

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-15-171 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTING IMPROVEMENTS AND
3 EXPENDING FUNDS WITHIN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY STATE PARK BY THE
4 CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE.

5 WHEREAS, the Bosque Action Plan was developed through a formal
6 planning process with citizen and multi-jurisdictional agency input, and is a
7 long-range Rank 2 plan subject to the land use authority of the City Council;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, changes to a Rank 2 plan are subject to Council approval; and

10 WHEREAS, the Administration of the City of Albuquerque committed to
11 publish a final environmental report and work with stake holders of the Rio
12 Grande Valley State Park to develop an implementation report for constructing
13 improvements in the Bosque; and

14 WHEREAS, contrary to that commitment, the City commenced constructing
15 a compacted gravel trail; and

16 WHEREAS, F/S R-13-125 created the River Amenities, Enhancements,
17 Bosque Restoration and Trail Development project and provided an
18 appropriation from the General Fund of \$2,892,000, of which \$523,821 has
19 been expended or encumbered.

20 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
21 ALBUQUERQUE:

22 Section 1. That the City of Albuquerque shall not commence any further
23 improvements within the Rio Grande Valley State Park until the following
24 steps are completed:

25 a. The February 2015 Environmental Monitoring Plan and Baseline Data
26 Report for the Central to Montano project is formally presented to the

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- 1 City Council at a regular meeting, including responses to the
2 predominant critiques of the present plan and the visitor
3 management analysis and monitoring plan as recommended in the
4 Conclusions of the document; and
- 5 b. For any proposed project, an implementation report consistent with
6 the Bosque Action Plan is developed in consultation with
7 representatives of the City Council, the Parks and Recreation
8 Department Open Space Division, Open Space Advisory Board,
9 Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District (MRGCD), Bosque Action
10 Team (BAT), Amigos Bravos, the ADA accessibility advocacy
11 community, and the Greater Albuquerque Recreation and Trail
12 Committee (GARTC). The report shall include plan details including:
13 with respect to any trails, assessing existing trails and alternative
14 routes, the proposed route, width, materials, and related
15 infrastructure (such as boardwalks, bridges, viewing platforms, and
16 signage). The report shall be made available on the City's website
17 and presented to the public at a special advertised meeting, followed
18 by a 30 day comment period; and
- 19 c. The proposed project and alternatives are transmitted to a qualified
20 environmental consultant for review and analysis of the anticipated
21 environmental effects of the construction and proposed operation of
22 the project alternatives, including effects on wildlife and the health of
23 the riparian environment. The environmental review and analysis
24 shall recommend a preferred alternative consistent with the Bosque
25 Action Plan. The preferred alternative shall be submitted and
26 publicly presented to the City Council, will be made available on the
27 City's website and presented to the public in a meeting, followed by a
28 30 day comment period.
- 29 d. No later than the time of presentation to the Council, the
30 implementation report and the alternatives are transmitted for review
31 and comment to the United States Army Corps of Engineers, United
32 States Bureau of Reclamation, United States Fish and Wildlife
33 Service, United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the

1 State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resource
2 Department; and to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District for
3 review and approval in accordance with the Joint Powers
4 Agreement; and

5 e. If there is any intention to deviate from the trail alignments mapped
6 and described in the Bosque Action Plan or other deviations from
7 the Plan, such revisions to the Plan are submitted for formal and
8 public approval by the City Council in its authority as governing
9 board and land use planning authority of the City; and

10 f. An Executive Communication is submitted to the City Council that
11 includes the implementation report, a record of all comments
12 received with City responses, all comments received from other
13 agencies, and a letter confirming the improvements comply with
14 federal, and state, environmental and cultural resource laws.

15 Section 2. That the following appropriations are hereby made and/or
16 changed:

17 Parks and Recreation – Fund 305

18 River Amenities, Enhancements, Transfer from Fund 110 (2,368,179)
19 Bosque Restoration and Trail
20 Development

21 Bosque Improvements Reserve Transfer from Fund 110 2,368,179
22 Restore and revitalize the riparian area and Bosque in accordance with the
23 Bosque Action Plan. Remove non-native trees and fire dangers . Plant native
24 trees and shrubs to create a healthy Bosque habitat. Improve ADA-compliant
25 trail access to designated viewpoints at the Rio Grande river as indicated in
26 the Bosque Action Plan. Improve parking facilities adjacent to the Bosque.

27 Section 3. It shall be the policy of the City Council that the City will not
28 expend additional funds within the boundaries of Rio Grande Valley State
29 Park, without the approval by the City Council of project plans. Any changes,
30 amendments, or deviations in the project after the Council's approval of the
31 project plans, whether prior to, during, or after the project implementation
32 must also be approved by City Council.

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