



# City of Albuquerque

## Office of the City Clerk

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor

Ethan Watson, City Clerk

### Interoffice Memorandum

December 1, 2021

**To:** CITY COUNCIL

**From:** Camille Cordova, Assistant City Clerk

**Subject:** BILL NO. F/S R-21-182; ENACTMENT NO. R-2021-080

I hereby certify that on November 24, 2021, the Office of the City Clerk received Bill F/S R-21-182 as signed by the president of the City Council, Cynthia D. Borrego. Enactment No. R-2021-080 was passed at the November 15, 2021 City Council meeting. Mayor Keller did not sign the approved Resolution within the 10 days allowed for his signature and did not exercise his veto power. Pursuant to the Albuquerque City Charter Article XI, Section 3, this Resolution is in full effect without Mayor's approval or signature. This memorandum shall be placed in the permanent file for Bill No. F/S R-21-182.

Sincerely,



Ethan Watson  
City Clerk

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-21-182

ENACTMENT NO. R-2021-080

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa J. Peña

1 RESOLUTION

2 ESTABLISHING CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR 118<sup>TH</sup> STREET FROM  
3 LADERA DRIVE TO SENATOR DENNIS CHAVEZ BOULEVARD AS A PRIORITY  
4 FOR THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE FUNDING PROCESSES, ENCOURAGING  
5 THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRIORITIZE THE  
6 APPROVAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERCHANGE AT LADERA DRIVE  
7 AND 118<sup>TH</sup> STREET, FORMING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY OF  
8 BERNALILLO TO DEVELOP 118<sup>TH</sup> STREET.

9 WHEREAS, the Mid Region Metropolitan Planning Organization 2040 Long  
10 Range Roadway System Map designates 118<sup>th</sup> Street from Ladera Drive to  
11 Senator Dennis Chavez Boulevard as a Community Principle Arterial; and

12 WHEREAS, Community Principle Arterials, which include roadways such  
13 as Eubank Boulevard, Montaño Road/Montgomery Boulevard, and San Mateo  
14 Boulevard, are the primary commercial and commuter thoroughfares for the  
15 City; and

16 WHEREAS, transportation connections between the places that residents  
17 live, work, play and learn is key to enhancing quality of life; and

18 WHEREAS, Community Principle Arterials in addition to moving large  
19 volumes of traffic provide robust access to adjacent land uses are the City's  
20 primary economic corridors for the provision of commercial and government  
21 services and siting large employers; and

22 WHEREAS, over 100,000 residents of Albuquerque reside on the Southwest  
23 Mesa. The residents of this area are more likely to live in households with  
24 children under 18, are a person of color, speak a primary language other than  
25 English, and have an average household income below the median income;  
26 and

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1       **WHEREAS, policy 6.5.1.a of the City’s Comprehensive Plan supports**  
2       **reducing household transportation costs by improving mobility and choice**  
3       **among modes. Policy 6.5.1.b supports prioritizing transportation investments**  
4       **to underserved and underrepresented neighborhoods to respond to distinct**  
5       **needs within Community Planning Areas. Policy 6.5.1.c supports prioritizing**  
6       **transportation investments in Metropolitan Redevelopment Areas and in areas**  
7       **underserved by private development; and**

8       **WHEREAS, the Albuquerque City Council adopted R-20-75, strengthening**  
9       **and reaffirming the City of Albuquerque’s commitment to addressing racial**  
10       **and social inequity and the City is committed to working toward better**  
11       **addressing racial disparities and equity concerns in all capital projects. The**  
12       **strategies necessary to address racial and social equity require intention and**  
13       **action at the policy, process, program and service delivery levels; and**

14       **WHEREAS, following the adoption of R-20-75 the City Council adopted R-**  
15       **20-85, creating a community equity criterion to be used in the implementation**  
16       **of the City’s Capital Implementation Program; and**

17       **WHEREAS, Albuquerque residents living in the Southwest Mesa who**  
18       **reside within close proximity of 118<sup>th</sup> Street do not have the same degree of**  
19       **access to transit stops, hospitals, grocery stores, public open space and other**  
20       **basic services that ensure their quality of life as residents living in other parts**  
21       **of the City; and**

22       **WHEREAS, failures in the City’s development approval and zoning**  
23       **processes resulted in the Southwest Mesa being severely deficient in critical**  
24       **community infrastructure including, community centers, fire stations, parks,**  
25       **recreation fields, retail stores, roadways, storm sewers, and street lighting;**  
26       **and**

27       **WHEREAS, the residents of the Southwest Mesa must use the Southwest**  
28       **Mesa’s underdeveloped roadway system to travel to other quadrants of the**  
29       **City to reach basic services that are absent in the Southwest Mesa; and**

