

00:48:23 David Jolly: can you share the presentation?
00:50:07 Brad Nyenhuis: Audio level is very low. Can anything
be done to help
00:52:03 Akkana Peck: I can't hear them, guess it's not just
me.
00:52:36 Stephanie Haaser: The closed captioning is on,
but can not hear otherwise.
00:53:09 Cheryl Kuske: Please speak louder. The people on
zoom can't hear you.
00:53:45 Jonathan Creel: Is there any way to share the
presentation?
00:53:46 Amy Rogers: Very hard to hear.
00:54:18 Brad Nyenhuis: Why is the camera pointed at people
instead of the presentation?
00:54:34 Shannon Smith: I'm on zoom and on call for audio and
cannot hear anything after the introduction
00:54:57 Jonathan Creel: And we can't see the screen.
00:55:03 David Jolly: We also can't see the presentation
00:55:04 Shannon Smith: very faintly
01:06:45 Jonathan Creel: [http://www.mcgilltrailfabrication.com/
previous-builds](http://www.mcgilltrailfabrication.com/previous-builds)
01:06:49 Jonathan Creel: Is it something like this?
01:07:50 Jon Altschuld: Hi guys, this is Jon Altschuld, one of
the landscape architects on the project who specializes in trail
planning and design. I'll try to keep track of questions you ask here
the best I can and answer them in the Q&A session of each trail
01:08:22 Jon Altschuld: That way the in person folks can hear
the answers as well
01:09:02 Amy Rogers: The graphics are VERY unclear on Zoom
01:10:33 Stephanie Haaser: How would this project impact
drainage coming off Anderson Overlook? It looks like drainage during
monsoon goes across some of the project area (parking lot).
01:11:37 Charlotte Sartor: today agree that ranch School
trail is the problem
01:11:47 Charlotte Sartor: totally agree
01:14:14 Talia Dreicer: A downhill biker trail down ranch
school has significant risk to any other trail users attempting to use
this trail. This seems to lend itself to downhill biker only trail
which means that you are removing significant access to other trails
users which is unacceptable.
01:14:39 Jonathan Creel: Is the Blue/Green trail going to look
like the Wellington Bike Park on McGill's website?
01:14:56 Jonathan Creel: [http://www.mcgilltrailfabrication.com/
previous-builds](http://www.mcgilltrailfabrication.com/previous-builds)
01:15:55 Jonathan Creel: The Nature Center disagrees
01:16:02 Jessie Emerson: Is any of this area part of San
Ildefonse? If so, have they been contacted
01:16:33 Talia Dreicer: Given the above statement regarding
shared use, how do you intend to keep the trail accessible and safe
for ALL trail users?

01:17:10 Robin Gurule: Has anyone who says that the Ranch Schools Trail needs only minor modifications ever ridden their mountain bike down the trail?

01:17:29 Cheryl Kuske: Widening the acid canyon trail will significantly impact the vegetation in that canyon and the pueblo canyon floor. The birds and predatory owls both rely on this vegetation as habitat.

01:17:31 Jessie Emerson: I must have missed this, was an environmental impact study been done?

01:18:26 Katie Bruell: I would like to speak to Jon please

01:18:31 Talia Dreicer: Building on Cheryl Kuske's comment, there will also be significant erosion issues created by widening the trail in acid canyon/ ranch school

01:18:39 Jessie Emerson: What is the PR plan to get tourists up to the trails?

01:18:45 Katie Bruell: I am the director of the nature center. There will be significant impacts to our programming.

01:18:59 Robin Gurule: And you think a beginning mountain biker can ride their bike down the Ranch School Trail? Have you tried it?

01:19:08 Katie Bruell: We bring students on field trips on that trail. A group of 20+ students does not want to encounter a mountain biker riding fast down that trail

01:19:24 jareddreicer: I would argue that since this will utilize LA county taxpayer funds that it should be put to the taxpayers of the county for a bond issue just like the aquatic center.

