

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-14-142 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton, by request

1 RESOLUTION

2 ADOPTING THE BIKEWAYS & TRAILS FACILITY PLAN (BTFP) AS A RANK II
3 FACILITY PLAN. THE SCOPE OF THE BIKEWAYS AND TRAILS FACILITY
4 PLAN IS CITY-WIDE.

5 WHEREAS, the City Council, the governing body of the City of
6 Albuquerque, has the authority to adopt facility plans to promote the health,
7 safety, and general welfare of the residents of Albuquerque, Section 3-19-1 et.
8 Seq., NMSA 1978, and by its home rule powers; and

9 WHEREAS, people use both bikeways and trails for a variety of activities,
10 including recreation, commuting, exercise, and utilitarian travel; and

11 WHEREAS, funding for both facilities comes from the same sources; and

12 WHEREAS, the City has determined that consolidating these plans into one
13 document will help the City better manage the growth of the bikeways and
14 multi-use trails system; and

15 WHEREAS, the primary goal of the *Bikeways & Trails Facility Plan* is to
16 ensure a well-connected, enjoyable, and comfortable non-motorized
17 transportation and recreation system throughout the metropolitan area; and

18 WHEREAS, the *Bikeways & Trails Facility Plan* intends to guide future
19 investment in the bikeways & trails system, including facility improvements,
20 new facilities, maintenance, and education/outreach programs; and

21 WHEREAS, the *Bikeways & Trails Facility Plan* is consistent with the
22 applicable goals and policies of the *Albuquerque/Bernalillo County*
23 *Comprehensive Plan*, the *Major Open Space Facility Plan*, and the *Facility Plan*
24 *for Arroyos*; and

25 WHEREAS, on October 9, 2014, the Environmental Planning Commission
26 (EPC), in its advisory role, voted that a Recommendation of Approval be

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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
27 projects. Part of the overarching vision of the plan is to provide recreation
28 opportunities; the plan also recommends trails along arroyos and
29 appropriate ditches as connections between natural areas and open
30 spaces.
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32 b. The Plan furthers the Semi-Urban Area Policy II.B.4b through
33 designation of trails and trail corridor development policies for semi-urban
34 areas.

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
3 system that contributes to creating a quality urban environment and that
4 will increase choices in transportation and life styles. The plan will guide
5 development of 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
8 multi-modal transportation infrastructure, which will help protect air quality
9 through a balanced circulation system that supports and encourages
10 alternative 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
19 includes a Complete Streets Policy for bikeways and trails projects to be
20 considered on all streets, as appropriate, throughout the street network.
21 One of the critiques of the Plan is that it does not recommend access along
22 major arterial streets, which have been demonstrated to have the highest
23 bicycle and pedestrian 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
27 between bicycle, train, and bus. Both the train and all City busses have
28 capacity to hold multiple bicycles each. The Plan does not specifically
29 address how to provide safe and convenient access to each bus stop,
30 which is typically 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

1 Plan sets direction for investments in multi-modal transportation
2 infrastructure and 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*.

13 9. The City’s Advisory Groups for trail and bicycle facilities, The
14 Greater Albuquerque Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Greater
15 Albuquerque Recreational Trails Committee, should meet biannually to review
16 implementation of the BTFP and consider any updates or changes that may
17 be necessary.

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

24 Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect five days
25 after publication by title and general summary.

26 Section 5. 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.

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