30       **WHEREAS, according to the American Community Survey 2018 data, 82.6%**  
31       **of commuters in the Southwest Mesa drove themselves to work alone, another**  
32       **12.8% carpooled, 2% worked from home, 1.4% used transit, 0.8% walked, and**  
33       **0.3% used an alternative means of transport; and**

1       **WHEREAS, 118<sup>th</sup> and 98<sup>th</sup> Streets and Central Avenue are the only**  
2       **designated Community Principle Arterials for the 100,000 residents of the**  
3       **Southwest Mesa and 118<sup>th</sup> Street has yet to develop, leaving two Community**  
4       **Principle Arterials for the area. The consequence of this dearth of principle**  
5       **arterials is evident in the lack of commercial services and employment**  
6       **generators in the area and the long commute times endured by area residents**  
7       **to reach such services in other quadrants of the City; and**

8       **WHEREAS, the regional complex of medical facilities for the Northwest and**  
9       **Southwest Mesas will be located north of the interchange of Interstate 40 and**  
10       **118<sup>th</sup> Street. Access for residents of the Southwest Mesa to the center will**  
11       **require the development of 118<sup>th</sup> Street from Senator Dennis Chavez to Ladera**  
12       **Drive and the construction of an interchange of Interstate 40 with 118<sup>th</sup> Street;**  
13       **and**

14       **WHEREAS, the residents that live along the one developed section of 118<sup>th</sup>**  
15       **Street between Amole Mesa Avenue and Senator Dennis Chavez, travel an out**  
16       **of direction route to reach services north and east of their location causing**  
17       **extensive travel time for the simplest of errands; and**

18       **WHEREAS, Atrisco Heritage Academy, which has the third largest**  
19       **enrollment in the region behind only the main campuses of the University of**  
20       **New Mexico and Central New Mexico Community College is located on 118<sup>th</sup>**  
21       **Street. Senator Dennis Chavez is the only street that links the neighborhoods**  
22       **of the Southwest Mesa, via 98<sup>th</sup> Street and Unser Boulevard to the high school.**  
23       **The development of 118<sup>th</sup> Street will allow parents, students and staff another**  
24       **option for their commute to the school; and**

25       **WHEREAS, residential subdivision development in the Southwest Mesa,**  
26       **after a 10-year hiatus, is restarting including a new 151-home subdivision**  
27       **along 118<sup>th</sup> Street which will increase the number of commuters on 98<sup>th</sup> Street**  
28       **and Unser Boulevard. Constructing 118<sup>th</sup> Street will help alleviate traffic along**  
29       **these routes; and**

30       **WHEREAS, there are insufficient connections onto Interstate 40 from the**  
31       **Southwest Mesa. Mesa residents use 98<sup>th</sup> Street or Unser Boulevard to access**  
32       **Interstate 40, which overloads the interchange with traffic creating long travel**

1 time delays due to congestion during the peak morning and evening hours;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, with the development of the employment center on Atrisco  
4 Vista Boulevard an access point along 118<sup>th</sup> Street will allow Southwest Mesa  
5 residents, who commute to the Atrisco Vista employment center, another  
6 option to access homes in the western section of the Southwest Mesa; and

7 WHEREAS, much of the corridor that will become 118<sup>th</sup> Street is within  
8 unincorporated Bernalillo County, it is located in undeveloped areas and the  
9 primary users of the road will be the residents of the residential subdivisions  
10 located several hundred feet east of 118<sup>th</sup> Street and that are located within the  
11 City Limits; and

12 WHEREAS, the lands west of 118<sup>th</sup> Street are on a slope and will likely not  
13 undergo development in the foreseeable future, and to develop the roadway in  
14 a reasonable time period will require a public funded project; and

15 WHEREAS, the County of Bernalillo in 2019 completed a study that  
16 establishes a right of way corridor for 118<sup>th</sup> Street, and a site plan has been  
17 presented to the County Planning Department for a development that would  
18 construct 118<sup>th</sup> Street from Central Avenue to Sunset Gardens; and

19 WHEREAS, the County of Bernalillo due to limited access to property tax  
20 mill levies to finance capital projects, must utilize federal transportation gas  
21 tax funding or other special appropriations to finance the development of  
22 roadways and developer dedications; and

23 WHEREAS, the County of Bernalillo has adopted AR-2021-72 establishing  
24 the development of 118<sup>th</sup> Street as a priority of County Commission District 2;  
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the County of Bernalillo has expressed a willingness to join  
27 with the City to pursue Federal Surface Transportation Planning Urban  
28 formula Grants to fund the development of 118<sup>th</sup> Street and to develop and  
29 provide a 30% engineering study that will identify the location of the right of  
30 way, determine the design cross-sections, and provide cost estimates to fully  
31 develop the roadway; and

