

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

SIXTEENTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-04-204 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Michael Cadigan

1 RESOLUTION
2 REQUESTING THE MAYOR TO COMPLETE ALL NECESSARY PROCEDURES
3 TO UTILIZE ALL FOUR LANES OF TRAFFIC CAPACITY ON THE MONTAÑO
4 BRIDGE AND CORRIDOR.

5 WHEREAS, the Montaña Bridge was designed and constructed with a
6 capacity for four lanes of traffic, but the City initially chose to utilize only two
7 lanes; and

8 WHEREAS, the Montaña corridor allows people in the North Valley to
9 access existing and future jobs on the West Side, and allows people on both
10 sides of the river to access non-job destinations such as shopping,
11 professional services, visiting and recreating; and

12 WHEREAS, traffic congestion is accelerating in Albuquerque, a trend
13 that is expected to continue with the growth of jobs on the Northwest Mesa
14 and Rio Rancho; and

15 WHEREAS, the costs associated with modifying the Montaña Bridge
16 and corridor to four traffic lanes are minimal and of little consequence when
17 assessing the benefits of enhancing the traffic flow; and

18 WHEREAS, it is necessary and socially and economically prudent to
19 expand the use of the Montaña Bridge and corridor to its capacity of four
20 traffic lanes as soon as practicably possible; and

21 WHEREAS, construction during the reconfiguration of the Coors/I-40
22 intersection will create substantial westside traffic congestion that would be
23 mitigated in part by using four lanes on the Montaña Bridge.

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

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1 Section 1. That the Mayor is hereby requested to complete all required
2 procedures and satisfy all requirements to utilize the four lanes of traffic
3 capacity on the Montañó Bridge and corridor from Coors to Second Street.

4 Section 2. That it is the intent of this Resolution to repeal the
5 Council's previous policy, including but not limited to F/S R-104 Enactment
6 No. 111-2000, and R-200 Enactment No. 17-1989 Section 1, regarding the
7 procedure for converting from two lanes of traffic on the Montañó Bridge to
8 four lanes, and resolve that it is the policy of the City to utilize four lanes of
9 traffic on Montañó from Coors to Second Street as soon as possible.

10 Section 3. In conjunction with Section 2 and not as a condition
11 precedent to Section 2, the Administration shall:

12 A. Complete the corridor plan for North 4th Street, including public
13 visioning, land use objectives, streetscape program, roadway design including
14 pedestrian friendly, transit and other multi-modal transportation, economic
15 development, preservation and community identity.

16 B. Complete the Near North Valley Sector Plan so that the desired
17 design and function of the North 4th Street Corridor is compatible with the
18 community's vision for the future of adjoining neighborhoods.

19 C. Evaluate the intersection of 4th Street and Montañó in terms of
20 intersection problems and needs, evaluation criteria and methodology,
21 identification and analysis of preliminary alternatives, and financial analysis.
22 The alternatives should be evaluated in terms of their consistency with the
23 North 4th Street corridor plan, the relevant portions of the Near North Valley
24 Sector Plan, and other related adopted plans. The results of the evaluation
25 shall be implemented as soon as possible.

26 Section 4. The Administration shall report to the Council the progress
27 in achieving Section 3 tasks every four months until the tasks are complete.

28 Section 5. The utilization of up to four driving lanes on all or a portion
29 of Montañó from Coors to Second Street shall not occur until the earlier of:

30 A. The study authorized by Council Bill R-05-216 is completed; or

31 B. September 25, 2005.