I can suggest that
23 to the RoadRUNNER staff as well.

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25 Bencomo: Thank you.

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27 McAdams: You're welcome.

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29 Pearson: Any other comments? I did notice this came through my Facebook feed
30 that there've been like 8,000 views of that video, so I don't know how that
31 compares to other City videos, but that seems, it probably doesn't mean
32 8,000 people watched the whole thing, probably means 8,000 people saw
33 it and scrolled past it and it started automatically on them, but that's still a
34 significant number.

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36 McAdams: It is and that would be a good thing to report. I agree.

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38 **5.2 Committee Training: How do roundabouts work for pedestrians?**

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40 Pearson: Okay, move on to our next item; roundabouts.

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42 MICHAEL MCADAMS GAVE HIS PRESENTATION.

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44 Pearson: Committee members.

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46 Mathews: Mr. Chair.

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2 Pearson: Yes.

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4 Mathews: My question is regarding lighting for the new roundabouts proposed at
5 Triviz and I-25. I had never considered the importance of lighting before,
6 but obviously just demonstrated that different locations of lighting can
7 greatly impact the visibility of pedestrians. Do you know what kind of
8 lighting they're proposing?
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10 McAdams: Mr. Chair, Ms. Mathews. I don't know. That wasn't addressed at the
11 public hearing and now that I think of it, it's a good point.
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13 Pearson: Anyone else?
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15 Bencomo: Mr. Chair. So I am very much a novice when it comes to roundabouts and
16 when they first started putting them in in different places, I was like "Oh my
17 God, are we going to navigate all of this?" But they've been there for a
18 while, I think they're wonderful. If nothing else, especially based on this
19 presentation, just in terms of pedestrian safety, you're crossing one,
20 maybe two lanes of traffic that is actually slower than what you would be
21 crossing in other cases and so just from the pedestrian safety standpoint
22 it's huge, it really is. Navigating roundabouts on bicycles is going to be a
23 little different. I don't think I've ever actually navigated a roundabout on a
24 bicycle, probably not that difficult, if you just do what a car does, but still a
25 little different. So is this something that the City in general and any other
26 entities in the MPO area are onboard with or they like the roundabouts,
27 they want to do them? I think one of the other selling points too is, and I
28 was thinking about this watching the presentation, on my trip here
29 because I'm perpetually late to this meeting and I apologize for that. On
30 the way here I was thinking, "Come on light stay green. Please stay green
31 so I can get through. Please stay." And with roundabouts you pretty
32 much eliminate that. You're going to keep moving. You may reduce
33 speed, but you never come to a dead stop and sit there for a couple three
34 minutes waiting for that, so that that is a good selling point I think that
35 traffic will continue to flow, it may slow down, but it will continue to flow
36 and I think that is a huge selling point for drivers because we're very car-
37 centric in America and in Las Cruces too, and so those selling points I
38 think really need to be pushed with the public so they understand the
39 benefits to them as well as pedestrians. So, thank you.
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41 Pearson: So at the public meeting and they've also posted the consultants for the
42 I-25/University project, posted a video on the roundabouts that they're
43 proposing and they did explain some of the bicycle and pedestrian
44 aspects of it. What they're designing, they're going to have, one part of it
45 they're actually going to have a bypass for bicyclists so they don't even
46 have to go through the roundabout. Most typical roundabout design

1 speed is 15 miles an hour which is slow enough that a bicyclist can make
2 it through so you just become traffic. Vehicles have to remember that we
3 are traffic, so there is that issue that sometimes comes up. One of the
4 selling points that they made for the new project is that these roundabouts
5 will be single-lane roundabouts and that'll make them very safe, and I'm
6 wondering about the downtown roundabout, because currently it's more
7 than one lane, I'm wondering if redesign whether they shouldn't be able to
8 redesign that as a single lane roundabout considering the safety aspects.
9 I don't know, there's probably no response available for that, but that's
10 something to.

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12 Mathews: Mr. Chair. I think it is going to be redefined as a single lane with the
13 current project that's underway.

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15 Pearson: Right.

