CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-15-230 **ENACTMENT NO. SPONSORED BY:** Klarissa J. Peña 1 RESOLUTION 2 REQUIRING THE ALBUQUERQUE BUS RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT TO 3 FINANCE THE INSTALLATION OF A STREETSCAPE ON CENTRAL AVENUE FROM SUNSET BOULEVARD TO COORS BOULEVARD, ESTABLISHING 4 5 MINIMUM STREETSCAPE STANDARDS ON CENTRAL FROM SUNSET TO 6 COORS. DESIGNATING FEDERAL FUNDS IN THE MID-REGION COUNCIL OF 7 **GOVERNMENTS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR** 8 ALBUQUERQUE GREAT STREETS FOR STREETSCAPING CENTRAL AVENUE 9 FROM COORS BOULEVARD TO THE WESTERN CITY LIMITS. 10 WHEREAS, Central Avenue between the Rio Grande and the Western City Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] - Deletion 11 Limits is a principal and historically significant travel route within the 12 Albuquerque Metropolitan Area that connects the over 120,000 people who 13 reside on the Southwest Area of Bernalillo County to the East Side of 14 Albuquerque; and 15 WHEREAS, this segment of West Central is the location of numerous small 16 and locally owned retail shops and serves as a principle commercial corridor 17 for the Southwest Mesa of the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County; and 18 WHEREAS, West Central is challenged with aging infrastructure, and 19 commercial buildings, traffic congestion, roadway safety hazards, and a 20 dearth of public spaces that has created and adverse identity for the corridor; 21 WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has identified West Central 22 Avenue as one of the nation's most dangerous roadways for pedestrians and 23 a primary cause of pedestrian/vehicle accidents on the corridor; and 24 WHEREAS, corridors on Central Avenue including, Downtown, East

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Downtown (EDO), Nob Hill, East Gateway and the International District have

1	faced similar challenges and the City has responded with redevelopment
2	efforts; and
3	WHEREAS, a streetscape project that improves pedestrian access and
4	comfort provides protection from vehicle traffic is a primary instrument for
5	facilitating redevelopment; and
6	WHEREAS, the City has adopted a Complete Streets Ordinance that
7	requires projects that reconstruct major streets to provide facilities that
8	provide for protective, comfortable and convenient access along the roadway
9	by pedestrians; and
10	WHEREAS, the Albuquerque Development Process Manual establishes a 6
11	foot sidewalk as the minimum City Standard for Arterial Streets. Established
12	practice for providing appropriate pedestrian lighting is a 6 to 1 uniformity. On
13	a street with traffic speeds in excess of 30 miles per hour landscape buffers
14	are used to protect pedestrians. These area located between the traffic and the
15	sidewalk with adequate width to provide space for street trees and bushes.
16	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
17	ALBUQUERQUE:
18	Section 1. That the City of Albuquerque Transit Department Bus Rapid
19	Transit Project known as the "Albuquerque Rapid Transit Project" will fund
20	and construct a streetscape on Central Avenue between Sunset Boulevard
21	and Coors Boulevard that complies with the standards established in Section
22	2 of this Resolution.
23	Section 2. That the following minimum streetscape standards are
24	established for Central Avenue between Sunset Boulevard and Coors
25	Boulevard.
26	A. Streetscaping on this segment of Central Avenue shall provide
27	for the safety, comfort and ease of pedestrians and will beautify the street.
28	B. The streetscape will include a planting strip located directly
29	behind the curb line, a sidewalk located behind the planting strip and
30	pedestrian lighting.
31	C. Sidewalks will be a minimum of 6' in width where feasible.
32	D. Pedestrian lighting will provide either a uniformity of 6:1 or the
33	lighting spaced a maximum of 75 feet apart. Street poles, mast arms and

	1	luminaires will be the same as or equivalent to those installed on Central
	2	Avenue between Girard Avenue and San Pedro Boulevard.
	3	E. Planting Strips will be a minimum of 6 feet in width, will
	4	include trees and bushes and can retain the storm water that falls within the
	5	planting strip and onto the abutting sidewalk.
	6	F. These standards may not fully or partially apply where their
	7	application would require partial or full demolition of a structure or removing
	8	parking spaces that are required for the commercial uses on a property to
	9	comply with the City's Zoning Code. In such cases an alternative design shall
	10	be installed that accomplishes the goals set forth in Section 2A. of this
	11	resolution
	12	Section 3. Expenditure of the Great Streets funding provided through the
	13	Mid Region Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program for
	14	Federal Fiscal Years 2019, and 2020 is restricted to development of the
	15	streetscapes on Central Avenue between Coors Boulevard and the Western
	16	City Limits.
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