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DATE: *March 23, 2018*

TO: *Board of County Commissioners*

FROM: *Michael Kelley, Public Works Department Director* ~~3/28/18~~

VIA: *Katherine Miller, County Manager*

ITEM AND ISSUE: *BCC Meeting April 10, 2018. Resolution No. 2018-____, a Resolution in Support of 2018 Bike-to-Work Week and Associated Activities (Chair Hansen and Public Works / Neal Denton)*

SUMMARY:

This resolution provides the Board of County Commission of Santa Fe County (Board) support of 2018 Bike-to-Work Week and associated activities.

BACKGROUND:

The 2018 National Bike-to-Work Week will occur May 14-18. Since 1956, this event has showcased the many benefits of bicycles, encouraged more people to ride bicycles, and has been celebrated in many communities around the nation. The Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), together with its numerous partners, is once again organizing 2018 Bike-to-Work Week activities, such as group bicycle rides to schools, social bicycle tours, bicycle commuter give-aways, and bicycle-based scavenger hunts. In the past Santa Fe County (County) has assisted with planning and has participated in a city/county convoy ride that starts at the County administrative offices and ends at the festival activities.

DISCUSSION:

An increase in bicycle transportation supports goals in Resolutions Nos. 2013-7 and 2017-68 to implement clean energy strategies and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Bicycle transportation reduces congestion, roadway deterioration, transportation related expenses, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions while improving public health. The attached resolution supports the 2018 Bike-to-Work Week, commits the County to organizing a city/county bicycle convoy challenge, encourages all County employees to participate, proposes a friendly challenge to the City of Santa Fe to beat the County's participation, invites the Pueblo of Tesuque, and encourages elected officials and County staff to ride safety bicycles to work during Bike-To-Work Week.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approval of the attached resolution.

Attachment: **Resolution in No. 2018-____, A Resolution in Support of Bike-to-Work Week and Associated Activities**

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2018 - _____**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2018 BIKE-TO-WORK
WEEK AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES**

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) together with its partners, the Pueblo of Tesuque, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe Conservation Trust, New Mexico Department of Transportation, New Mexico Department of Health, BTI, local businesses, and interested community members, is planning the Bike-to-Work Week on May 12-20, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County (County) is assisting with the planning of Bike-to-Work Week; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2013-7, the Board of County Commission of Santa Fe County (Board) committed to "leading by example" with respect to aggressively implementing clean energy strategies in all aspects of its facilities and daily operations; and

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 2017-68 the Board agreed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions per the targets set in the Paris Agreement in order to limit global mean temperature increase to less than 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, with an expectation that this goal would be reduced to 1.5 degrees in the future; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory created by the Climate Working Group on behalf of the Sustainable Santa Fe Commission showed on-road transport as the source of 50% of greenhouse gas emissions in the County; and

WHEREAS, a report created by the European Cyclists' Federation showed a bicycle's greenhouse gas emissions is over 10 times lower than those stemming from individual motorized transport; and

WHEREAS, bicycle transportation reduces congestion, roadway deterioration, transportation related expenses, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions while improving public health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board as follows:

1. Santa Fe County supports 2018 Bike-To-Work Week.

2. Santa Fe County commits staff time to organize a city/county/pueblo bicycle convoy challenge on Friday, May 18, 2018, encourages all County employees to participate in the ride, and proposes a friendly competition to the City of Santa Fe to match or beat the County's participation.
3. The Pueblo of Tesuque, our tribal partner and member of the MPO, is invited to participate in the convoy.
4. During Bike-To-Work Week County elected officials and staff are encouraged to safely ride bicycles to work or, if infeasible to do so, use an alternative to individual motorized transport such as carpooling or riding the bus.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 10th DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

By: _____
Anna Hansen, Chair


Date: _____

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



R. Bruce Fredrick, Santa Fe County Attorney

Date: 3/28/2018