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17 Mathews: I believe they're at least putting those splitters in the other two locations
18 and I think that will result in a single lane roundabout I believe.

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20 Pearson: Okay. That's a question that is kind of important. I remember them saying
21 that they had considered for the two-lane conversation the original design
22 and that the final design would be better than what we have now, so
23 maybe that's part of that process. If anybody is interested in looking at
24 that video for the roundabout, it's worthwhile looking at I think. I did put a
25 link on the Velo Cruces Facebook page. You can probably just search
26 YouTube for I-25/Triviz project or go to the I-25/Triviz webpage and find it,
27 I'm sure. Okay, anybody else?

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29 Waller: Yes, I had a question. Speaking to some of the comments made by, is it
30 George and also Andrew, about the dedicated bike lane and the ease of
31 navigating that if you're a cyclist. And so the Triviz/I-25 roundabouts, are
32 they going to have a, it seems I recall but I'm not sure, were those going to
33 have a dedicated bike lane on Triviz?

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35 Pearson: Well they have multiple. I don't know, do we have an internet connection
36 here? Would you be able to find that?

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38 Waller: Well I notice on the presentation that Michael gave, it showed, you look at
39 the ones in the in Tour de France and they have the arrow shots, the
40 (*inaudible*) going through the roundabouts. There's no dedicated bike lane
41 so you're mixed with traffic. And on the presentation that Michael showed
42 it shows some bike lanes before you reached the roundabout and then
43 they disappeared and then they reappeared after you went though the
44 roundabout, so you're in with the traffic, you're in with the mix going
45 through the bike lane. But I think that's a major issue because as long as

1 you're slowing down the traffic to around 15 miles an hour, it's easily
2 navigated.
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4 Pearson: The downtown and the new ones will be 15 miles an hour, that's the
5 question that I did ask at that public input meeting.
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7 Waller: I didn't really have a question but I guess my question is, are there uniform
8 national design standards for whether or not to include bike lanes
9 depending? Or is it kind of like what the traffic engineer decides in one of
10 the meetings such as this? Are there uniform design standards for how to
11 incorporate bike lanes or not to incorporate dedicated bike lanes? And for
12 pedestrians as well, the walking paths, the refuge?
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14 Pearson: Well Michael referenced that there was a big thick manual for roundabouts
15 so.
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17 McAdams: There is. It's an FHWA manual. It really is like everything you want to
18 know about roundabouts, from capacity, how you redesign four-way
19 intersections, four-way stops into roundabouts. I can get the link I think if
20 you'd like to see that.
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22 Waller: Sure. Yes, if you could make that available.
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24 McAdams: Yes, sure.
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26 Waller: Great.
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28 McAdams: I can do that. I can just e-mail it to all the BPAC. I did, we gave the
29 presentation to the Policy Committee and they were very enthusiastic and
30 they had the link on it too. So yes, it's a huge manual and it's like, well it's
31 sort of engineering oriented a little bit, but it's also, it's enough that laymen
32 could understand it too. Well me, like I'm a transportation planner, I'm not
33 a transportation engineer, so it's stuff that you can understand in a very
34 basic level and then you can delve down further.
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36 Waller: Okay. Thank you.
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38 McAdams: You're welcome.
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40 Pearson: Okay.
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42 McAdams: Looks like it's blocked. I can't get in that website.
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44 Pearson: They probably are using an underlying engine that throws up some
45 problems for the county website.
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1 MICHAEL MCADAMS TRIED BRINGING UP THE I-25/UNIVERSITY VIDEO AND WAS
2 UNABLE TO DUE TO COUNTY RESTRICTIONS.

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4 McAdams: But they do have a good videos on there if you'd like to see it and I guess
5 like a driving through demonstration.

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7 Pearson: It's an animated video but it goes through and it shows the different
8 access routes and both pedestrian and bicycle, the different routes that
9 they're proposing. Okay, so we're done with that.

10 11 **6. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

12 13 **6.1 MPO Staff Update**

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15 Pearson: Next we have committee and staff comments. MPO have any comments
16 for us.

