



Legislation Text

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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

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

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RESOLUTION

Requesting That The City Of Albuquerque And The New Mexico Department Of Transportation Establish The Development Of New Mexico State Highway 45, (Coors Road) Between Central Avenue And The Intersection With Old Coors Road As A Priority. Requiring The City Of Albuquerque To Develop And Enter Into An Agreement To Upgrade This Segment Of Coors To Urban Arterial Standards (Peña)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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