

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-15-230 ENACTMENT NO. R:2015-073

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa J. Peña

1 RESOLUTION
2 REQUIRING THE ALBUQUERQUE BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT TO
3 FINANCE THE INSTALLATION OF A STREETScape ON CENTRAL AVENUE
4 FROM SUNSET BOULEVARD TO COORS BOULEVARD, ESTABLISHING
5 MINIMUM STREETScape STANDARDS ON CENTRAL FROM SUNSET TO
6 COORS. DESIGNATING FEDERAL FUNDS IN THE MID-REGION COUNCIL OF
7 GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR
8 ALBUQUERQUE GREAT STREETS FOR STREETScape CENTRAL AVENUE
9 FROM COORS BOULEVARD TO THE WESTERN CITY LIMITS.

10 WHEREAS, Central Avenue between the Rio Grande and the Western City
11 Limits is a principal and historically significant travel route within the
12 Albuquerque Metropolitan Area that connects the over 120,000 people who
13 reside on the Southwest Area of Bernalillo County to the East Side of
14 Albuquerque; and

15 WHEREAS, this segment of West Central is the location of numerous small
16 and locally owned retail shops and serves as a principle commercial corridor
17 for the Southwest Mesa of the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County; and

18 WHEREAS, West Central is challenged with aging infrastructure, and
19 commercial buildings, traffic congestion, roadway safety hazards, and a
20 dearth of public spaces that has created an adverse identity for the corridor;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has identified West Central
23 Avenue as one of the nation's most dangerous roadways for pedestrians and
24 a primary cause of pedestrian/vehicle accidents on the corridor; and

25 WHEREAS, corridors on Central Avenue including, Downtown, East
26 Downtown (EDO), Nob Hill, East Gateway and the International District have

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1 faced similar challenges and the City has responded with redevelopment
2 efforts; and

3 WHEREAS, a streetscape project that improves pedestrian access and
4 comfort provides protection from vehicle traffic is a primary instrument for
5 facilitating redevelopment; and

6 WHEREAS, the City has adopted a Complete Streets Ordinance that
7 requires projects that reconstruct major streets to provide facilities that
8 provide for protective, comfortable and convenient access along the roadway
9 by pedestrians; and

10 WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Development Process Manual establishes a 6
11 foot sidewalk as the minimum City Standard for Arterial Streets. Established
12 practice for providing appropriate pedestrian lighting is a 6 to 1 uniformity. On
13 a street with traffic speeds in excess of 30 miles per hour landscape buffers
14 are used to protect pedestrians. These areas located between the traffic and
15 the sidewalk with adequate width to provide space for street trees and bushes.

16 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
17 ALBUQUERQUE:

18 Section 1. That the Administration of the City of Albuquerque as part of the
19 Bus Rapid Transit Project known as the "Albuquerque Rapid Transit Project
20 (ART)" will fund and construct a streetscape on Central Avenue between
21 Sunset Boulevard and Coors Boulevard that complies with Section 2 of this
22 Resolution. Right of way Acquisitions shall begin at the same time as the ART
23 project. Funding will be identified with intent to begin construction of the
24 project identified in Section 2 of this Resolution within 1 year of the
25 completion of the ART Project.

26 Section 2. That the following minimum streetscape standards are
27 established for Central Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and Coors
28 Boulevard.

29 A. Streetscaping on this segment of Central Avenue shall provide
30 for the safety, comfort and ease of pedestrians and will beautify the street.

31 B. The streetscape will include a planting strip located directly
32 behind the curb line, a sidewalk located behind the planting strip and
33 pedestrian lighting.

1 C. Sidewalks will be a minimum of 6 feet in width where feasible.

2 D. Pedestrian lighting will provide either a uniformity of 6:1 or the
3 lighting spaced a maximum of 75 feet apart. Street poles, mast arms and
4 luminaires will be the same as or equivalent to those installed on Central
5 Avenue between Girard Avenue and San Pedro Boulevard.

6 E. Planting Strips will be a minimum of 6 feet in width, will
7 include trees and bushes and can retain the storm water that falls within the
8 planting strip and onto the abutting sidewalk.

9 F. These standards may not fully or partially apply where their
10 application would require partial or full demolition of a structure or removing
11 parking spaces that are required for the commercial uses on a property to
12 comply with the City's Zoning Code. In such cases an alternative design shall
13 be installed that accomplishes the goals set forth in Section 2A. of this
14 resolution.

15 Section 3. Expenditure of the Great Streets funding provided through the
16 Mid Region Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program for
17 Federal Fiscal Years 2019, 2020, and 2021, is restricted to development of the
18 streetscapes on Central Avenue between Coors Boulevard and the Western
19 City Limits and from Louisiana Boulevard to Tramway Road.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF August, 2015
2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

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Excused: Harris

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Rey Garduño, President
City Council

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13 APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF August, 2015

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Richard J. Berry, Mayor
City of Albuquerque

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Natalie Y. Howard, City Clerk

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