

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY SIXTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. 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 IV 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 in 2014 (R-15-214), defines a "major service change" as
20 and increase or decrease in service revenue hours on a route by 35% or more,
21 adds or eliminates service to 35% or more of the bus stops on a route, has a
22 significant disparate impact on 10% or more of minorities in the service area,
23 or has a significant disproportionate burden on 10% or more than the average
24 percentage of low-income households in the service area; and

25 WHEREAS, the City Council has the authority to enact legislation
26 approving major transit route network service changes, as was done in

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1 February 2000 through the enactment of R-00-27, which approved a transit
2 service expansion plan that added routes and route segments in areas of
3 Albuquerque with high concentrations of transit dependent residents.

4 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
5 ALBUQUERQUE:

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

8 **“MAJOR TRANSIT ROUTE NETWORK SERVICE CHANGE.** A major transit
9 route network service change includes:

10 (1) An increase or decrease in service revenue hours on a route by
11 35% or more, adds or eliminates service to 35% or more of the bus stops on a
12 route, has a significant disparate impact on 10% or more of minorities in the
13 service area, or has a significant disproportionate burden on 10% or more
14 than the average percentage of low-income households in the service area;
15 and/or

16 (2) The addition or elimination of one or more routes

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

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

26 **PART 3. TRANSIT ROUTE NETWORK**

27 **§ 7-2-3-1 TRANSIT ROUTE NETWORK PLAN ADOPTION.**

28 (A) A Major Transit Route Network Service Change shall be
29 implemented following the submission of a Resolution proposing a Transit
30 Route Network Plan. The Transit Route Network shall include a Service Equity
31 Analysis if the changes meet the thresholds identified in the Transit
32 Department’s Title VI program policy as submitted to the Federal Transit
33 Administration.

1 (B) A Transit Route Network Plan and a Major Transit Route Network
2 Service Change that are submitted to Council for approval shall include the
3 following information:

4 (1) Consistency with the goals and objectives of the Albuquerque
5 Comprehensive Plan and the Mid Region Council of Governments long-range
6 transportation plans;

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

9 (3) Alignment of ridership demand with service supply to avoid
10 under- or over-serving corridors including coordination with the Rio Metro
11 Regional Transit District Transit Route Network;

12 (4) Proposed Route maps and schedules;

13 (5) Confirmation the transit route network is supported by fleet
14 size, existing transit facilities, and staffing;

15 (6) Confirmation the transit route network minimizes deadhead
16 miles, and match service levels to demand;

17 (7) The transit route system provides connectivity to essential
18 services including medical facilities, government offices, schools, and major
19 job centers;

20 (8) The proposed route system eliminates duplicative routes,
21 reduces less efficient routes, and improves routes and overall service to
22 underserved areas; and

23 (9) Includes post implementation indicators to measure whether
24 the transit route network fulfills the above stated standards.

25 (10) Other Information the Transit Department considers important
26 for implementation of the plan.

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

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1 **SECTION 4. COMPILATION.** SECTION 1 of this Ordinance amends is
2 incorporated in, and is to be compiled as part of the Revised Ordinances of
3 Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994. SECTION 2 of this Ordinance is to be
4 compiled as a new Part 3 in Chapter 7, Article 2 of the Revised Ordinances of
5 Albuquerque, New Mexico, 1994, titled “Transit Route Network.”

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

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