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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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