01:19:31 Katie Bruell: I have written to Cory multiple times about these issues, and I'm saddened to hear that none of that comment has gotten to Jon.

01:20:24 jareddreicer: Hear hear. I agree this has been a stealth project.

01:20:26 Katie Bruell: If you give me your email I'll send you what I've sent to Cory. I've also spoken at three meetings

01:20:46 Katie Bruell: I guess none of my public comment has been recorded or passed along to the designers.

01:23:11 Babs Marrone: Thank you Wendy. You speak for all of us.

01:23:20 Talia Dreicer: Thank you Wendy!

01:24:04 Jessie Emerson: Thank you Katie and Wendy

01:24:25 Barbara Calef: Brad is ignoring what Wendy said. She said her sons learned to ride their mountain bikes in Los Alamos on the existing trails.

01:25:03 Jessie Emerson: Let her speak.

01:25:31 J Griego: Wendy's point is that there are PLENTY of existing trails in Los Alamos. There is no need to "improve" or "develop" more.

01:26:08 Jessie Emerson: Did you do the Monarach trail????

01:26:08 Babs Marrone: That is not true

01:26:51 Babs Marrone: You are proposing to build a racetrack on a nature trail.

01:26:52 Talia Dreicer: What are the qualifications of the speaker to say that this will not bring species to an end?

01:26:52 Jonathan Creel: Can we see examples of the work?

01:26:59 Cheryl Kuske: As a perpetually beginner mtn biker with an accomplished mtn biker husband and two accomplished biking children, we have never had a problem finding beginner/intermediate routes in our county.

01:27:08 Jenna Stanek: Yes I agree as Wendy said there are PLENTY of existing trails in Los Alamos. There is no need to "improve" or "develop" more.

01:27:18 J Griego: Agree with Cheryl

01:27:51 Talia Dreicer: Are in person attendees able to see this chat? Are these comments being saved or are they going to disappear into the void after this meeting?

01:28:22 Robin Gurule: Have you ridden your mountain bike down that trail that you say only needs a few loose rocks removed?

01:29:23 jareddreicer: This project should be put to the LA county voters in terms of a bond issue, since it will require county resources and taxpayer dollars.

01:31:24 jareddreicer: Excuse me you have said the rail is for and needed for beginners and intermediates.

01:31:30 Robin Gurule: I thought the whole point was to make the 7 mile trail a blue/green trail? Then what is the point?

01:31:36 Babs Marrone: Who would be liable if there was an accident on the trail? Is it the county? Or will the trail be "owned" by a corporation?

01:31:55 jareddreicer: Who asked you to do that?

01:32:24 Katie Bruell: People who are comfortable with blacks ride that trail. People who are looking for a beginner trail do not.

01:33:38 Talia Dreicer: We have a fantastic "home town" trail system that ALREADY EXISTS without widening trails, adding more access, or threatening/damaging habitat

01:34:02 Cheryl Kuske: Thank you Talia. I agree.

01:34:10 Jessie Emerson: What were the results of the Environmental Impact study????

01:34:13 jareddreicer: Who asked for a 7 mile trail? Connecting existing trails in LA proper can add up to much more than 7 miles.

01:35:24 Jessie Emerson: What is the cultural impact on the otowe ruins?

01:36:36 jareddreicer: What is the restriction/requirement for 7 miles? Why is this a sticking point?

01:37:29 Amy Rogers: What happened to the philosophy of "multi-use" trails? This project will, it seems, limit use by ALL trail users. What is the percentage of other trail users to the bike users?

01:37:41 David Powell: We oppose the 7 mile trail as presented.

01:38:11 Brad Nyenhuis: A question to everyone who is saying how awesome our current system is; Have you ridden modern, machine

built, mountain bike trails at places like Salida, Fruita, or Moab?

01:38:23 J Griego: Yes Brad, we have

01:38:42 J Griego: Moab is like Disneyland now. Its terrible.