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18 MICHAEL MCADAMS GAVE A PRESENTATION ON NEW BIKE RACK LOCATIONS
19 ASSOCIATED WITH ROADRUNNER ROUTES.

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21 Pearson: Okay, I guess one question I had, you mentioned that there are some
22 bicyclists that get turned away because the bike rack is full. Is there any
23 recording of that fact or any knowledge, keeping track of that? Because
24 the buses have, are currently two styles of racks, two-position rack and a
25 three-position rack. So if you're finding that one route might be getting
26 people turned away, an effort to put the buses with three bike racks on
27 those routes might even be enough to alleviate the problem. And I've also
28 heard that Transit might be considering even more capacity on the bike
29 racks.

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31 McAdams: Mr. Chair. I haven't heard about any capacity. I think they've been
32 looking at it definitely. I'm not aware of that right now. In fact, plug, plug,
33 plug, in the next year we're doing the transit update as well and that would
34 be a good issue to say at that period of time, it's also be good the transit
35 update will also include RTD and DOT with those issues. But I would
36 think that, I'd be glad to get this, but also this would be addressed to
37 *(Inaudible)* as well, comment about that, about the bike rate capacity and
38 like that. But I know they are aware of it.

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40 Pearson: Members have questions?

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42 Bencomo: Mr. Chair.

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44 Pearson: Andrew.

1 Bencomo: So you, maybe I didn't hear correctly or I don't know but I'll ask the
2 question, so are these the four newest locations, are there other locations,
3 and if there are where are those?
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5 McAdams: Mr. Chair, Mr. Bencomo. These are the four newest bike locker locations
6 so they've been installed. I think there maybe even, they're thinking about
7 one in Mesilla Valley Mall and one at Memorial Hospital which as I'm
8 speaking we have already begun installing. So they're always, they do
9 have extra bike racks and they're looking at where they can put them in a
10 strategic location.
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12 Bencomo: Okay, so these are the only four. These aren't the four newest in terms of
13 that there are other ones and now we're adding four more? Is that
14 correct?
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16 McAdams: These are the four newest one and perhaps additional two at Mesilla
17 Valley Mall and at Memorial Medical.
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19 Bencomo: So, okay, where are the other ones?
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21 McAdams: I think and I can find out for sure. I think all those at Memorial Medical
22 Hospital and also at Mesilla Valley Mall.
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24 Bencomo: So there's already racks there.
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26 McAdams: Yes. There will be, or will be soon.
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28 PERSON IN THE AUDIENCE SPEAKING, NOT AT THE MICROPHONE.
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30 McAdams: There are racks at the Mesilla Valley Mall and also at, you know at the
31 Transfer Center and also at some shelters there are also bike racks as
32 well.
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34 Pearson: I had noticed the new, the metal green shelter. I have seen some with a
35 single bike rack next to the shelter and I've seen others. I think older
36 shelters, the same styles that do not have bike racks.
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38 Bencomo: So follow-up, sorry. Semi related, maybe it needs to be brought up later
39 and not right now, if it is I'll defer to the Chair and he can say we'll bring
40 that up later. So semi related, we had mentioned bike racks at businesses
41 that it's a requirement by code and how come they're not there? Has a
42 follow-up been done on that anywhere? Did we get any feedback from
43 City staff on that?
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45 McAdams: Andrew can field this.
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1 Wray: Mr. Chair, Mr. Bencomo. Yes, staff did do a review of the businesses,
2 specifically on Telshor because that was the comment that was brought
3 up, I believe it was last year. The latter part of last year staff did go out
4 and do an inventory of the bicycle parking facilities at the businesses
5 along Telshor. That information was turned over to the City Codes Officer
6 that's the Codes liaison within the Community Development Department.
7 Beyond that there is very little that MPO staff can do with regards to the
8 situation. It was turned over to Codes. I'm not sure what steps may or
9 may not have been taken subsequent to that.

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11 Bencomo: Okay. And another related to that, so the whole redo of the downtown
12 area with the changing of the two-way and all the reconstruction and all
13 that, I noticed there were no bike racks anywhere down there. Are they
14 adding those in? Maybe I don't know where they are and they're not
15 visible. Is that going to be part of the redo down there?