32 WHEREAS, a significant portion of 118<sup>th</sup> Street from Cartegena Avenue to  
33 Interstate 40 is in unincorporated County of Bernalillo. The County has stated

1 a willingness to partner with the City to develop the roadway through the  
2 adoption of AR-21-72, which establishes the development of 118<sup>th</sup> Street and  
3 the Interchange at Ladera Drive as a priority of County Commission District 2;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, the development of 118<sup>th</sup> will require cooperation and  
6 agreement between the City of Albuquerque and the County of Bernalillo; and

7 WHEREAS, as made evident in the findings in this Resolution, designating  
8 the development of 118<sup>th</sup> Street from Ladera Drive to Senator Dennis Chavez is  
9 necessary for the orderly development of the Southwest Mesa of Albuquerque  
10 and to provide for the residents' public health, welfare, and safety and  
11 appropriately apply the City equity policies; and

12 WHEREAS, 118<sup>th</sup> Street from Interstate 40 to Arroyo Vista Boulevard  
13 is the central access to a regional activity center that will include a regional  
14 hospital, regional retail facilities, and regional sports complexes. Preparing a  
15 corridor plan for this segment of the roadway will aid the infrastructure  
16 planning for the development of the regional center bounded by Interstate 40  
17 and Arroyo Vista Boulevard.

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
19 ALBUQUERQUE:

20 Section 1. To fulfill the City of Albuquerque's responsibility to provide for  
21 the health, welfare, and safety of its citizens, especially for the purpose of  
22 resolving issues of inequity that have occurred through the development of the  
23 City's built environment it is a priority of the City of Albuquerque to develop  
24 and construct to the full planned cross-section, 118<sup>th</sup> Street from Ladera Drive  
25 to Senator Dennis Chavez. Development of the segment should:

26 1. Comply with the City's Complete Streets regulations by  
27 accommodating for multiple modes of travel including motor vehicle, bicycles  
28 and pedestrians and providing landscaping.

29 2. Comply with Federal standards for roadway projects in Metropolitan  
30 Planning Areas to improve system efficiency throughout the Southwest Mesa.

31 3. Comply with Federal Environmental standards for roadway projects  
32 to protect the health of the natural environment.

1       Section 2. The City of Albuquerque encourages the New Mexico  
2 Department of Transportation and the New Mexico Transportation  
3 Commission to designate as a New Mexico Department of Transportation  
4 District 3 priority, the development of an interchange of 118<sup>th</sup> Street with  
5 Ladera Drive. This should include the facility planning, all federal regulatory  
6 approval processes, design, engineering and construction.

7       Section 3. The City should assist the County of Bernalillo with the  
8 engineering planning study that will develop conceptual cross-sections, for  
9 118<sup>th</sup> Street, identify the right of way corridor, and provide estimated  
10 development costs for the purposes of identifying funds.

11       Section 4. That funding the development of 118<sup>th</sup> Street and the  
12 interchange is a City priority when seeking funds from the following revenue  
13 programs:

- 14           – City of Albuquerque Capital Implementation Program for Calendar  
15           Years 2023, 2025 and 2027,
- 16           – Programing new City of Albuquerque revenue that occurs in the  
17           Infrastructure Gross Receipts Tax Fund and One Time Federal  
18           Government Stimulus Funds,
- 19           – The City of Albuquerque State Legislative priorities for the purposes  
20           of procuring state funding for calendar years 2022 through 2027,
- 21           – Acquiring project funds from the New Mexico Department of  
22           Transportation Local Government Road Fund,
- 23           – Acquiring project funds in the 2025 through 2030 Transportation  
24           Improvement Program for the Mid Region Metropolitan Planning  
25           Organization, and
- 26           – Acquiring project funds from the Federal Highway Administration  
27           Discretionary Grant Programs.

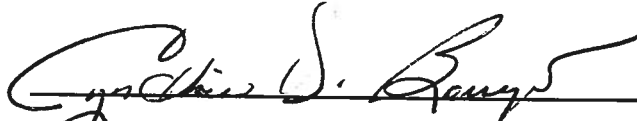
28       Section 5. That the City of Albuquerque will work with the County of  
29 Bernalillo to pursue Federal Transportation Formula and Competitive Grants  
30 to fund the construction of 118<sup>th</sup> Street.

31       Section 6. The City of Albuquerque will form a working group with the  
32 County of Bernalillo that will reach out to land owners to create zoning along  
33 118<sup>th</sup> Street that creates commercial development opportunities.

1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF November, 2021  
2 BY A VOTE OF: 5 FOR 4 AGAINST.

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4 For: Bassan, Borrego, Harris, Peña, Sena

5 Against: Benton, Davis, Gibson, Jones  
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10 Cynthia D. Borrego, President  
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24 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor  
25 City of Albuquerque  
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