



**Environmental  
Planning  
Commission**

**Agenda Number: 09  
Project Number: 1001620  
Case #: 14EPC-40081  
December 11, 2014**

**Staff Report**

<b>Agent</b>	City of Albuquerque Planning Department
<b>Applicant</b>	City of Albuquerque Council Services <b>Amending Zoning Code §14-16-3-5(B)(1), a portion of the General Signage Regulations, to allow off-premise signs (billboards) within 660 feet of the edge of the right-of-way of Interstate 25 and Interstate 40, to be converted to electronic off-premise signs (billboards) while retaining non-conforming status.</b>
<b>Location</b>	City-wide

**Staff Recommendation**

**DEFERRAL of 14EPC-40081 for 30 days to the January 8, 2015 EPC hearing, based on the Findings below.**

**Staff Planner  
Catalina Lehner, AICP-Senior Planner**

<b>Request</b>
<p>The request is for a recommendation to City Council regarding text amendments to amend the City's Comprehensive Zoning Code §14-16-3-5(B)(1), a portion of the General Signage Regulations, to allow off-premise signs, including free-standing billboards located within 660 feet of the edge of the right-of-way of Interstate 25 and Interstate 40, within municipal limits, to be converted to electronic off-premise signs, primarily free-standing billboards, while retaining non-conforming status.</p> <p>The proposed text amendments are found in legislation known as Bill No. O-14-25. The EPC's task is to make a recommendation to the City Council. The City Council will make the final decision.</p>

<b>Findings for Deferral</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The request is for a recommendation to City Council regarding text amendments to amend the City's Comprehensive Zoning Code §14-16-3-5(B)(1), a portion of the General Signage Regulations, to allow off-premise signs, including free-standing billboards, located within 660 feet of the edge of the right-of-way of Interstate 25 and Interstate 40, within municipal limits, to be converted to electronic off-premise signs, primarily free-standing billboards, while retaining non-conforming status.</li><li>2. The Planning Department requests a 30-day deferral to the January 8, 2015 EPC hearing and the applicant is in agreement with this request.</li><li>3. Planning Staff is requesting a 30-day deferral to the January 15, 2014 EPC hearing in order to have additional time to further coordinate with Code Enforcement Staff regarding the proposed text amendments.</li></ol>