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CITY of ALBUQUERQUE TWENTY FOURTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-21-173 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Davis, Sena, Peña, Benton

RESOLUTION

Amending Resolution-21-148, Establishing One-Year Objectives For The City Of Albuquerque In Fiscal Year 2022; To Include A Zero Fare Transit Pilot Objective To Meet Five-Year Goals (Davis, Sena, Peña, Benton)

WHEREAS, Section 4-10(b) of the City Charter specifies that the Council annually review and adopt one-year objectives related to the five-year goals for the City, as a basis for budget formulation and other policies and legislation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council adopted Resolution (R)-21-148 the one-year objectives for the City for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY/22); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council adopted a budget priority for the Fiscal Year of 2021 to begin the process of eliminating transit fares and the Transit Department has since eliminated fares for seniors and students; and

WHEREAS, transit fare revenues, less the cost to collect such revenues, account for approximately 4.5% of the Transit Budget and transit fares are substantially paid for by local and federal taxes; and

WHEREAS, eliminating transit fares reduces barriers to transit use, improving economic opportunity and prosperity for transit users; and

WHEREAS, increased transit usage would result in less cars on the road and less emissions in our city; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Council adopted R-21-147, an operating budget for the City of

Albuquerque of which \$3,000,000 is a non-recurring allocation for the purpose of continuing a Free Fare program for ABQRide through June 30, 2022.

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

Section 1. That the language adopted in R-21-147 on page 6 lines 19 and 20 is replaced with the following language;

“Of this amount, \$3,000,000 is a non-recurring allocation for the purpose of implementing a Zero Fare program for ABQRide through June 30, 2022, for all categories of fares but not including, special events and Transportation Management Monthly Passes.”

Section 2. That the City of Albuquerque adopts the following objective for FY/22, under the five -year “Public Infrastructure” goal of the City.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE: The community is adequately and efficiently served with well planned, coordinated and maintained infrastructure.

OBJECTIVE 1. Implement a Zero Fare Transit Project no later than October 1, 2021. By the conclusion of the Third Quarter of FY 22, and the Fourth Quarter of FY 23 submit to Council a report that includes the following;

- (1) The impact to ridership volumes by route on ABQ Ride and system wide on Sun Van,
- (2) The cost to implement the pilot program system wide and by operating hour for ABQ Ride and Sun Van revenue vehicles,
- (3) A review of security calls per route and by type for the ABQ Ride system for the months the pilot project has been in effect and the same months of the previous calendar year. (Transit).

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