

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-14-146 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 RESOLUTION

2 ESTABLISHING THE MILE-HI DISTRICT AND CREATING A MILE-HI/SAN  
3 PEDRO IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO INCREASE TRAFFIC SAFETY AND  
4 PROVIDE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
5 MAKING NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENTS.

6 WHEREAS, the Alvarado Park, Fair Heights, and Mark Twain  
7 neighborhoods are long-established communities with a mosaic of mid-  
8 century homes nestled in varied landscapes, low slung post war bungalows  
9 cloistered within the heart of the northeast heights, and commercial properties  
10 that were part of the original Mile-Hi and Mile-Hi Court additions from the  
11 1940's, and 50's that are now tenanted by iconic and newly established  
12 businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, the segment of San Pedro Drive that crosses the heart of these  
14 neighborhoods is the one mile high elevation mark within Albuquerque. From  
15 its development in the 1950's, this length of road has been a quintessential  
16 island of "Main Street USA" within a suburban sea of housing subdivisions  
17 marching east to the Sandia Mountains and presents an opportunity to  
18 become a more walkable, unique street and district in recognition of the City's  
19 interest in urban revitalization and complete streets; and

20 WHEREAS, the San Pedro Corridor in recent years has faced new  
21 challenges. Beginning in 1989 the average daily traffic counts for this segment  
22 of San Pedro have steadily declined. The intersection of San Pedro and  
23 Constitution Avenue which is used by students and teachers walking and  
24 bicycling to Temple Baptist and Mark Twain Elementary schools is offset on  
25 the north and south approaches, creating a safety hazard when pedestrians  
26 are crossing the right turn lane. A commissioned study found crash data for

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1 San Pedro between Lomas Boulevard and Indian School Road exceeds the  
2 Bernalillo County average by over two times and that over half of the crashes  
3 are due to rear-end collisions. Store and office vacancies are increasing on  
4 San Pedro due to these hazards and an aging stock of buildings; and

5 WHEREAS, the Indicator Progress Commission Goals based on policies of  
6 the City of Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan, state:

7 #2 “The public is safe and secure, and shares responsibility for maintaining a  
8 safe environment;” and #3 “existing communities are adequately and  
9 efficiently served with well-planned, coordinated, and maintained  
10 infrastructure;” and #6 “achieve a vital, diverse, and sustainable economy in  
11 which businesses and residents have opportunities for success;” and

12 WHEREAS, the improvement project will reconfigure San Pedro Drive  
13 between Haines Avenue and Marble Avenue as a multi-modal transportation  
14 facility that serves motor vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians, will improve  
15 safety at the intersection of Constitution and San Pedro and provide safe left  
16 turn access to the merchants with establishments along San Pedro; and

17 WHEREAS, to enhance retail and provide better bicycle access, these  
18 neighborhoods will become the City’s first bike-in hub as the junction of the  
19 bike lanes on Constitution and San Pedro, the “Albuquerque the Plan” 50 Mile  
20 Activity Loop and the Bicycle Boulevard system that connects the City’s major  
21 activity centers; and

22 WHEREAS, these safety projects will occur in phases, depending on the  
23 success of each phase, and the available funding from a combination of City,  
24 County, State and Federal Funds. The projected cost for the first phase is  
25 \$146,500.

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

28 SECTION 1. The Mile-Hi District is hereby created encompassing the  
29 Alvarado Park, Fair Heights, and Mark Twain neighborhoods.

30 SECTION 2. A City Council Mile-Hi/San Pedro Improvement Project is  
31 established for the segment of San Pedro between Haines Avenue and Lomas  
32 Boulevard to address adverse impacts on commercial and residential areas  
33 created by inadequate roadway design and or operations. The project will

1 make improvements through increasing pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle  
2 safety, improving intersection operations and calming traffic speeds.

3 SECTION 3 Funding for these projects shall be included in existing  
4 Council Set a Side Funds, the CIP Program, future Albuquerque Metropolitan  
5 Planning Area Transportation Improvement Programs, Complete Streets  
6 Projects and City requests for State Capital Outlay.

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