

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-28 ENACTMENT NO. R-2020-079

SPONSORED BY: Isaac Benton

1 RESOLUTION

2 ADOPTING THE SILVER AVENUE BIKE BOULEVARD REVIEW, MAKING THE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS WITHIN THE PLAN POLICY PRIORITIES FOR THE
4 SILVER AVENUE BIKE BOULEVARD BETWEEN YALE BOULEVARD AND THE
5 PASEO DEL BOSQUE TRAIL.

6 WHEREAS, Silver Avenue (“the corridor”) is a critical corridor in the City’s
7 bicycle transportation network; and

8 WHEREAS, a bicycle boulevard provides the function of a principle arterial
9 to cyclists by providing the capacity and efficiency to conveniently connect
10 together major origins and destinations within a community; and

11 WHEREAS, the corridor is part of a complex of three bike boulevards, three
12 paved bike paths, and three bike/pedestrian bridges that connect the
13 Petroglyph National monument on the City western border to the Sandia
14 National Wilderness on Albuquerque’s eastern boundary; and

15 WHEREAS, the corridor connects major destinations such as Old Town,
16 Downtown, EDo and Huning Highland, the University of New Mexico (UNM),
17 Nob Hill, and the Bosque; and

18 WHEREAS, the corridor is an increasingly prominent transportation facility
19 for the purposes of economic and community development connecting
20 residential neighborhoods with major component of today’s urban economy:
21 the higher education, research, and medical facilities at the UNM’s north, main
22 and south campuses, the Central New Mexico (CNM) Main Campus, and the
23 UNMH, UNM-NIH Cancer Hospital, the Presbyterian Main, and Presbyterian
24 Hospital Campuses, the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL); and

[Bracketed/Underscored Material] - New
[Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] - Deletion

[Bracketed/Underscored Material] - New
[Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] - Deletion

1 **WHEREAS, facilities such as Silver Avenue are a key component to**
2 **providing the quality of life that could attract and retain students, professors,**
3 **research professionals, and others associated with these institutions; and**
4 **WHEREAS, riding a bike is both a means of recreation, of low-cost**
5 **transportation, a way to stay healthy for an active life style and a way to**
6 **release the stress from a workday of high-stress, mentally challenging work at**
7 **a desk, laboratory, examination room, or class room; and**
8 **WHEREAS, the corridor supports bicycle use by cyclists of all abilities; and**
9 **WHEREAS, bicycle boulevards were designed and implemented in 2009**
10 **following the passage of F/S R-07-268; and**
11 **WHEREAS, the portion of the Silver Bike Boulevard from Yale Blvd to Nob**
12 **Hill was reviewed in 2015, resulting in the identification of deficiencies and the**
13 **design and construction of improvements that have made that portion of the**
14 **Silver Bike Boulevard safer and easier to use; and**
15 **WHEREAS, in 2018 the City engaged a professional transportation**
16 **engineering consultant to review the corridor from Yale Blvd to Paseo Del**
17 **Bosque Trail to identify deficiencies and make recommendations for**
18 **improvements that could make the corridor safer and easier to use; and**
19 **WHEREAS, the consultant made two presentations to the Greater**
20 **Albuquerque Bicycling Advisory Group (GABAC) and held two public**
21 **meetings; and**
22 **WHEREAS, the input and recommendations from the community were**
23 **taken into consideration in the final draft of the plan that was produced in**
24 **December 2019; and**
25 **WHEREAS, in February 2020 a draft of the plan was produced and provided**
26 **to the surrounding community; and**
27 **WHEREAS, the Silver Avenue Bike Boulevard Review (“the Plan”) is**
28 **attached to this legislation as “Exhibit A”; and**
29 **WHEREAS, the Plan offers recommendations for projects for the entirety of**
30 **the corridor to make the corridor safer and easier to use for cyclists of all**
31 **abilities; and**

[Bracketed/Underscored Material] - New
[Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] - Deletion

1 **WHEREAS, the recommendations address crossing Interstate 25 (I-25) and**
2 **the railroad tracks which are two major obstacles to creating a comfortable**
3 **connection throughout the corridor for all levels of users; and**

4 **WHEREAS, the corridor passage under I-25 is especially needed to provide**
5 **bike access from the residential neighborhoods and employment uses, which**
6 **though small in scale will have a significant impact on the development of**
7 **Albuquerque; and**

8 **WHEREAS, adoption of the Plan will help prioritize improvements along the**
9 **corridor; and**

10 **WHEREAS, the Plan is consistent with the recommendations and policy**
11 **guidance in the City’s Complete Street Ordinance, O-19-64; and**

12 **WHEREAS, the Plan and its recommendations further existing studies and**
13 **adopted plans, including the Downtown 2025 Metropolitan Redevelopment**
14 **Plan, the Downtown Neighborhood Area Traffic Study, the Downtown**
15 **Walkability Analysis, the Downtown Signals-to-Stop Signs Conversion**
16 **Evaluation, and the Downtown Safe Zone; and**

17 **WHEREAS, the recommendations in this plan further several goals and**
18 **policies within the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan,**
19 **particularly in the Transportation (Ch. 6) and Urban Design (Ch. 7) Chapters.**
20 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF**
21 **ALBUQUERQUE:**

22 **SECTION 1. The City Council hereby adopts The Silver Avenue Bike**
23 **Boulevard Review, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to guide the improvement of**
24 **the Silver Avenue Bike Boulevard between Yale Blvd. and Paseo Del Bosque.**

25 **SECTION 2. The City Council supports the placement of the project within**
26 **the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).**

27
28
29
30
31
32

1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF August, 2020
2 BY A VOTE OF: 8 FOR 0 AGAINST.

3
4 Excused: Harris

5
6
7
8
9
10 Patrick Davis, President
11 City Council

12
13
14 APPROVED THIS 17 DAY OF August, 2020

15
16
17 Bill No. R-20-28

18
19
20
21
22
23 Timothy M. Keller, Mayor
24 City of Albuquerque

25
26
27
28 ATTEST:

29
30
31 Ethan Watson, City Clerk

[Bracketed/Underscored Material] - New
[Bracketed/Strikethrough Material] - Deletion