

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-21-182 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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1 RESOLUTION
2 ESTABLISHING CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR 118TH STREET FROM
3 INTERSTATE 40 TO SENATOR DENNIS CHAVEZ BOULEVARD AS A PRIORITY
4 FOR THE CITY ALBUQUERQUE FUNDING PROCESSES, ENCOURAGING THE
5 NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PRIORITIZE THE
6 APPROVAL AND CONSTRUCTION OF AN INTERCHANGE AT INTERSTATE 40
7 AND 118TH STREET.

8 WHEREAS, the Mid Region Metropolitan Planning Organization 2040 Long
9 Range Roadway System Map designates 118th Street from Interstate 40 to
10 Senator Dennis Chavez Boulevard as a Community Principle Arterial; and

11 WHEREAS, Community Principle Arterials, which include roadways such
12 as Eubank Boulevard, Montañó Road/Montgomery Boulevard, and San Mateo
13 Boulevard, are the primary commercial and commuter through-fares for the
14 City; and

15 WHEREAS, Community Principle Arterials in addition to moving large
16 volumes of traffic provide robust access to adjacent lands uses are the City's
17 primary economic corridors for the provision of commercial and government
18 services and siting large employers; and

19 WHEREAS, 118th and 98th Streets and Central Avenue are the only
20 designated Community Principle Arterials for the 100,000 residents of the
21 Southwest Mesa and 118th Street has yet to develop, leaving two Community
22 Principle Arterials for the area. The consequence of this dearth of principle
23 arterials is evident in the lack of commercial services and employment
24 generators in the area and the long commute times endured by area residents
25 to reach such services in other quadrants of the City; and

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1 WHEREAS, the regional complex of medical facilities for the Northwest and
2 Southwest Mesas will be located north of the Interchange of Interstate 40 and
3 118th Street. Access for resident of the Southwest Mesa to the center will
4 require the development of 118th Street from Senator Dennis Chavez to
5 Interstate 40 and the construction of an interchange of Interstate 40 with 118th
6 Street; and

7 WHEREAS, The residents that live along the one developed section of 118th
8 Street between Amole Mesa Avenue and Senator Dennis Chavez, travel an out
9 of direction route to reach services north and east of their location causing
10 extensive travel time for the simplest of errands; and

11 WHEREAS, Atrisco Heritage Academy, which has the third largest
12 enrollment in the region behind only the main campuses of the University of
13 New Mexico and Central New Mexico Community College is located on 118th
14 Street. Senator Dennis Chavez is the only street that links the neighborhoods
15 of the Southwest Mesa, via 98th Street and Unser Boulevard to the high school.
16 The development of 118th Street will allow parents, students and staff another
17 option for their commute to the school; and

18 WHEREAS, residential subdivision development in the Southwest Mesa,
19 after a 10-year hiatus, is restarting including a new 151-home subdivision
20 along 118th Street which will increase the number of commuters on 98th Street
21 and Unser Boulevard. Constructing 118th Street will help alleviate traffic along
22 these routes; and

23 WHEREAS, there are insufficient connections onto Interstate 40 from the
24 Southwest Mesa. Mesa residents use 98th Street or Unser Boulevard to access
25 Interstate 40, which overloads the interchange with traffic creating long travel
26 time delays due to congestion during the peak morning and evening hours;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, with the development of the employment center on Atrisco
29 Vista Boulevard an access point along 118th Street will allow Southwest Mesa
30 residents, who commute to the Atrisco Vista employment center, another
31 option to access homes in the western section of the Southwest Mesa; and

32 WHEREAS, as made evident in the findings in this Resolution, designating
33 the development of 118th Street from Interstate 40 to Senator Dennis Chavez is

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1 necessary for the orderly development of the Southwest Mesa of Albuquerque
2 and to provide for the residents' public health welfare and Safety.

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
4 ALBUQUERQUE:

5 Section 1. It is a priority of the City of Albuquerque to develop and
6 construct to the full planned cross-section, 118TH Street from Interstate 40 to
7 Senator Dennis Chavez. Development of the segment should:

8 1. Comply with the City's Complete Streets regulations by
9 accommodating for multiple modes of travel including motor vehicle, bicycles
10 and pedestrians and providing landscaping.

11 2. Comply with Federal standards for roadway projects in Metropolitan
12 Planning Areas to improve system efficiency throughout the Southwest Mesa.

13 3. Comply with Federal Environmental standards for roadway projects
14 to protect the health of the natural environment.

15 Section 2. The City of Albuquerque encourages the New Mexico
16 Department of Transportation and the New Mexico Transportation
17 Commission to designate as a New Mexico Department of Transportation
18 District 3 priority, the development of an interchange of 118th Street with
19 Interstate 40. This should include the facility planning, all federal regulatory
20 approval processes, design, engineering and construction.

21 Section 3. The City should initiate an engineering planning study to
22 develop conceptual cross-sections, for 118th Street, identify the right of way
23 corridor, and provide estimated development costs for the purposes of
24 identifying funds.

25 Section 4. That funding the development of 118th Street and the
26 Interchange is a City priority when seeking funds from the following revenue
27 programs:

- 28 – City of Albuquerque Capital Implementation Program for Calendar
29 Years, 2023, 2025 and 2027,
- 30 – Programing new City of Albuquerque revenue that occurs in the
31 Infrastructure Gross Receipts Tax Fund and One Time Federal
32 Government Stimulus Funds,

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- The City of Albuquerque State Legislative priorities for the purposes of procuring state funding for calendar years 2022 through 2027.
- Acquiring project funds from the New Mexico Department of Transportation Local Government Road Fund,
- Acquiring project funds in the 2025 through 2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Mid Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, and
- Acquiring project funds from the Federal Highway Administration Discretionary Grant Programs.