

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. C/S O-25-103 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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ORDINANCE

2 AMENDING THE TRANSIT SYSTEM ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE MAJOR
3 TRANSIT ROUTE NETWORK SERVICE CHANGES TO THE TRANSIT ROUTE
4 NETWORK.

5 WHEREAS, public transit provides economic, social, and environmental
6 benefits that help maintain a humane urban environment, through reductions
7 in infrastructure costs, increased job access, mobility for all, reduced
8 emissions, public health improvements, land conservation, and reduced traffic
9 congestion; and

10 WHEREAS, municipalities with transit agencies have codified a variety of
11 legislative processes for approving major transit route network service
12 changes; and

13 WHEREAS, the requirements of Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
14 Circular 4702.1B implementing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42
15 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), require recipients of FTA funding to conduct a Service
16 Equity Analysis for major transit route network service changes and obtain the
17 approval for the analysis from the recipient's governing body; and

18 WHEREAS, the Transit Department, through the adoption of ABQ RIDE's
19 Title VI program policy, currently defines a "major service change" as a
20 change that increases or decreases service revenue hours on a route by 35%
21 or more or that adds or eliminates service to 35 percent or more of the bus
22 stops on a route; and

23 WHEREAS, the City Council has the authority to enact legislation
24 approving major transit route network service changes, as was done in
25 February 2000 through the enactment of R-00-27, which approved a transit

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1 service expansion plan that added routes and route segments in areas of
2 Albuquerque with high concentrations of transit dependent residents.
3 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
4 ALBUQUERQUE:

5 **SECTION 1.** The Transit System Ordinance, § 7-2-1-1 DEFINITIONS is
6 amended to insert the following definitions in alphabetical order:

7 **"MAJOR SERVICE CHANGE.** A change that increases or decreases service
8 revenue hours on a route or that adds or eliminates service to bus stops on a
9 route by a percentage specified in the ABQ RIDE Title VI policy program; and

10 **TRANSIT ROUTE NETWORK.** A system of routes for public transportation,
11 such as buses and trains, designed to provide a spatial representation of how
12 vehicles travel and where passengers can board or alight. These networks are
13 defined by their routes, which follow specific paths with designated stops and
14 are often accompanied by schedules, fares, and headway information. The
15 design and quality of the network are crucial for regional connectivity,
16 supporting access to jobs, education, and other amenities."

17 **SECTION 2.** A new Part 3 TRANSIT ROUTE NETWORK is added to the
18 Transit System Ordinance as follows:

19 **PART 3. TRANSIT ROUTE NETWORK**

20 **§ 7-2-3-1 TRANSIT ROUTE NETWORK AND ROUTE ADOPTION.**

21 (A) A Major Service Change shall be implemented following the
22 submission and approval of a Resolution proposing a Transit Route Network
23 Plan. The Transit Route Network shall include a Service Equity Analysis. The
24 title and the resolve section of the Resolution shall state the legislation is for
25 approval of both a Major Service Change and a Service Equity Analysis.

26 (B) A Major Service Change that is submitted to Council for approval
27 shall include the following information:

28 (1) Consistency with the goals and objectives of the Albuquerque
29 Comprehensive Plan and the Mid Region Council of Governments long-range
30 transportation plans;

31 (2) Identification of funding sources and a cost for implementing
32 the proposed service changes;

17 (C) The Council by Resolution may require the Transit Department to
18 prepare a Major Service Change or individual route change(s). The Resolution
19 requesting the change(s) shall include findings as to the reason for the
20 change(s), including the intended result. The Transit Department shall submit
21 the requested change(s), as required in § 7-2-3-1.

22 **SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, paragraph, sentence, clause,
23 word or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or
24 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not
25 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance. The Council
26 hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and each section,
27 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
28 provision being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

29 SECTION 4. COMPIRATION. SECTION 1 of this Ordinance amends is
30 incorporated in and is to be compiled as part of the Revised Ordinances of
31 Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994. SECTION 2 of this Ordinance is to be
32 compiled as a new Part 3 in Chapter 7, Article 2 of the Revised Ordinances of
33 Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994, titled "Transit Route Network."

1 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance takes effect five days after
2 publication by title and general summary.

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