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17 Wray: I do not know the answer to that question. It's possible, but it's also if it's
18 something that, Ms. Mathews may want to jump in and I'll let her. I'll defer
19 to her.

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21 Mathews: Sorry to but in. The Callecitas, the small cross streets that won't be open
22 to vehicle traffic will have bike racks in them.

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24 Bencomo: Okay. Good. Thank you.

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26 Pearson: Okay. There is a Downtown Parking Committee and I am a member of
27 that and I intend to have discussion on bicycle parking in the downtown
28 area. And that has been agreed. That was one of the, before when they
29 were forming the Parking Committee the public input was bike parking
30 was one of the big public input items, so I expect discussion on that in the
31 not to distant future.

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33 Wray: Moving on Mr. Chair. Staff does want to remind this Committee,
34 especially the staff representatives, the jurisdictions, that we do have an
35 ongoing Transportation Alternatives Program call for projects going on
36 right now. We have done a very recent outreach to all of our member
37 jurisdictions reminding them that they do have to turn in the project
38 feasibility form very soon in order to set up the time for the project
39 feasibility meeting with NMDOT. That meeting is a requirement for their
40 application to be accepted. If that meeting does not take place their
41 application won't even be considered, so please members of jurisdictions
42 please do bear that in mind.

43 Also to notify and remind this Committee, we have had an ongoing
44 call for public comment on our Public Participation Plan and Title VI Plan
45 for the past several months. We are winding down to the end of that. We
46 will be bringing that to this Committee for action at the August meeting.

1 We will be splitting the Title VI Plan and the Public Participation Plan into
2 two in the future. NMDOT has changed their requirements, placing those
3 two documents on different timelines, therefore making it impossible for us
4 to have it as one document in the future. We will have a draft version of
5 the Title VI Plan posted on the MPO website very soon, I don't have a
6 specific day, but very soon to just give the public and members of our
7 Committees a chance to review it before voting. As of right now, I will say
8 that we have received no comments regarding the Public Participation
9 Plan, so staff's expectation is that we will just basically update the dates
10 on the document and present that to this Committee for endorsement to
11 the Policy Committee. So if you wanted to take a look at the "draft" of the
12 Public Participation Plan as it is, it is the officially adopted Public
13 Participation Plan we have on the website. We received no feedback or
14 indications that we've been doing anything wrong and that it needs to
15 change, but by all means take this last month as an opportunity to review
16 that document.

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18 Pearson: Can you explain what the Title VI is a little bit?

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20 Wray: The Title VI is a requirement ultimately the Federal Government that we
21 have a Title VI remediation plan. Basically it's a complaint process in case
22 there are any Title VI violations that are committed by this MPO.

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24 Pearson: So can you tell, what would that be?

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26 Wray: Environmental justice, discrimination, that sort of rubric. This MPO
27 fortunately we have had no complaints during my time here or Mr.
28 Murphy's time, so knock on wood that we will continue to do well on that
29 front. But it is a requirement that we have that and basically the
30 document, it explains, it lays out the requirements and then lays out the
31 process for filing a complaint is the substance of the document.

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33 Pearson: Okay.

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35 Wray: And lastly since this Committee last convened, MPO staff has relocated
36 up onto the third floor of the City Hall. We're now in Suite 3100. Recently
37 they have made a change there in the building and now the doors to the
38 suite are unlocked, but please do still let the secretary know before you
39 just go in, but that is where we are now. And I believe that concludes
40 MPO comments. Oh, Michael still has two more.

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42 McAdams: And this public comments on August 7th the ATP draft will be up for public
43 review for 30 days and then August 17th there will be, the Planning and
44 Zoning Commission and the City Council will have a work session to
45 discuss. Of course it could be up to the Chairman whether the comment
46 can be allowed too for that. So there's the two things that are coming up

1 and then after the next BPAC we can announce other things that. I will be
2 reporting on DOT as well.

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4 Pearson: So the August 17 that must be a Monday, City Council Work Session.

