

9 The Plan – Program and Policy Recommendations

9.1 Introduction

This chapter recommends actions that will help fulfill East Gateway Sector Development Plan goals: 2.2.1 to create a safe, well maintained and attractive community; 2.2.2 to enable the continued existence and development of a variety of thriving businesses; 2.2.3 to design and build streets that offer multiple efficient, safe transportation choices; 2.2.6 to support existing stable, thriving residential neighborhoods and transform other, and 2.2.7 to ensure well maintained safe housing for low income households.

Included are recommendations to initiate coordinated housing, building and zoning code enforcement in East Gateway, to amend the Albuquerque/ Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan Activity Centers map to include a new activity center at Eubank Boulevard, and to continue actions to reclassify Southern Avenue as a collector street.

9.2 The Recommendations

Enforce Housing, Zoning and Building Codes for residential rental properties.

Notes: Ensure safe, appropriate alternative housing arrangements if tenant displacement occurs.

This action will improve housing conditions and public safety, particularly in multi-family housing developments that are not maintained and/or have high degrees of property and personal crime. Implementation will require cross-agency coordination to form strike teams to quickly and efficiently address problems.

Amend the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan to designate a Community Activity Center at Central and Eubank, extending south to Southern Avenue.

This action will officially designate the Eubank Boulevard (Central-Southern Avenues) area as a Community Activity Center as it is defined in the Albuquerque/ Bernalillo Comprehensive Plan. It acknowledges existing conditions at Central and Eubank and will enable the area to continue to promote appropriate types and densities of development.

Reclassify Southern Avenue between Eubank and Juan Tabo Boulevards as a collector street and remove limited-access status.

This action will be initiated by the City and be done in cooperation with the Mid Region Council of Governments. It acknowledges the changed conditions that eliminate the future development of Southern Avenue as a

connecting segment of a loop road that extends through Kirtland Air Force Base. Southern Avenue can now be completed as an urban collector street that serves local needs.