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Bike a Go-Go is
9 a.m. to 3 pm. Saturday,
Oct. 20, 2007
in Santa Fe
See flyer on p.12

NM Dept of Transportation to Fund Bicycle Safety Program for Kids and Adults

by Gail Ryba, BCNM Board President

New Mexico is working hard to develop a multi-modal transportation system, although costs to pave and repair state highways and bridges continue to rise while revenues stay relatively flat. Governor Richardson and Transportation Secretary Rhonda Faught do seek to develop transportation options that will give New Mexicans a transportation choice besides the automobile. Ever since Secretary Faught convened the Multimodal Summit in July 2003 and changed the DOT's name from the NM State Highway and Transportation Department to the NM Department of Transportation, there has been slow but steady progress in

addressing a broad spectrum of transportation needs.

At the 2003 Multimodal Summit, Secretary Faught said, "We must provide to all New Mexicans nothing but the best solutions for their transportation needs albeit by air, rail, bus, local transit, automobile, bicycle or just walking. We are committed to building an interconnected multimodal system that is responsible to the environmental, social, and economic concerns of our state." In conference closing remarks, Governor Bill Richardson said, "New Mexico needs to move forward with light rail. We need more bike trails, walking paths, and airports."

Because of advocacy work by groups

like BikeABQ and the Bicycle Coalition of New Mexico, the transportation planners at the NM DOT have recognized that a crucial component of increasing the opportunities to walk and bike is the need to address the safety issue faced by cyclists and pedestrians in our current transportation system. Governor Richardson's Environment Advisor, Sarah Cottrell, noted that, "New Mexico seeks to be a leader in promoting a sustainable lifestyle. We are a state that can promote advanced technologies like solar energy, as well as quality of life improvements that allow New Mexicans to bicycle and walk safely in our communities."

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Santa Fe Bikeways Dreamin'

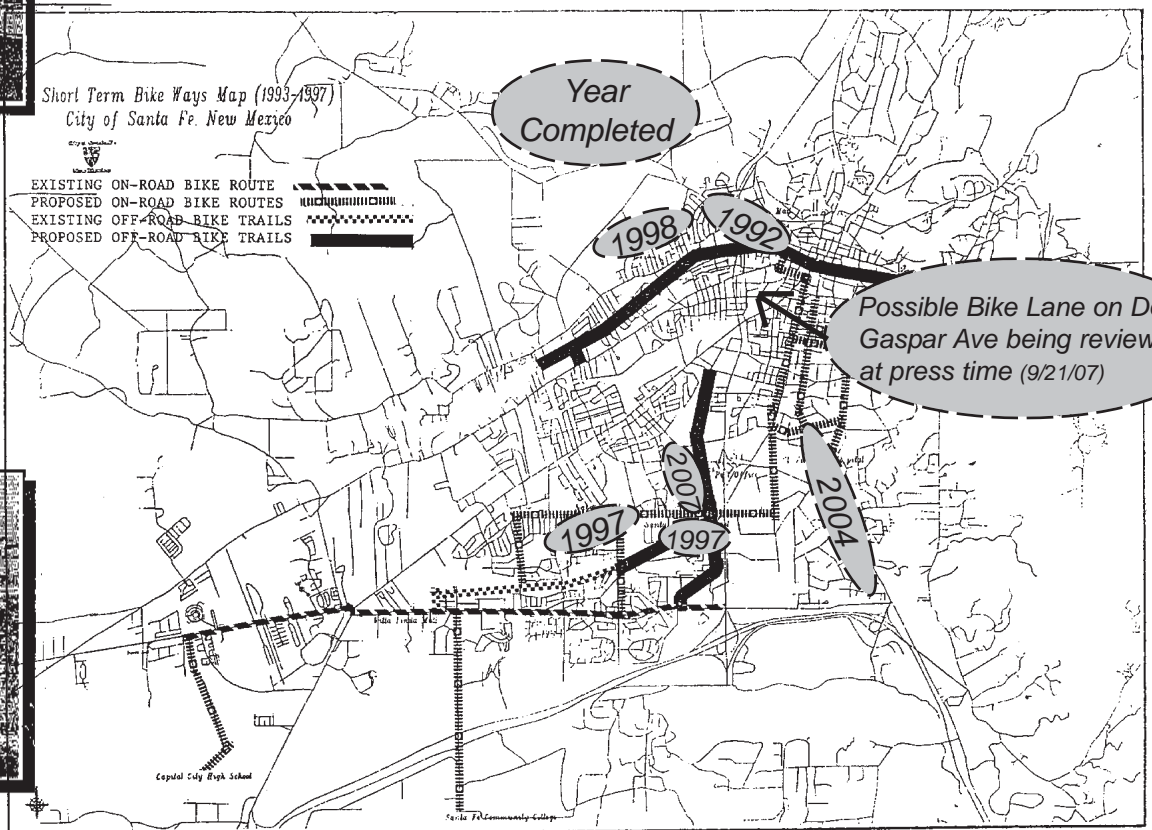
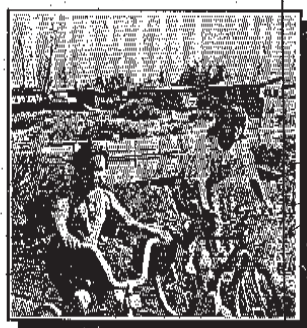
33 Years of Bikeways in Santa Fe?...According to the 2001 Parks, Open Space, Trails and Recreation Master Plan for the City of Santa Fe, bike planning was first attempted in a formalized way in Santa Fe in 1974. But not until 1987 was a committee formed which produced the first adopted Bikeways Master Plan in 1993, way back when Sam Pick was Mayor and Isaac Pino was the City Manager. The Plan states its purpose as follows: "The Santa Fe Bikeways Master Plan identifies policies and establishes short-term and long-term objectives which will result in a

cont, p 3 Don Gaspar

1993 BIKEWAYS MASTER PLAN

Santa Fe, New Mexico
An Amendment
to
the Santa Fe General Plan

Adopted by
the City Council
March 10, 1993



WALK AND ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Twenty six (26) schools in New Mexico have registered their events for Walk-and-Roll to School Day. You can learn about the events by going to www.walktoschool.org/who/seestate.cfm?st=NM Communities registered so far include

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|----------------|------------------------|
| * Alamogordo | * Jemez Pueblo |
| * Albuquerque | * Las Cruces |
| * Angel Fire | * Las Vegas |
| * Bayard | * Los Alamos |
| * Bosque Farms | * Los Lunas |
| * Corrales | * Mesilla |
| * Dexter | * San Ildefonso Pueblo |
| * Espanola | * Socorro |
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