

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTIETH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-13-237 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 DECLARING THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE’S COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP A
3 COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP WITH ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR
4 THE PURPOSE OF COOPERATIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING FOR THE
5 BENEFIT OF THE CITIZENS OF THE ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN AREA;
6 DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO NOT APPROVE ANY MODIFICATIONS
7 TO PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ON LOMAS BOULEVARD BETWEEN LOMA
8 VISTA DRIVE AND GIRARD BOULEVARD FOR ACCESS TO JEFFERSON
9 MIDDLE SCHOOL UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN A MEETING BETWEEN
10 ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE GIRARD BOULEVARD MASTER
11 PLAN TEAM AND CITY STAFF.

12 WHEREAS, Albuquerque Public Schools (“APS”) is the largest school
13 district in the State with nearly 90,000 students attending 139 schools, and
14 over 14,000 teachers and employees; and

15 WHEREAS, a majority of APS schools and facilities are located within the
16 municipal limits of the City of Albuquerque; and

17 WHEREAS, APS schools and facilities are generally not subject to the
18 jurisdiction of the City’s on-site land use and development regulations; and

19 WHEREAS, given its number of facilities, students and employees, APS
20 schools and facilities present broad off-site community impacts in the form of
21 traffic safety issues, congestion, and land use compatibility issues; and

22 WHEREAS, present and future impacts associated with APS schools and
23 facilities can be proactively addressed if cooperative planning takes place and
24 an enhanced, constructive working relationship is established between the
25 City and APS; and

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1 WHEREAS, a healthy partnership between APS and the City can result in
2 more efficient delivery of services and the ability of faculty, staff and students
3 to access APS schools and facilities while protecting community values and
4 avoiding conflicts; and

5 WHEREAS, APS has developed plans for, and has substantially
6 constructed, an on-campus two-lane road along the north and east property
7 lines of the campus of Jefferson Middle School, at 712 Girard Boulevard NE
8 that will require changes to City facilities in order to be accessible to the
9 public; and

10 WHEREAS, the City controls public facilities, such as roadways, sidewalks,
11 curbs and gutters adjacent and providing access to Jefferson Middle School
12 and has the obligation to protect the public interest in granting or denying
13 applications to modify those facilities; and

14 WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that past attempts between APS and the
15 City to communicate and collaborate regarding the Jefferson Middle School
16 Project have not been successful; and

17 WHEREAS, the City desires to improve communication and collaboration
18 between APS and the City so that negative impacts and surrounding
19 communities and City right-of-ways and facilities can be proactively identified
20 and mitigated; and

21 WHEREAS, APS has acknowledged the absence of successful
22 communication and collaboration between APS and the City on the Jefferson
23 Middle School Project, and APS has recently, informally expressed its interest
24 in meeting with City staff to discuss any remaining opportunities to mitigate
25 negative impacts from the Jefferson Middle School Project.

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

28 Section 1. The City of Albuquerque desires to engage APS in developing a
29 joint task force through a formal agreement in order to create a vehicle for a
30 meaningful partnership and consultation to address transportation and land
31 use impacts associated with new or altered APS schools or facilities. The City
32 shall provide staff and resources from the Department of Municipal
33 Development, Planning Department, and Council Services to work in

1 collaboration with APS to determine the steps and means necessary in order
2 to proceed to develop a healthy and productive working relationship between
3 these entities.

4 Section 2. The City of Albuquerque – including, but not limited to, the
5 Development Review Board, the City Engineer and the Department of
6 Municipal Development – shall not approve or construct any curb cuts or
7 other modifications within the public right-of-way on or adjoining Lomas
8 Boulevard between Loma Vista Drive and Girard Boulevard until the sooner of
9 January 22, 2014, or until such time that APS’ Jefferson Middle School loop
10 road team has met with the Girard Boulevard Master Plan project team and
11 other City staff to discuss any remaining opportunities to mitigate negative
12 impacts from the Jefferson Middle School Project. The appropriate City
13 departments and the Girard Master Plan project team shall work expeditiously
14 to arrange this meeting with APS.

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