CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCI	L BILL NO	R-20-28	ENACTMENT NO.			
SPONSO	RED BY:	Isaac Benton				
1			RESOLUTION			
2	ADOPTING THE SILVER AVENUE BIKE BOULEVARD REVIEW, MAKING THE					
3	RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE PLAN POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE					
4	SILVER AVENUE BIKE BOULEVARD BETWEEN YALE BOULEVARD AND TH					
5	PASEO DEL BOSQUE TRAIL.					
6	WHEREAS, Silver Avenue ("the corridor") is a critical corridor in the City's					
7	bicycle transportation network; and					
8	WHEREAS, a bicycle boulevard provides the function of a principle arterial					
9	to cyclists by providing the capacity and efficiency to conveniently connect					
10	together major origins and destinations within a community; and					
__	WHEREAS, the corridor is part of a complex of three bike boulevards, three					
12 <u>ee et</u>	paved bike paths, and three bike/pedestrian bridges that connect the					
Monderscored Material - New Strikethrough Material] - Deletion 1 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 4 6 1 6 1 6 1 6 1 6 1 6 1 6 1 6 1 6 1	Petroglyph National monument on the City western border to the Sandia					
14 <u>[a</u>]	National Wilderness on Albuquerque's eastern boundary; and					
15 TEM	WHEREAS, the corridor connects major destinations such as Old Town,					
16 중 16	Downtown, EDo and Huning Highland, the University of New Mexico (UNM),					
<u>17</u> 17	Nob Hill, and the Bosque; and					
18	WHERE	AS, the corridor i	s an increasingly prominent transportation facility			
	for the purposes of economic and community development connecting					
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<u>함</u> 21	the higher education, research, and medical facilities at the UNM's north, main					
¯₫ 22	and south	campuses, the Ce	entral New Mexico (CNM) Main Campus, and the			
23	23 UNMH, UNM-NIH Cancer Hospital, the Presbyterian Main, and Presbyter					
24	Hospital Ca	ampuses, the Air	Force Research Laboratory (AFRL); and			

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1	WHEREAS, facilities such as Silver Avenue are a key component to
2	providing the quality of life that could attract and retain students, professors,
3	research professionals, and others associated with these institutions; and
4	WHEREAS, riding a bike is both a means of recreation, of low-cost
5	transportation, a way to stay healthy for an active life style and a way to
6	release the stress from a workday of high-stress, mentally challenging work at
7	a desk, laboratory, examination room, or class room; and
8	WHEREAS, the corridor supports bicycle use by cyclists of all abilities; and
9	WHEREAS, bicycle boulevards were designed and implemented in 2009
10	following the passage of F/SR 07-268; and
11	WHEREAS, the portion of the Silver Bike Boulevard from Yale Blvd to Nob
12	Hill was reviewed in 2015, resulting in the identification of deficiencies and the
13	design and construction of improvements that have made that portion of the
14	Silver Bike Boulevard safer and easier to use; and
15	WHEREAS, in 2018 the City engaged a professional transportation
16	engineering consultant to review the corridor from Yale Blvd to Paseo Del
17	Bosque Trail to identify deficiencies and make recommendations for
18	improvements that could make the corridor safer and easier to use; and
19	WHEREAS, the consultant made two presentations to the Greater
20	Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Group (GABAC) and held two public
21	meetings; and
22	WHEREAS, the input and recommendations from the community were
23	taken into consideration in the final draft of the plan that was produced in
24	December 2019; and
25	WHEREAS, in February 2020 a draft of the plan was produced and provided
26	to the surrounding community; and
27	WHEREAS, the Silver Avenue Bike Boulevard Review ("the Plan") is
28	attached to this legislation as "Exhibit A"; and
29	WHEREAS, the Plan offers recommendations for projects for the entirety of
30	the corridor to make the corridor safer and easier to use for cyclists of all
31	abilities; and

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1	WHEREAS, the recommendations address crossing Interstate 25 (I-25) and
2	the railroad tracks which are two major obstacles to creating a comfortable
3	connection throughout the corridor for all levels of users; and
4	WHEREAS, the corridor passage under I-25 is especially needed to provide
5	bike access from the residential neighborhoods and employment uses, which
6	though small in scale will have a significant impact on the development of
7	Albuquerque; and
8	WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan will help prioritize improvements along the
9	corridor; and
10	WHEREAS, the Plan is consistent with the recommendations and policy
11	guidance in the City's Complete Street Ordinance, O-19-64; and
12	WHEREAS, the Plan and its recommendations further existing studies and
13	adopted plans, including the Downtown 2025 Metropolitan Redevelopment
14	Plan, the Downtown Neighborhood Area Traffic Study, the Downtown
15	Walkability Analysis, the Downtown Signals-to-Stop Signs Conversion
16	Evaluation, and the Downtown Safe Zone; and
17	WHEREAS, the recommendations in this plan further several goals and
18	policies within the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan,
19	particularly in the Transportation (Ch. 6) and Urban Design (Ch. 7) Chapters.
20	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
21	ALBUQUERQUE:
22	SECTION 1. The City Council hereby adopts The Silver Avenue Bike
23	Boulevard Review, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to guide the improvement of
24	the Silver Avenue Bike Boulevard between Yale Blvd. and Paseo Del Bosque.
25	SECTION 2. The City Council supports the placement of the project within
26	the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
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