



1 forwarded to City Council for Project 1008887, 14EPC-40054, a request for an  
2 Adoption of a Rank II *Bikeways & Trails Facility Plan*, as recommended in the  
3 findings within the staff report (see Record).

4 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**  
5 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

6 Section 1. The City Council adopts the Following Findings:

7 1. The Rank II *Bikeways & Trails Facility Plan* updates, consolidates,  
8 and replaces the *Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan* (1993) and the  
9 *Comprehensive On-Street Bicycle Plan* (2000). Rank II facility plans describe  
10 the existing facilities, policies, recommendations, and proposed projects.

11 2. The scope of the *Bikeways and Trails Facility Plan* is City-wide. It  
12 also shows trails within Bernalillo County's jurisdiction to demonstrate  
13 regional connectivity, but which are not included as City proposed projects.

14 3. The purpose of the plan is to ensure a well-connected, enjoyable,  
15 and safe non-motorized transportation and recreation system throughout the  
16 metropolitan area. Updating the Plan is a reasonable exercise in local self-  
17 government consistent with the City Charter.

18 4. The *Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan*, the City of  
19 Albuquerque Zoning Code, the *Major Open Space Facility Plan*, the *Facility*  
20 *Plan for Arroyos*, the *Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan*, and the  
21 *Comprehensive On-Street Bicycle Plan* are incorporated herein by reference  
22 and made part of the record for all purposes.

23 5. The proposed plan supports the following applicable Goals and  
24 Policies of the Rank I *Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan*:

25 a. The Plan furthers the Open Space Network Goal and Policy II.B.1f by  
26 updating trail-related policy, design guidelines, and proposed trails projects.  
27 Part of the overarching vision of the plan is to provide recreation  
28 opportunities; the plan also recommends trails along arroyos and appropriate  
29 ditches as connections between natural areas and open spaces.

30 b. The Plan furthers the Semi-Urban Area Policy II.B.4b through  
31 designation of trails and trail corridor development policies for semi-urban  
32 areas.  
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1           c.       The Plan furthers the Developing and Established Urban Areas Goal  
2 and Policy II.B.5g because the plan will help guide development of a system  
3 that contributes to creating a quality urban environment and that will increase  
4 choices in transportation and life styles. The plan will guide development of  
5 trail corridors in appropriate locations.

6           d.       The Plan furthers the Environmental Protection Policy II.C.1d and the  
7 Transportation and Transit Goal by setting direction for investments in multi-  
8 modal transportation infrastructure, which will help protect air quality through  
9 a balanced circulation system that supports and encourages alternative  
10 means of transportation.

11          e.       The Plan is generally consistent with Policy II.D.4h - A metropolitan  
12 area-wide recreational and commuter bicycle and trail network which  
13 emphasizes connections among Activity Centers shall be constructed and  
14 promoted. The proposed alignments have been evaluated to provide  
15 connection to and within most designated activity centers.

16          f.       The Plan is generally consistent with Policy II.D.4i - Street and  
17 highway projects shall include paralleling paths and safe crossings for  
18 bicycles, pedestrians, and equestrians where appropriate. The Plan includes a  
19 Complete Streets Policy for bikeways and trails projects to be considered on  
20 all streets, as appropriate, throughout the street network. One of the critiques  
21 of the Plan is that it does not recommend access along major arterial streets,  
22 which have been demonstrated to have the highest bicycle and pedestrian  
23 crash rates.

24          g.       The Plan is generally consistent with Policy II.D.4h - Efficient, safe  
25 access and transfer capability shall be provided between all modes of  
26 transportation. The City currently has excellent transfer capabilities between  
27 bicycle, train, and bus. Both the train and all City busses have capacity to  
28 hold multiple bicycles each. The Plan does not specifically address how to  
29 provide safe and convenient access to each bus stop, which is typically  
30 located on a major arterial street.

31          h.       The Plan is generally consistent with Policy II.D.4q - Transportation  
32 investments should emphasize overall mobility needs and choice among  
33 modes in the regional and intra-city movement of people and goods. The Plan

1 sets direction for investments in multi-modal transportation infrastructure and  
2 programs to enhance bicycling and walking options.

3 6. The proposed Plan is generally consistent with the key themes of the  
4 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) through its multi-modal vision,  
5 policies, and proposed facilities for pedestrians and cyclists throughout the  
6 City. The proposed facility map is consistent with the current LRBS map and  
7 will provide updates to the LRBS map when it is amended for the 2040 MTP.

8 7. Key City departments, including Municipal Development, Parks &  
9 Recreation, and Planning, coordinated as part of this facility planning effort.

10 8. There is general support among the reviewing agencies and  
11 members of the public that the City should adopt the proposed *Bikeways &*  
12 *Trails Facility Plan*. The most notable exception to the general public support  
13 is from the City’s Advisory Groups – GABAC and GARTC. Comments from  
14 GABAC & GARTC seem to indicate members would prefer not to have the two  
15 plans combined into one document.

16 9. While GABAC & GARTC remain as separate entities, to keep the  
17 spirit of the document as living, it is important for the groups to meet a couple  
18 of times each year, in collaboration.

19 Section 2. In order to implement the policies of the *Albuquerque/Bernalillo*  
20 *County Comprehensive Plan*, applicable Rank II and Rank III Plans, and the  
21 *Metropolitan Transportation Plan*, the *Bikeways & Trails Facility Plan* is  
22 hereby adopted and the *Trails & Bikeways Facility Plan (1993)* and the  
23 *Comprehensive On-Street Bicycle Plan (2000)* are repealed.

24 Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect five days  
25 after publication by title and general summary.

26 Section 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section paragraph, sentence,  
27 clause, word, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid  
28 or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall  
29 not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The  
30 Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each  
31 section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of  
32 any provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.