

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. F/S R-20-121 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION

2 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND
3 THE NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE, TO ESTABLISH AS A PRIORITY
4 THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MEXICO STATE HIGHWAY 45, (COORS
5 BOULEVARD) BETWEEN CENTRAL AVENUE AND GUN CLUB ROAD TO
6 URBAN ARTERIAL STANDARDS. REQUIRING THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE
7 TO WORK WITH THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
8 IMPROVE THE SECTIONS OF NEW MEXICO 45 SOUTH OF CENTRAL AVENUE
9 WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS AND ENCOURAGING THE COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
10 TO WORK WITH THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
11 IMPROVE THE SECTION OF COORS BOULEVARD BETWEEN OLD COORS
12 DRIVE AND GUN CLUB ROAD.

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

16 WHEREAS, the segment of Coors between Central Avenue and Gun Club
17 Road is a critical roadway link between the Southwest Mesa and the South
18 Valley and Interstate 40, the Northwest Mesa, the City of Rio Rancho, the
19 Village of Corrales and the Alameda Boulevard, Montano Road, and Paseo Del
20 Norte, River Crossings; and

21 WHEREAS, in 2019 this segment of Coors was travelled by up to 30,000
22 vehicles a day, and in 2018 the University of New Mexico Geospatial and
23 Population Studies Division identified over 600 reported crashes along this
24 segment of Coors; and

25 WHEREAS, this segment has a rural cross-section, devoid of street lighting
26 for vehicle and pedestrian safety, curb and gutter for stormwater management,

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1 and bike lanes, trails and sidewalks for providing bicyclists and pedestrians
2 access along the corridor; and

3 WHEREAS, this segment of Coors is owned and operated by the New
4 Mexico Department of Transportation, and provides transportation access for
5 the residents of Albuquerque and also services the South Valley of Bernalillo
6 County. Designing, funding, and constructing improvements to this corridor
7 will require a joint effort between the New Mexico Department of
8 Transportation, the City of Albuquerque, the County of Bernalillo and the Mid-
9 Region Council of Governments.

10 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
11 ALBUQUERQUE:

12 SECTION 1. The City of Albuquerque urges the New Mexico Department of
13 Transportation and the New Mexico State Legislature to designate funding and
14 resources to upgrading to urban arterial standards New Mexico State Highway
15 45 (Coors Boulevard) from Central Avenue to Gun Club Road.

16 SECTION 2. The City of Albuquerque declares as a City priority the
17 upgrading, to urban arterial standards, of New Mexico State Highway 45
18 (Coors Boulevard) within the City's Municipal boundaries that being between
19 Central Avenue and Old Coors Drive. The Department of Municipal
20 Development is directed to work with the New Mexico Department of
21 Transportation to forge an agreement that identifies a process to fund, design
22 and construct an urban arterial cross-section on this segment of Coors
23 Boulevard.

24 SECTION 3. The City of Albuquerque encourages the County of Bernalillo
25 to forge an agreement with the New Mexico Department of Transportation to
26 upgrade the segment of New Mexico Highway 45 (Coors Boulevard) between
27 Old Coors Drive and Gun Club Road, to urban arterial standards.

28 SECTION 4. The New Mexico Department of Transportation, the City of
29 Albuquerque, and the County of Bernalillo are encouraged to apply for Federal
30 Transportation Funding through the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area
31 Transportation Improvement Program for those elements of the roadway
32 improvements that will occur within the existing right of way.

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