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6 McAdams: The 17th is, yes 17th is a work session and so like normal work session,
7 it'll be a joint work session with Planning and Zoning Commission.

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9 Pearson: Okay.

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11 McAdams: Of the City and the City Council.

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13 Pearson: Okay.

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15 **6.2 Local Projects update**

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17 Pearson: So we're on to local projects updates. NMSU have anything for us?

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19 Kirby: Yes, on August 7th at 8:30 a.m. there'll be a bike repair dedication
20 ceremony on campus to dedicate the bike repair stations to David Shearer
21 who's here in our audience tonight. He was the driving force behind
22 getting those four bike repair stations on campus.

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24 Pearson: Okay. Time and location.

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26 Kirby: 8:30 a.m., west entrance of Zuhl Library and it's open to the public,
27 anyone can attend.

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29 Pearson: Okay. County.

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31 Paz: Some updates on Soledad Canyon, it's at 95% in the design with the
32 construction late summer or early fall. Soledad Canyon.

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34 Pearson: Okay. City.

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36 Mathews: Mr. Chair. James left me with a list of projects so I'll just be reading them
37 off and then I'll be adding a few of my own. The South Main project from
38 Boutz to Valley is currently in design and it calls for one lane north and
39 south, a center turn lane, and four-foot bike lanes with three-foot buffers.
40 The plan is to bid at the beginning of 2019.

41 Also under design, road improvements for the road leading out of
42 Red Hawk Golf Course to the south. That must be Red Hawk Golf Road,
43 is in final design and it will have five-foot bike lanes and landscape too by
44 the way.

45 Under construction, Harrelson, Miranda, Palmer subdivision,
46 Second, Third, and Sixth Streets, and Brownlee in front of the school. I

1 believe these are under full reconstruction with ADA ramps as well. The
2 pavement replacement project on Terrace Drive will include a buffered
3 bike lane from Telshor to University/Dripping Springs. James mentioned
4 the ATP also, the Active Transportation Plan.

5 And in Parks and Recreation we have received a Healthy Kids/
6 Healthy Communities grant from the Department of Health and we'll be
7 installing, we call them "play breaks" or "shade structures with benches"
8 along in areas that have trails that, not necessarily for transportation but
9 for recreation as well in terms of pedestrians or bicycles and those will be
10 installed in Pioneer Park, Johnson Park, and Klein Park. Also Sage Crest
11 Park, La Buena Vida Park, and Twin Parks on Engler Road near Mesa
12 Grande. And Andrew mentioned the RTP Grant upcoming and the City
13 Parks and Recreation Department will be applying for that RTP Grant.

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15 Pearson: RTP is different from the TAP.

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17 Mathews: It is. It means Recreational Trails Program. It's administered in a similar
18 way and on a same timeframe, but it's for recreational purposes.

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20 Pearson: Do you know what the project is that you're applying for?

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22 Mathews: There are two projects that are under consideration right now, one is
23 maintenance of the trails at Desert Trails Community Park, there's a lot of
24 erosion control that is required in that area on those trails. And then the
25 second project that is under consideration is a multiuse trail along Las
26 Cruces Lateral from the Convention Center to, it depends on how far we
27 can get with the amount of money, maybe to Boutz Road. So it'll go
28 behind, from the Convention Center, along Main Street, behind Las
29 Cruces High School and meet up to Boutz Road.

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31 Pearson: Along El Paseo though.

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33 Mathews: El Paseo.

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35 Pearson: Okay.

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37 Curry: Mr. Chair. May I ask Ms. Mathews a question?

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39 Pearson: Sure.

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41 Curry: On that Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities grant, last year we had talked
42 about designating some of that money to bicycle education and bicycle
43 related activities. Do you know if all, I'm assuming it's \$40,000, was all of
44 it dedicated to the shade structures or was any of it put towards bicycle?
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1 Mathews: So we received the grant three different times, and the first grant was
2 spent all on signage. The second grant some of it was spent on
3 educational, I'm sort of (*inaudible*) aware of that third hand some I'm kind
4 of giving you a little iffy kind of information. But I believe some of that
5 funding was used to purchase like giveaways that would aid in educational
6 programs. The third grant which we're spending right now, not all of it will
7 be spent on the play breaks, the shade structures. We can and I would be
8 very happy to do so, but I believe some of it is set aside per se for
9 educational efforts or advertising promotion, but I'm not 100% sure what
10 those activities will be.

