

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE
TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-14-115 ENACTMENT NO. R.2014.094

SPONSORED BY: Don Harris, by request

1 RESOLUTION
2 ADOPTING THE ROUTE 66 ACTION PLAN AS A RANK II FACILITY PLAN FOR
3 APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES OF CENTRAL AVE. RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN
4 APPROXIMATELY TRAMWAY BLVD. AND 116TH STREET (ZONE ATLAS
5 PAGES L-6 TO L-9, K-9 TO K-20, J-12 TO J-13, L-20 TO L-23).

6 WHEREAS, the City Council, the governing body of the City of
7 Albuquerque, has the authority to adopt and amend plans for the physical
8 development of areas within the planning and platting jurisdiction of the City
9 authorized by Statute, Section 3-19-1 et. Seq., NMSA 1978, and by its home
10 rule powers; and

11 WHEREAS, approval of the Route 66 Action Plan is consistent with the
12 applicable goals and policies of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County
13 Comprehensive Plan, the Major Open Space Facility Plan, the Bikeways and
14 Trails Facility Plan, the Bosque Action Plan, the Central Avenue Streetscape
15 Master Plan, Central Avenue rank 3 sector plans and other city plans; and

16 WHEREAS, the primary goal of the Route 66 Action Plan is to provide
17 guidance for City departments – including Planning, Parks and Recreation,
18 Municipal Development, and Transit – to use in the revitalization of Route 66 /
19 Central Avenue; project coordination within the public right-of-way and
20 guidance for lower-ranking plans, such as sector development plans and
21 corridor plans; and

22 WHEREAS, the Route 66 Action Plan intends to catalyze and guide future
23 development along the Route 66 / Central Avenue corridor, providing policies
24 and actions for project managers and private developers looking to invest in
25 Route 66; and

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1 **WHEREAS, the Plan contains an Action Plan Matrix project list, included in**
2 **the appendix of the Plan, which will continue to be updated and maintained by**
3 **an inter-departmental Route 66 planning team, to ensure that Route 66**
4 **continues to contribute to the unique and vibrant culture of Albuquerque; and**

5 **WHEREAS, on March 6, 2014, the Environmental Planning Commission**
6 **(EPC) unanimously recommended approval of the Rank II Route 66 Action**
7 **Plan for Project # 1009951 - 14EPC-40003, a request for an Adoption of a Rank**
8 **II Facility Plan for the Route 66 Action Plan, as recommended in the findings**
9 **within the March 6, 2014 staff report (see Record).**

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

12 **Section 1. The City Council adopts the following findings:**

13 **1. The proposed Route 66 Action Plan area comprises approximately 15**
14 **miles of Central Avenue/Route 66 within Albuquerque city limits from 116th**
15 **Street to just east of Tramway Boulevard.**

16 **2. The Plan provides goals and policies for City departments and other**
17 **stakeholders to use in the revitalization of Route 66/Central Avenue and does**
18 **not change zoning or provide technical drawings.**

19 **3. The Plan has been vetted by the public and a Route 66 Working**
20 **Group that was formed to support the development of the Plan.**

21 **4. The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan, the City of**
22 **Albuquerque Zoning Code and the Route 66 Action Plan are incorporated**
23 **herein by reference and made part of the record for all purposes.**

24 **5. The Plan is intended to enhance and coordinate with capital projects**
25 **outlined in the Rank III Sector Development Plans that exist along the Route 66**
26 **corridor.**

27 **6. The proposed plan is consistent with the City Charter, which**
28 **empowers the City to ensure proper land use and development (City Charter,**
29 **Article I) and support a high-quality urban environment (City Charter, Article**
30 **IX) by establishing a strategy to guide improvements in the built environment.**
31 **The proposed plan implements and furthers the applicable Goals and Policies**
32 **of the Rank I Comprehensive Plan as follows:**

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- 1 **A. The Route 66 Action Plan contains policies, objectives and actions to**
2 **create attractive and meaningful public spaces along Route 66 to be enjoyed**
3 **daily by locals and visitors. The Plan considers streetscapes, enhanced**
4 **public spaces, signage, wayfinding and public art as part of this effort. (II.B.6.**
5 **Central Urban Area)**
- 6 **B. The Plan outlines measures to create a strong and diverse business**
7 **economy. The Major Activity Centers along the Corridor, Unser to Coors, Old**
8 **Town, the BioPark and UNM are also seen as primary nodes. They are seen**
9 **as assets to build upon. The Plan also looks at ways to support mixed-use**
10 **and high-density residential projects, where appropriate, which will help**
11 **promote multi-modal transportation and effective provision of City services.**
12 **(II.B.7. Activity Centers)**
- 13 **C. The Plan supports protection and enhancement of significant**
14 **historic districts and buildings with policies that preserve and protect Route**
15 **66 assets, by recognizing Route 66 era buildings and celebrating key sites**
16 **and historic places on Route 66. (II.C.5. Historic Resources)**
- 17 **D. The Plan supports the arts, community events and cultural traditions**
18 **as incremental in the continued traditions of the “Mother Road” and the**
19 **community’s well-being. (II.C.7. Cultural Traditions and the Arts)**
- 20 **E. Improvement of the developed landscape’s quality is a key element**
21 **of the Action Plan as it makes recommendations for urban public spaces,**
22 **natural open spaces, and a unified streetscape. (II.C.8. Developed**
23 **Landscape)**
- 24 **F. The Plan focuses on the city right-of way and makes suggestions for**
25 **private property uses to create a better natural environment and built**
26 **environment. The Plan will promote local history, culture and traditions,**
27 **while preserving the identity, character and connectivity of each community**
28 **within the corridor. (II.C.9. Community Identity and Urban Design)**
- 29 **G. The Plan proposes infrastructure improvements to storm water and**
30 **drainage facilities and high speed digital services. The Plan outlines**
31 **priorities for capital spending in existing services areas that reflect regional**
32 **and local systems. (II.D.1. Service Provision)**

