



## BikeABQ

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"Supporting, Educating, and Advocating for a Bike-Friendly Albuquerque."



Date: April 4, 2018

To: NMDOT

American Association of State Highways and Transportation Officials

From: BikeABQ

Re: Support for the Rio Grande Trail, US Bicycle Routes 90, 66 and 75

### **BikeABQ would like to show our support for the three routes proposed by the New Mexico Bicycle Summit**

As our state continues to develop much needed infrastructure to make cycling on our roads safer, there are a series of routes that can help achieve these goals, starting with the current development of the Rio Grande Trail. The New Mexico Bike Summit has proposed specific roads to be established for various nationwide routes that our neighboring states are currently developing as well to connect to US Bicycle Routes 90, 66 and 75. We feel that any sort of road development that takes into consideration usage of roadways by cyclists creates a safer and more user-friendly environment for all those that use those roads.

It would be unfortunate if New Mexico did not provide the link in these routes from state to state so please consider the work that the New Mexico Bike Summit has put into these proposed routes as having BikeABQ's endorsement.

*BikeABQ was founded in 1999 our mission statement is: Supporting, Educating, and Advocating for a Bike-Friendly Albuquerque. Our mission is to increase the number of bicyclists in Albuquerque for transportation, health and recreation. We provide education, advocate for the rights of cyclists, and work to create and preserve safe biking environments. We follow the League of American Bicyclists "5 E's" (Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, Engineering, and Evaluation & Planning) as well as our dedication to the Environment and Health.*

The Board of Directors of BikeABQ thanks you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

**BikeABQ**