

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-14-146 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Diane G. Gibson

1 RESOLUTION

2 ESTABLISHING THE MILE-HI DISTRICT AND CREATING A MILE-HI/SAN
3 PEDRO IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS 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, and low slung post war
9 bungalows cloistered within the heart of the northeast heights. Commercial
10 properties that align the roadway were part of the original Mile-Hi and Mile-Hi
11 Court additions from the 1940's, and 50's that are now tenanted by iconic and
12 newly established 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 is now facing a number of challenges to
21 its continued vitality as a main street. Daily traffic counts for this segment of
22 San Pedro have steadily declined. The intersection of San Pedro and
23 Constitution Avenue used by students and teachers walking and bicycling to
24 Temple Baptist and Mark Twain Elementary schools is offset on the north and
25 south approaches, creating a hazard when pedestrians are crossing the right
26 turn lane. The number of crashes for San Pedro between Lomas Boulevard

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1 and Indian School Road exceeds the Bernalillo County average by over two
2 times and that over half of the crashes are due to rear-end collisions. Store
3 and office vacancies are increasing on San Pedro due to an aging stock of
4 buildings and business changes occurring in the retail industry; and

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

7 #3 “existing communities are adequately and efficiently served with well-
8 planned, coordinated, and maintained infrastructure;” and #6 “achieve a vital,
9 diverse, and sustainable economy in which businesses and residents have
10 opportunities for success;” and

11 WHEREAS, the improvement project will reconfigure San Pedro Drive
12 between Haines Avenue and Marble Avenue as a multi-modal transportation
13 facility that serves motor vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians, will improve the
14 intersection of Constitution and San Pedro and provide a left turn lane for
15 motorists accessing establishments along San Pedro; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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