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1        WHEREAS, stakeholders along Cutler Avenue expressed concern about  
2 the location of the crossing as it relates to business access and pedestrian  
3 convenience and safety, suggesting that crosswalks on both sides of the  
4 intersection of Cutler Avenue and Morningside Drive would be more heavily  
5 utilized and therefore provide safer crossings for patrons of businesses and  
6 students at the 21st Century Public Academy charter school at 4300 Cutler  
7 Avenue NE, which serves students in grades 1 through 8; and

8        WHEREAS, a warrant analysis was conducted for a three-way stop at the  
9 intersection of Cutler Avenue and Morningside Drive with data collected on  
10 November 15, 2021 between 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM; and

11        WHEREAS, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Public Academy was operating on a hybrid  
12 schedule in November 2021, with approximately 60% in-person attendance,  
13 reducing the pedestrian volume at and around the school when data was  
14 collected; and

15        WHEREAS, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Public Academy is expanding in the next year,  
16 increasing the number of students they will serve and therefore families  
17 visiting the school; and

18        WHEREAS, a significant number of of pedestrians in the area are children  
19 and young adults due to the presence of both the charter school and the  
20 Keshet Dance Company at the intersection of Cutler Avenue and Morningside  
21 Drive; and

22        WHEREAS, data collected does not account for high pedestrian activity at the  
23 Stone Age gym, where parking is located across Cutler Avenue from the gym,  
24 after work hours and after sunset until closing at 10:00 PM or on weekends,  
25 nor does it reflect high pedestrian and bicycle activity in the evening related to  
26 other businesses along the corridor; and

27        WHEREAS, Albuquerque ranks one of the highest in the nation for  
28 pedestrian deaths; and

29        WHEREAS, the City has adopted the Complete Streets Ordinance and in  
30 2019 committed to Vision Zero to work toward the goal of zero traffic fatalities;  
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1        WHEREAS, the City’s Vision Zero Action Plan states that some land uses,  
2 like schools, parks, community facilities, and commercial and activity centers,  
3 are more conducive to people walking and riding bicycles; and

4        WHEREAS, the City’s Vision Zero Action Plan states that more frequent  
5 intersections and crossings, particularly those with pavement markings,  
6 signage, and signals, allow people to cross the street when they need to, while  
7 also indicating to drivers that they should drive slowly and watch for others,  
8 and stop when people need to cross the street; Morningside Drive is the only  
9 intersection between Washington Street NE and Carlisle Boulevard NE and no  
10 crossings exist; and

11        WHEREAS, Section 2B.07 of the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices  
12 (MUTCD) provides that “the need to control vehicle/pedestrian conflicts near  
13 locations that generate high pedestrian volumes” may be considered in an  
14 engineering study for multi-way stop sign installation, and this optional factor  
15 is not referenced in the warrant analysis conducted for an all-way stop at the  
16 intersection of Cutler Avenue and Morningside Drive.

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

19        Section 1. The City Council directs the Administration to convert the  
20 intersection of Cutler Avenue NE and Morningside Drive NE from a one-way  
21 stop to an all-way stop and to install crosswalks on all three legs of the  
22 intersection as part of or within 90 days after the completion of construction  
23 the Cutler Avenue Pedestrian Improvements project.  
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