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12 Curry: Thank you. Is any way to find out what they will be so that we can kind of
13 work together if that's a possibility?

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15 Mathews: Yes, definitely. I guess I'm a good point of contact, okay, not a good point
16 of contact, a point of contact. So I'll talk with Franco Granillo who's sort of
17 managing that grant and see and try to nail down exactly how much
18 money is remaining for other activities and what the exact plan is for those
19 activities.

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21 Curry: Okay. Super, I'll follow-up with you. Thank you.

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23 Mathews: Okay.

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25 Pearson: Okay, so the previous two grants have been closed out?

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27 Mathews: Correct.

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29 Pearson: Okay. That was, because I was aware of the second grant and things
30 were still happening. I hadn't really figured out that that had been closed
31 out and I heard about the newest grant. So, okay. I guess that's all for the
32 local.

33 34 **6.3 NMDOT Projects update**

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36 Pearson: So NMDOT.

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38 McAdams: Jolene Herrera transmitted e-mail that Valley construction is continuing
39 and that there will be monthly meetings.

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41 Pearson: Okay.

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43 McAdams: Concerning the construction on Valley.

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45 Pearson: Okay. So that's without Jolene here.

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6.4 Committee Members Update

Pearson: Committee Member updates. Any Committee members have comments?

Bencomo: Mr. Chair.

Pearson: Yes.

Bencomo: I have some comments. Surprise, surprise, right. So there's a lot of things happening as far like trail systems going on. The budget for next fiscal year that the City put forward in the Capital Improvement Plan, the CIP. There's actually funding in there, I think it's \$2.7 million, something like that, for, just says trails. And so then it kind of lists the laterals. And so ...

Pearson: Well that's the GO bond so that's still dependent on the elections.

Bencomo: No sir. No sir. On the CIP there is money in next year's budget, \$2.7 million for trails. So I think it's \$2.7, two-point-something.

Pearson: That matches the GO bond amount.

Bencomo: Yes, can I finish.

Pearson: Okay.

Bencomo: Thank you. So I made a phone call to Public Works and that is to purchase the Mesilla Drain, the Dona Ana Drain, and some other drains in the City. They're going to outright purchase those from EBID. Then there's the GO bond which there's that two-point-something million dollars that's going to go to vote on that one also and now we're talking I just heard a mention about Parks applying for a grant to possibly do the Las Cruces Lateral from the Convention Center across, behind Cruces, however far it will go. So there's a lot of things coming together and a lot of funding being sought and lot of funding being put in place and I think our efforts as a Committee and a group and the community in general are paying off, I really do. I think it's getting noticed, but I also would like to encourage this Committee for us in some way, shape, or form, my personal opinion's we should be one of the main drivers of what's going to happen with those trail systems specifically. The City, I see discussion from one of the City Councilors, Mr. Vasquez, who is very supportive of this, talking about certain trails and then the Mayor's having just going to have meetings and discussions and mentioning other trails and so we came up with a prioritized list, I think we need to, if nothing else, make sure that City leaders and decision makers are going to hone in and focus on our recommendations. I mean obviously they can do whatever they

1 want in the end, but our recommendations are there for a reason so I
2 would like for us to be actively involved in that and have our voices out
3 there for them to say "This is what we think should be done. These are
4 the most beneficial ones to start out with." So I just would like for us to not
5 sit back and go "Oh I think they're going to do a great job without us being
6 involved." They may be thinking the same things we're thinking, but I
7 would like for us to be involved in that process to help them drive those
8 projects based on what we have already discussed and done. So those
9 are my comments as far as the systems go.

