

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

EIGHTEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-08-96 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 CREATING AN UNSER CROSSING OFFSITE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN
3 THE CAPITAL ACQUISITION FUND 305; PROVIDING FUNDING FOR CERTAIN
4 ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ADJACENT TO UNSER CROSSING.

5 WHEREAS, the area known as Unser Crossing, an area bounded by Unser
6 Boulevard on the east, Central Avenue on the north, 86th Street on the west,
7 and Bridge Boulevard on the south is designated as a "Community Activity
8 Center" in the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan and as the
9 "Central Unser Community Center" in the West Side Strategic Plan; and

10 WHEREAS, Policy II-B-5-i of the Comprehensive Plan for Developed Urban
11 Areas states " Employment and service users shall be located to complement
12 residential areas and shall be sited to minimize adverse effects of noise,
13 lighting, pollution, and traffic on residential environments"; and

14 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque adopted Resolution R-01-278
15 amending the West Side Strategic Plan to promote development of
16 Neighborhood and Community Activity Centers to include design regulations
17 for activity centers; and

18 WHEREAS, Recommendation "1" of the West Side Strategic Plan for the
19 Central Unser Community Center states that "infrastructure in the area should
20 be completed to accommodate commercial and higher density residential
21 development"; and

22 WHEREAS, the land use planning and development that has occurred at
23 the Unser Community Activity Center is consistent with City Policy including;

24 1. The activity center is adjacent to affordable single family housing
25 and high density multi-family housing (financed through federal tax
26 incentives).

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1 2. The activity center is located within a mile of employment centers.

2 3. Development of commercial uses is proposed at the intersection
3 of Central and Unser and will include a mix of, major retail, junior anchors,
4 general retail and office space; and

5 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque and the State of New Mexico currently
6 have a number of projects underway in the vicinity of the intersection
7 including:

8 1. The State of New Mexico in partnership with the City of
9 Albuquerque is currently expanding Unser Boulevard to its full planned cross-
10 section from Central Avenue to Sage Road.

11 2. The City will soon construct an area identity monument to be
12 located at the intersection of Central and Unser,

13 3. The City is developing a West Mesa transit station at the northwest
14 corner of the Central and Unser.

15 4. The State has designated funding for landscaping medians on
16 Central between Coors Boulevard and Unser Boulevard; and

17 WHEREAS, the construction of projects to correct road deficiencies is one
18 of the purposes specifically stated in the Transportation Infrastructure Tax
19 legislation, so long as correcting those deficiencies comports with adopted
20 city policies regarding urban development; and

21 WHEREAS, development of transportation infrastructure for the Unser
22 Crossing Project is consistent with City policy and will further the benefits that
23 will be created by improvements already occurring in the Unser and Central
24 Area.

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
26 ALBUQUERQUE:

27 Section 1. That the following appropriation of Transportation Infrastructure
28 Tax is made in the Capital Acquisition Fund (305) as shown below:

29 CAPITAL ACQUISITION FUND – 305

30 DMD/Streets

31 Unser Crossing Offsite Improvements -

32 Transportation Infrastructure Tax \$1,800,000

1 The scope of this project is to provide funding for certain offsite
2 improvements in the right-of-way adjacent to or near Unser Crossing,
3 including the design, construction, installation, equipping or modification of
4 curbs and gutters, traffic signals, bike lanes, traffic lanes, pedestrian
5 crossings and refuges, and pavement extensions, with an emphasis on
6 providing better pedestrian access, calming traffic, and accommodating
7 transit.

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