

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-20-121 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION
2 REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE AND THE NEW MEXICO
3 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ESTABLISH THE DEVELOPMENT OF
4 NEW MEXICO STATE HIGHWAY 45, (COORS ROAD) BETWEEN CENTRAL
5 AVENUE AND THE INTERSECTION WITH OLD COORS ROAD AS A PRIORITY.
6 REQUIRING THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE TO DEVELOP AND ENTER INTO
7 AN AGREEMENT TO UPGRADE THIS SEGMENT OF COORS TO URBAN
8 ARTERIAL STANDARDS.

9 WHEREAS, Coors Boulevard south of Central Avenue to Interstate 25 is the
10 primary roadway corridor that serves the 140,000 people who reside on
11 Albuquerque's Southwest Mesa, and in Bernalillo County's South Valley; and

12 WHEREAS, the segment of Coors between the intersections of Central
13 Avenue and Old Coors Road is a critical roadway link between the Southwest
14 Mesa and South Valley and the Northwest Mesa, the City of Rio Rancho,
15 Village of Corrales and the Alameda Boulevard, Montano Road, Paseo Del
16 Norte, River Crossings; and

17 WHEREAS, this segment of Coors is travelled by over 24,000 vehicles a
18 day, and in 2018 the University of New Mexico Geospatial and Population
19 Studies Division identified nearly 180 crashes along this segment of Coors
20 and another 170 combined crashes at the intersections of Coors Road, with
21 Central Avenue, Bridge Street, and Old Coors Road; and

22 WHEREAS, the segment has a rural cross-section, devoid of street lighting
23 for vehicle and pedestrian safety, curb and gutter for stormwater management,
24 and bike lanes, trails and sidewalks for providing bicyclists and pedestrians
25 access along the corridor; and

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1 WHEREAS, the segment of Coors is owned and operated by the New
2 Mexico Department of Transportation, and provides transportation access for
3 the residents of Albuquerque and borders several longstanding Albuquerque
4 Neighborhoods. Therefore, designing, funding, and constructing
5 improvements to this corridor will require a joint effort between the New
6 Mexico Department of Transportation, the City of Albuquerque and the
7 adjoining neighborhoods.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
9 ALBUQUERQUE:

10 SECTION 1. The City of Albuquerque declares the construction of an urban
11 arterial cross-section on the segment of New Mexico State Highway 45 (Coors
12 Road) between Central Avenue and Old Coors Road a City Priority.

13 SECTION 2. The City of Albuquerque urges the New Mexico Department of
14 Transportation Commission and the New Mexico Legislator to declare
15 improving to urban arterial standards the segment of New Mexico State
16 Highway 45 (Coors Road) between Central Avenue and Old Coors Road a
17 priority.

18 SECTION 3. The Department of Municipal Development is directed to work
19 with the New Mexico Department of Transportation to forge an agreement that
20 identifies a process to fund, design and construct an urban arterial cross-
21 section on this segment of Coors Boulevard.

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