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11 Pearson: And the Mayor is hosting some meetings on the GO bond so that would
12 be a worthwhile place for us to show up and say, even just asking the
13 questions "What do you actually have planned?" Some of the elected
14 officials may not even know the answer to that so having that questioned
15 asked and answered in front of them would be helpful. Okay.

16 I had some comments, it was mostly directed toward Jolene as the
17 NMDOT representative, so I think I'll just say them and then they'll be in
18 the minutes and then maybe she can respond at some other time. On my
19 Facebook feed I see these press releases about accidents happening and
20 so I wonder is that coming from NMDOT or from the news media? As far
21 as I can tell it's news media that's using the term "accident." I've tried to
22 look at the NMDOT press releases and I see that they're using "crash."
23 So I think governmental entities doing good behavior and the news media
24 needs to look up the AP style guides that is now saying that "crash"
25 should used instead of "accident." One of the places where I was looking
26 to try to find that was at the NMroads.com which is the State website that
27 shows traffic conditions. I looked at the Valley Drive construction on the
28 map and the current designation for what's happening doesn't correspond
29 to what's actually happening on the roadway. They've got it marked from
30 like Amador to Avenida de Mesilla on that map and as we all know,
31 anybody that's been in the area, it's from Picacho to Amador that's the
32 difficult process where things are closed. On my way here today I found
33 out that you can't go straight through on Hadley, so I just wondered how
34 they update that map because it doesn't show accurate enough
35 information to be helpful is what my comment would be. I was going to
36 ask if NMDOT had any expectations of the tariffs on steel that are coming
37 through, how that would impact construction projects. Seems like that's,
38 we're talking about how it impacts everything from beer bottles, aluminum
39 cans, to Harley-Davidson's, so it seems like that that might be an
40 important impact on how we spend our money in the public sector.
41 NMDOT Bike Ped Coordinator position, Wade was here and shortly after
42 that he moved on, I think he's working for the City of Albuquerque. Well
43 have to find out what that position status is and also on the New Mexico
44 Statewide Bike Plan, if there's any update on that, so that'll be a question
45 for the future. That's all I have.
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1 **7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

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3 Pearson: Okay, so we'll move on to our next opportunity for public comment.

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5 Shearer: David Shearer. I tried to get here in time to listen to the bike repair station,
6 unfortunately for this public meeting the outside door to the County
7 Building was locked, so it might be something that gets passed on to them
8 when this meeting meets, it probably should be unlocked to get in here.
9 Not that I was on time, but I was a little late, so I missed that. I just found
10 that.

11 And my only other comment was yes, to invite anyone to the
12 dedication of the bike repair stations on the campus on August 7th and
13 we're going to have some other bits on alternate transportation also at that
14 time. So we have four on the campus and we're trying to get one passed
15 through into Burrell College, I think they may think about spending some
16 money on that, and also for the DACC, see if I can get a repair station put
17 out the East Mesa Campus. My other comment, just general activities, the
18 hub, the community bike shop is opening on Saturday, it's from 8:00 to
19 12:00 downtown area so you're welcome to come see what's going at the,
20 I don't remember the actual, the creative media, creative ...

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22 Pearson: Cruces Creatives Makers Space.

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24 Shearer: Yes. Okay so it's there if you're interested. And the other thing that's
25 been going on all summer, come August 3rd on a Friday at 6:30 there will
26 be another ice cream bike ride at La Llorona Park starting there. So
27 you're all welcome to that.

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29 Pearson: Okay. Thank you. So that being our only member of the public today that
30 concludes public comment.

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32 **8. ADJOURNMENT (6:17)**

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34 Pearson: Next item is adjournment. Do you want to make a motion to adjourn?

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36 Mathews: Move to adjourn.

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38 Pearson: And a second.

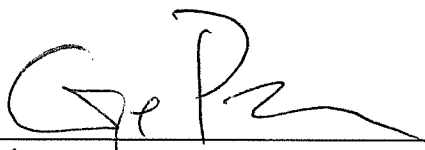
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40 Curry: Second.

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42 Pearson: All in favor "aye."

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44 **MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

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46 Pearson: And we're adjourned. Thank you.

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