01:38:43 Bernice: Yes Brad, I have

01:38:51 Brad Nyenhuis: And you don't see the difference!?

01:38:56 Cheryl Kuske: Yes Brad, we have, and we've seen very serious erosion and damage to native vegetation.

01:39:01 Barbara Calef: I am opposed to routing cyclists down the Ranch School Trail.

01:39:25 J Griego: I am opposed to the 7 mile trail as presented

01:39:46 Cheryl Kuske: I agree with Barbara and am opposed to routing cyclists down Ranch School trail.

01:40:00 Jonathan Creel: Can we please see examples of what they plan to do? You can see examples here: <http://www.mcgilltrailfabrication.com/previous-builds> and I want to know if they're thinking about building these types of blue trails shown on their website.

01:40:30 Brad Nyenhuis: Not to modern built trails. They are very close to maintenance proof. Modern methods control drainage, and erosion unlike anything here in LA

01:41:15 Jessie Emerson: Speaking for those who cannot speak, the animals, critters who live there, the plants, shrubs, trees, they say they are happy the way things are--no more trails, we may not be a designated nature area, but we live here. leave us alone."

01:41:45 Brad Nyenhuis: Our trails are old style, erosion prone messes that are completely unmaintainable.

01:41:58 Barbara Calef: There will always be loose rocks. The canyon sides are not stable.

01:42:19 jareddreicer: Let me remind folks that Acid canyon below the ranch school trail has Pu contamination for back in the Manhattan project days. Any work could possibly impact downstream due to erosion.

01:43:10 Brad Nyenhuis: I am so sick of hearing, "We're all in favor of trails but..."

01:43:15 Amy Rogers: The residents of our community were NOT asked if they support the apparent goal to make Los Alamos trails similar to Moab, Salida or Fruita.

01:43:33 Bernice: Let nature take its course. We don't benefit environments that we try to "improve".

01:43:43 jareddreicer: I am not in support of the

01:43:45 Robin Gurule: The connector trail is essentially the alternate route needed so that the trail doesn't go down the Ranch School Trail.

01:44:36 Katie Bruell: @Robin, Exactly.

01:44:49 jareddreicer: I am not in support of the Pueblo Canyon 7 mile trail. It does not support the needs and concerns of the majority of taxpayers in LA county.

01:44:50 Brad Nyenhuis: Trust me, in our wildest dreams, we

will never have a system like Salida, Fruita, etc

01:45:12 Jonathan Creel: Robin....yes.

01:47:07 Babs Marrone: My concern is that the primarily walking trails will become primarily fast bike trails. That is incompatible with the existing users, including the animals that use the trails. We will be displaced and I oppose that. If you want bike trails like in Moab, this is not the place.

01:47:46 Talia Dreicer: I agree with Barbs & Robin

01:47:59 Talia Dreicer: *Babs

01:47:59 Cheryl Kuske: This is my fourth attendance of a meeting on this topic. I have not see any reception from the planning group to consider alternate pathways or alternate ideas from the community. This appears to be a dead end idea in Pueblo Canyon. The comprehensive plan clearly delineated the population's sentiments on use of Pueblo Canyon, and it was not to develop it. Let's look at our available alternate sites for biking activities.

01:48:34 J Griego: Agree with Cheryl.

01:48:39 jareddreicer: Why not use Rendija canyon and get agreement with the pueblo to use lower Guaje on the road, this would be an approximate 10m trail?

01:48:59 Katie Bruell: Agreed, Cheryl.

01:49:24 Jonathan Creel: Why is the re-route not being considered as the main route down into Pueblo Canyon?

01:49:44 Babs Marrone: Agree with Jared. The Sportsman club is already there. It is worth exploring. But there may be other objections by the pueblo.

01:50:28 Jonathan Creel: What?!

01:50:40 Amy Rogers: Isn't there a possibility to develop a cooperative venture with the owners of Pajarito Mountain Ski Hill to develop a Bike Skills Park in that area? It seems like that location and use could be a win-win.