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1 H. The Plan, in conjunction with lower-ranking plans and ongoing
2 efforts such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), will help develop a balanced
3 circulation system through focused and coordinated capital expenditures
4 with a primary goal to develop and support an attractive, comfortable,
5 efficient and easily accessible multi-modal transportation system. (II.D.4.
6 Transportation and Transit)

7 I. The Plan supports catalytic opportunities for a strong and diverse
8 business economy. It looks at ways to minimize gaps (undeveloped areas
9 along Central Avenue) by promoting affordable housing projects, mixed use
10 housing and senior living facilities on undeveloped areas and increase
11 density on Central Avenue. It also recommends coordination between
12 internal departments before a building can be demolished. (II.D.5. Housing)

13 J. The Plan calls for City resources to demonstrate a strong
14 commitment and investment in Central Avenue, giving high priority to city
15 projects. Encouragement to locate new housing and jobs along Central
16 Avenue may reduce the need to travel and/or focus travel to the corridor. The
17 Plan calls for reinvestment strategies to fill in gaps along the corridor and
18 incentives for Route 66 business and development, attracting a diversity of
19 business types and employment opportunities. The Plan encourages tourism
20 by offering diverse attractions, lodging, restaurants, sights and sounds,
21 businesses and events, along with unique marketing and branding of Route
22 66 and Albuquerque. The Plan suggests coordination with public and private
23 partners for economic development, branding and tourism purposes. (II.D.6.
24 Economic Development)

25 K. The Plan makes recommendations for a safer and more secure
26 community using tools such as CPTED (Crime Prevention Through
27 Environmental Design) strategies in new and existing development, as well
28 as in publicly funded projects. It also discusses the location of future police
29 facilities, encouraging more pedestrian activity and expanding the Clean City
30 program. (II.D.9. Public Safety)

31 7. The proposed plan supports the following applicable goals and
32 policies of other Rank II Area/Facility Plans, rank 3 sector plans, Metropolitan

1 **Redevelopment Area (MRA) plans and other city plans, as listed in Appendix**
2 **D of the plan document.**

3 **8. There were no adverse comments from the reviewing agencies.**
4 **Comments have been addressed in the proposed plan.**

5 **9. There were no adverse comments from the public. The public**
6 **involvement process included five community meetings. A Route 66 Working**
7 **Group was formed and continues to meet regularly to advise staff on the Plan.**
8 **Information was also made available on the city website and in neighborhood**
9 **newsletters. There is no known opposition to the Plan.**

10 **Section 2. The Route 66 Action Plan, attached hereto and made a part**
11 **hereof, is adopted as a Rank II Facility Plan and regulatory guide to the**
12 **implementation of the Rank I Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive**
13 **Plan and applicable Rank II and Rank III Plans as cited above.**

14 **Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect five days**
15 **after publication by title and general summary.**

16 **Section 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section paragraph, sentence,**
17 **clause, word, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid**
18 **or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall**
19 **not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The**
20 **Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each**
21 **section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of**
22 **any provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.**

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1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF November, 2014
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.

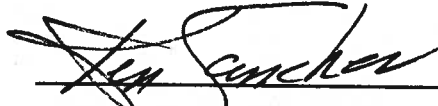
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8 Ken Sanchez, President

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12 APPROVED THIS 24 DAY OF November, 2014

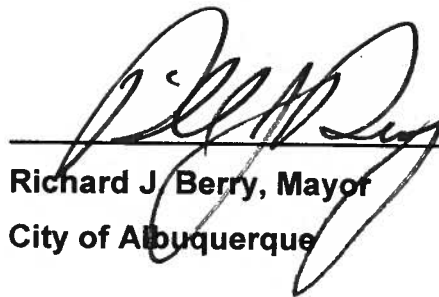
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18 Richard J. Berry, Mayor

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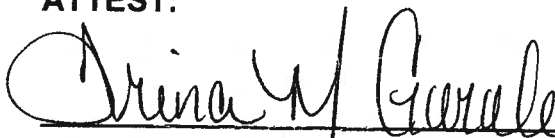
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24 ATTEST:



27 Trina M. Gurule, Acting City Clerk

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