

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

NINETEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-09-1 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Dan Lewis

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; and

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

26 WHEREAS, at the April 10, 2009 meeting of the MRCOG, the Transportation
27 Coordination Committee recommended a change to the 2010-2015 TIP to

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1 include funds for completion of the southern portion of Unser Blvd., from
2 Artisco Blvd. to Paseo del Norte; and

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

5 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque has dedicated time and money for the
6 construction of Paseo del Norte and Unser Blvd. through the Petroglyphs and
7 up the escarpment.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
9 ALBUQUERQUE:

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

11 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND – 340

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

15 The scope of this project is to acquire land for, design, engineer, construct,
16 install, equip, or otherwise provide for the two inner lanes of Unser Blvd. from
17 Compass Dr. to Lyons Blvd and inside curbs and gutters. The funding may
18 also be used to design sidewalks, bike lanes and related improvements along
19 the Unser corridor from Compass Dr. to Lyons Blvd.

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

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