01:51:10 Babs Marrone: Also agree with Amy

01:51:14 Dave Kraig: NEPA Einvironmenal assessments are planning tools, should be done to allow consideration of alternatives and impacts well before decision is made to go forward. the current speaker is misrepresenting NEPA

01:51:16 Barbara Calef: That's what I recommend, Amy.

01:52:03 Talia Dreicer: So you're waisting time and money on a conceptual idea and will only get an EIA right before you try to construct this? And what is your plan if/when the EIA says this doesn't work which is what many individuals in this chat have been trying to point out? Why aren't you considering environmental impact more in depth as a planning too as Dave pointed out?

01:52:47 Brad Nyenhuis: Gotta love Los Alamos. A few years ago we found out that Bayo Canyon was "owned" by the equestrians. Apparently PEEC "ownes" Pueblo Canyon. The USFS says the Jemez Salamander "owns" it all. Never seen so much NIMBY attitude in my life.

01:53:24 jareddreicer: Wereother locations considered for the bike park? For example along the canyon rim trail or just west of the

LA coop (triangle hemmed in by airport)?

01:54:14 Amy Rogers: Many residents objected to the use of Bayo Canyon, not just equestrians. Many concerns were voiced about the use of that site.

01:54:39 Cheryl Kuske: I'd like to point out that there was no way in the skills park survey to suggest putting it somewhere other than Pueblo canyon. It's a great idea – just sited in the wrong place...

01:55:04 Amy Rogers: Agree, Cheryl.

01:56:37 Brad Nyenhuis: How many canyons do you think we have? Not Bayo, not Pueblo, OK, where?

01:56:38 Nell: Environmental impact should be studied before and during project development – not after. Let's get this information ASAP.

01:57:13 Jenna Stanek: Was this survey from a randomly selected sample of LA county residents? If not then the results may be biased.

01:57:33 Katie Bruell: Brad, I think a lot of people here are saying yes to Pueblo, just access it another way than on Ranch School trail. They've presented a lot of other great options.

01:57:58 Cheryl Kuske: A skills park for children does not need to be in a canyon. there are multiple possible sites on the mesa tops, in/near parks and in Whilte Rock for examples.

01:59:20 Dave Kraig: Are the lab and DOE supporting this project and/or is any of it on Federal Lands? If so, if NEPA has not been initiated yet, then this is already out of compliance with the law.

01:59:21 Babs Marrone: Agree Cheryl. The skills park can be anywhere, nd should be near facilities.

02:00:40 jareddreicer: So the survey was limited and to a biased group not a random survey ...

02:01:27 Katie Bruell: There are other slanted areas besides canyons.

02:02:36 Talia Dreicer: You don't need a grade change for a pump track. There are plenty of pump tracks built in other areas of the country on flat areas.

02:02:37 Jonathan Creel: It would be beneficial for everyone to hear the rationale for the selection and why "there are no other places." A private conversation isn't a good avenue for that.

02:04:13 jareddreicer: I have not seen a "conceptual" project cost plan, EIA, and re-zoning.

02:04:45 Babs Marrone: Who is benefiting from all of this development? Is this a private corporation?

02:04:45 Amy Rogers: The former FEMA-ville could easily be adapted to become a Pump skills track. There is adequate parking, facilities are available. A significant amount of money is slated to be used to develop a BMX track for VERY few users on North Mesa. Funding could be explored for developing a Bike Skills Park in this area or other appropriate areas in the county – these sites are in existence.

02:04:50 David Powell: I agree with Amy, about using the ski area where there are bathrooms, parking, nice facility (ski Lodge), Camp May for out of town campers. Also is there still a BMX park in in White Rock? How about North Mesa beside stables, where FEMAville was? My husband and I don't support skills park in proposed location.

02:05:06 J Griego: Agree with Jonathan. We want to know which other sites were considered and why this particular site was selected.

02:05:58 jareddreicer: Yes Babe follow the money ...

