

Transit Administration (FTA) prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; and

WHEREAS, as a recipient of FTA funds, the Transit Department is required to comply with the requirements of the Act and applicable implementing regulations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to FTA Circular 4702.1B, the Transit Department is required to conduct a fare equity analysis for any changes to fares and to submit that equity analysis to its governing entity for approval; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is considering a change to the City's Transit Fares (§ 7-2-1-1) that, at the conclusion of the limited-duration Zero Fares Pilot Project (§ 7-2-1-2), would replace the current fare structure with a cash fare and create free three-year pass available by application; and

WHEREAS, the Equity Analysis of the City of Albuquerque Council Proposal to Resume Fare Collection and Provide Long-Term Free Passes (O-22-47) concluded that there was no disparate impact on minorities as defined in the Department's 2020 Title VI Program; and

WHEREAS, the Equity Analysis concluded that there was a potential disproportionate burden on low-income households as defined in the 2022 Title VI Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance includes steps to avoid, minimize and mitigate those burdens as described in the Equity Analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Council has considered and determined to approve the Transit Department's Equity Analysis of the City of Albuquerque Council Proposal to Resume Fare Collection and Provide Long-Term Free Passes (O-22-47).

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

Section 1. That the Equity Analysis as set forth in the attached Exhibit A entitled "City of Albuquerque Council Proposal to Resume Fare Collection and Provide Long-Term Free Passes (O-22-47) ABQ RIDE Equity Analysis" is approved.

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