

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE NINETEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY:

1 RESOLUTION  
2 RELATING TO CAPITAL PROJECTS; CREATING AN UNSER BOULEVARD  
3 EXTENSION PROJECT – COMPASS DRIVE TO LYONS BOULEVARD;  
4 APPROPRIATING FUNDS IN THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE TAX  
5 FUND 340.

6 WHEREAS, Coors Blvd. is currently the only North South arterial  
7 alternative to I-25 for Westside residents;

8 WHEREAS, during peak times the traffic on I-25 and Coors Blvd. is often in  
9 gridlock; and

10 WHEREAS, completion of the Unser Blvd corridor would help to reduce the  
11 traffic flow along Coors Blvd. and I-25 during these peak times, and assist the  
12 East/ West traffic; and

13 WHEREAS, Unser Boulevard would relieve pressure on the I-25 / PDN  
14 interchange as it would provide an additional north-south route to I-40 for west  
15 side traffic; and

16 WHEREAS, Unser Boulevard is of regional significance and its completion  
17 is a priority; and

18 WHEREAS, mass transit and other high occupancy modes of travel require  
19 a ground transportation system to function, the concept of serving a large  
20 portion of the project corridor would be impossible without the construction of  
21 some form of roadway improvement; and

22 WHEREAS, the Unser Middle Transportation Corridor Study Final  
23 Environmental Impact Study, prepared in 1992 states that Unser Boulevard  
24 has been on the long-range transportation plans for the City of Albuquerque  
25 since the mid-1950's; and

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1 WHEREAS, the sector plan which includes this segment of Unser  
2 Boulevard calls for an town center/activity center which will help in alleviate  
3 the jobs-housing imbalance on the Westside; and

4 WHEREAS, at the April 10, 2009 meeting of the MRCOG, the Transportation  
5 Coordination Committee recommended a change to the 2010-2015 TIP to  
6 include funds for completion of the southern portion of Unser Blvd., from  
7 Artisco Blvd. to Paseo del Norte; and

8 WHEREAS, the final stretch of road still unfunded and undeveloped  
9 stretches from Compass Drive to Lyons Boulevard; and

10 WHERAS, the City of Albuquerque has dedicated time and money for the  
11 construction of Paseo del Norte and Unser Blvd. through the Petroglyphs and  
12 up the escarpment.

13 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
14 ALBUQUERQUE:

15 Section 1. The following project is hereby appropriated as follows:

16 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND – 340

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<u>Department</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
<u>DMD/Streets/Transportation Tax</u>	
Unser Blvd. Extension – Compass Dr. to Lyons Blvd.	\$5,000,000

21 The scope of this project is to acquire land for, design, engineer, construct,  
22 install, equip or otherwise provide for curbs and gutters, sidewalks, bike lanes  
23 and related improvements to two lanes of Unser Blvd. from Compass Dr. to  
24 Lyons Blvd.

25 Section 2. Pursuant to policies outlined in the Albuquerque Development  
26 Process Manual (DPM) and City ordinances, owners/developers of adjacent  
27 properties will be expected to dedicate right-of-way in order for the City to  
28 construct the median and first two lanes and the developers are expected to  
29 build the outer lanes with curb, gutter and sidewalk.

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