02:06:10 jareddreicer: Babe sorry

02:06:33 jareddreicer: Babs sorry (auto correct)

02:06:47 Babs Marrone: 😊

02:08:10 Robin Gurule: I agree with Babs that it seems that something fishy going on to be driving this much double-speak and illogical public spending.

02:09:36 Babs Marrone: Agree Katie

02:10:31 Cheryl Kuske: Agree with Katie.

02:11:11 Katie Bruell: Is there going to be a vote for Zoom participants?

02:11:30 jareddreicer: As a county resident I agree with Jonathan this should be a public conversation.

02:12:13 J Griego: How will this project be funded?

02:12:59 Dave Kraig: Absolutely agree with Jonathan and Jared and others. Private conversations do not educate the public. That is the purpose of scoping and public comment in EIA and other NEPA studies. Why are you trying to circumvent the formal process?

02:13:15 jareddreicer: Is this the project that requires 500+ parking spaces?

02:13:22 Jonathan Creel: So, this is still going to be a private conversation about? @Dave exactly

02:13:41 David Powell: The parking lot at the Aquatic Center will not have enough spaces to cover a skills park. The Leisure Pool was almost scrapped due to inadequate parking spaces in the Aquatic Center parking lot.

02:14:57 nenaw: Strongly agree with the PUBLIC conversation, not with single individuals!

02:15:38 Jonathan Creel: As a cultural landscape study every been conducted for this area?

02:17:22 Talia Dreicer: How to you intend to deal with traffic related issues in accessing this NICA route? There is no infrastructure currently at this intersection to safely handle heavy traffic that would likely occur for large races.

02:17:32 Robin Gurule: Are our questions and concerns ever going to be addressed or is this project going to continue to be ramrodded through?

02:17:44 Casey: As a mother of two boys and someone relatively new to the area (4yrs) I am fully supportive of this entire project! Thank you for working to make Los Alamos more appealing to young professionals and families. It would be great to see Los Alamos continue to grow into a mountain biking destination. Tourism is a good

thing to bring other funding to the area!

02:18:44 jareddreicer: Stage an event? What event are you referring to? Is this the real reason you want a Pueblo Canyon trail so you can connect the Pajarito Ski area to the sewer road getting a ~20m trail?

02:19:53 wendystaples: Response to the funding question above: The one meeting that I attended and no public comment was allowed, the only "agencies" allowed to speak were NNSA, DOE, and LANL. Soooooo.....hmmmmm

02:20:01 Amy Rogers: Not all residents are in favor of making Los Alamos a biking destination. However, this question has not be opened up to members of the community.

02:20:08 Talia Dreicer: How many years would it take for the once annually NICA event to pay for this?

02:22:56 Cheryl Kuske: Thanks to the speaker for mentioning soil erosion and cryptobiotic soil crusts. These are also photosynthetic (like plants). DOE has funded LANL for many years to stabilize crusted soils.

02:23:47 Babs Marrone: I was not aware of this issue. Thank you to this speaker.

02:24:36 Barbara Calef: I think the NICA Venue should be at the ski hill.

02:26:26 Amy Rogers: I would think that the owners of the ski hill would be receptive to a joint project that would enhance their revenue in the off season. It could, at least, be worth a conversation?

02:27:12 David Powell: I agree Amy!

02:27:39 J Griego: Agree with Amy.

02:27:42 Jonathan Creel: @Amy I agree. If the county would spend money to create these trails, they could contract with some other entity to do the same thing

02:33:09 Talia Dreicer: It seems to me that this NICA course and supporting infrastructure is only geared toward one group of trail users despite trail use in the area by many different groups. Why build new infrastructure that is only going to be used once a year and has significant negative impact on the environment (erosion, cryptobiotic soils, etc) and other trail users?

02:33:18 Casey: Completely agree with the speaker!

02:33:46 Jonathan Creel: There were no other options and no discussion of why these were selected.

