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1       **WHEREAS, the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan reports these growth**  
2 **trends will increase annual vehicle hours of delay from 400,000 to 1,500,000;**  
3 **and**

4       **WHEREAS, the resulting severe congestion at the river crossings will**  
5 **reduce the geographical area of the labor markets conveniently accessible to**  
6 **key employment centers, will compromise the community's quality of life (a**  
7 **key factor for employers when choosing where to locate a business) and will**  
8 **drive up transportation costs which depress housing prices west of the Rio**  
9 **Grande resulting in expensive speculative housing prices for the fixed number**  
10 **of homes in the built out neighborhoods east of the River; and**

11       **WHEREAS, the high number of rooftops, the limited number of bridge**  
12 **crossings, and the concentration of jobs on opposite sides of the river has**  
13 **created a dire need to significantly improve the jobs/housing balance by**  
14 **developing a major employment area west of the river that is equivalent in**  
15 **labor capacity to Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB) or the University of New**  
16 **Mexico/Central New Mexico College (UNM/CNM) complex; and**

17       **WHEREAS, the Paseo del Volcan corridor and adjacent properties are the**  
18 **only area with adequate land west of the Rio Grande for a large employer or**  
19 **group of employers; and**

20       **WHEREAS, constructing Paseo del Volcan will open up land use options**  
21 **for development of private and public research parks and institutions of**  
22 **higher education required to support the high skilled jobs that will dominate**  
23 **the future economy of North America, and still provide land to house those**  
24 **who work in these facilities; and**

25       **WHEREAS, the 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan identified over**  
26 **\$2,000,000,000 in transportation infrastructure needs west of Rio Grande,**  
27 **including completing Unser Boulevard and Paseo Del Norte, extending Atrisco**  
28 **Vista Boulevard north to Southern Avenue in Rio Rancho, and adding high**  
29 **capacity transit to Coors Boulevard and the Montano and Paseo del Norte**  
30 **river crossings in addition to numerous other improvements needed for the**  
31 **arterial and collector street system west of the river; and**

32       **WHEREAS, the property and gross receipt taxes created by developing a**  
33 **new economic generator equivalent to KAFB or UNM/CNM could provide a**

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1 significant portion of the funding to construct the needed infrastructure west  
2 of the Rio Grande; and

3 WHEREAS, New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has filed  
4 an environmental impact statement with the Federal Highway Administration  
5 that states; “if implemented, Paseo del Volcan would create a major  
6 transportation corridor with efficient access to the developing properties on  
7 Albuquerque's west side and in Rio Rancho. Paseo del Volcan will facilitate  
8 and provide for orderly development in a rapidly growing area of Bernalillo  
9 and Sandoval Counties; and improve the roadway network’s linkages and add  
10 additional roadway capacity to other existing and planned transportation  
11 facilities within the northwest subarea.”; and

12 WHEREAS, the NMDOT has constructed the segment of Paseo del Volcan  
13 as a limited access highway from United States Highway 550 south to the Rio  
14 Rancho Town Center. The Department is currently acquiring right of way for  
15 the roadway from the Town Center to the Bernalillo/Sandoval County Line; and

16 WHEREAS, acting now to designate Paseo del Volcan as a regional priority  
17 before the lands adjoining it are developed will reduce right-of-way costs and  
18 avoid disrupting existing neighborhoods and businesses (even condemning  
19 sound buildings in stable neighborhoods).

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

22 Section 1. That the City of Albuquerque considers the development of  
23 Paseo del Volcan a priority project for the 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021  
24 Capital Improvement Programs and for any reauthorization of the Quarter Cent  
25 Transportation Infrastructure Tax. However, it is not the intent of the City of  
26 Albuquerque to assume a disproportionate responsibility for the material  
27 construction of the roadway and interchanges.

28 Section 2. The City requests the New Mexico State Legislature designate  
29 the development of Paseo del Volcan as a State priority for the funding cycles  
30 from Fiscal Year 2014 through Fiscal Year 2024.

31 Section 3. The City requests that the Metropolitan Transportation Board of  
32 the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area establish the development of

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1 Paseo del Volcan as a regional priority for the Transportation Improvement  
2 Programs in 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020 and 2022.

3 Section 4. The City requests that the County of Bernalillo, the County of  
4 Sandoval and the City of Rio Rancho designate development of Paseo del  
5 Volcan as a priority and assist in the project's funding.

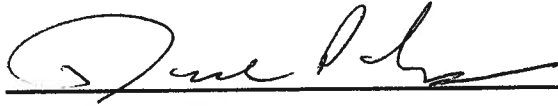
6 Section 5. The City requests that the owners of property in the corridor  
7 voluntarily participate in the Development of Paseo Del Volcan by donating  
8 right of way and providing other assistance as is needed.

9 Section 6. The City requests that the New Mexico Congressional Delegation  
10 work to secure federal funds for building Paseo del Volcan and assist in  
11 accessing federal programs for developing an employment center in the  
12 Paseo del Volcan Corridor.

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 4<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2013  
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

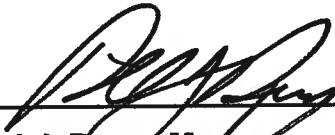
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Daniel P. Lewis, President  
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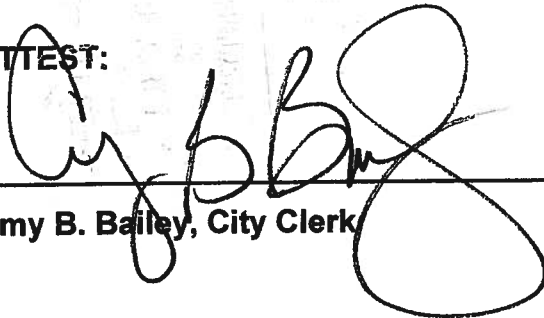
APPROVED THIS 19 DAY OF February, 2013

**Bill No. R-12-119**



Richard J. Berry, Mayor  
City of Albuquerque

ATTEST:



Amy B. Bailey, City Clerk

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