02:35:14 jareddreicer: There are many existing trails and other locations in LA county that would have less environmental impact and cost less to develop. These locations would provide more economic benefit and cost less to develop if the townsite locations were considered.

02:35:46 Barbara Calef: What is the cost of the NICA venue as proposed?

02:35:49 David Powell: We agree Talia! Whatever happened to basic logic and common sense!

02:35:56 Jonathan Creel: Yes. White Rock. Why wasn't it

considered? Also, we don't know what we're even discussing because no images have been shown.

02:35:59 Jonathan Creel: <http://www.mcgilltrailfabrication.com/previous-builds>

02:36:23 Jonathan Creel: Once again, here's previous builds, is this what we're thinking about?

02:37:58 Barbara Calef: There are options for a bike trail other than Los Alamos Canyon!

02:38:51 Rick Smith: Look into what pushing out good things to places where they won't get the same support or use.

02:39:09 David Powell: I have lived here 32 years and this idea is not new! LANL would work with the county but not San Ildefonso Pueblo!

02:41:04 Casey: Hmm sounds like a room of equestrian folks...

02:41:11 Amy Rogers: This is not an equestrian friendly trail. It was a project that was built BEFORE any input was solicited from the equestrian community. I do not support this project. There is a more appropriate location that has been shared with Cory Styron.

02:41:53 Talia Dreicer: Would the equestrian trail replace the current water bar trail or are we just adding more trails and keeping the old ones open?

02:42:26 David Powell: Excuse me I should have said, the idea of a bike trail from WR to Los Alamos has been considered. I was tired of cars brushing my elbows on State Rd 4 when riding the loop, we just wanted a yard wider road, but San Ildefonso said no.

02:42:41 Amy Rogers: This trail is already in space and is being promoted as an equestrian trail.

02:42:45 Rick Smith: Bring in the horses but screw the kids on bikes and get outside to ride bikes in nature.

02:43:39 Becky Shankland: Please make the vote on these locations known to the public.

02:43:43 Amy Rogers: Already in place. It was not originally conceived as an equestrian trail but is now being promoted as such. It IS an excellent bike trail.

02:44:28 Casey: Haha Rick! Totally agree!

02:44:34 Rick Smith: Kids are taught by NICA what good trail etiquette is and I have witnessed shared trails when people just have common courtesy on trails that make good stewerts.

02:45:10 jareddreicer: I do not support the development of any of these projects (7-mi trail,...) at this time. While I believe a pump park and mtb trails there are many better locations and existing trails that can be utilized.

02:45:42 Jessie Emerson: I do not support as presented.

02:45:46 Jonathan Creel: Please leave the camera on for that discussion

02:45:51 Casey: I do support!

02:45:52 Talia Dreicer: Can Cory please answer the question regarding the alternative locations for the skills park? There are enough people asking this same question that we would appreciate a public answer now that the presentation is over

02:46:17 Rick Smith: Why to some is another place better as opposed to supporting kids and the youth of NM which come in last in the US in every measure. Thanks for the support to the future.

02:46:21 Amy Rogers: I agree with Jared.

02:46:38 Casey: Yes Rick!!

02:47:01 Dave Kraig: I do not support any of the projects as presented. Your process is deeply flawed and I believe is illegal in terms of NEPA evaluation.

02:47:25 Casey: Please share the link to vote in the chat

02:47:43 Jonathan Creel: Can we please see the discussion of other locations?

02:47:44 Rick Smith: NEPA is always done and has been it is a govt requirement so you can stop there. fake news.

02:48:52 Dave Kraig: Rick Smith, they specifically stated that NEPA was not being done yet. That drove my conclusion. Someone asked to see the results of analysis and they said there were none. so you can stop there.

02:49:03 Nell: Can you please share the survey link in the chat?

02:49:17 Jonathan Creel: @Dave. Yes. And please share the survey results.

02:49:37 jareddreicer: The County has a deeply flawed process on these projects and will likely end up in a legal quagmire.