RESOLUTION

REQUIRING A TRANSPORTATION FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE 4TH STREET AND MONTANO ROAD INTERSECTION; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION;
REPEALING BILL NO. R-04-161.

WHEREAS, the intersection of 4th Street and Montano Road is a crossroads linking the North East Heights, the North West Mesa, the Central Valley and the North Valley; and

WHEREAS, 4th Street is the original Route 66 and later became United States Highway 85 the first road linking together the states of the Rocky Mountain States with the Border of the Republic of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the City has embarked on several planning efforts to revitalize 4th Street; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Montano and 4th Street is operating beyond design capacity during peak hours with traffic lines extending east to Edith Boulevard, west to Rio Grande Boulevard, south to Griegos Road and north to Guadalupe Trail; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has proposed widening the intersection to accommodate for existing traffic and additional traffic expected with the expansion of Montano to four Lanes between 4th Street and Coors Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, in two town hall meetings the residents of the area objected to this proposal contending it will break up the continuity of the 4th Street corridor and will not adequately reduce congestion at the intersection.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE THAT:

Section 1. Bill No. R-04-161 hereby is repealed.
Section 2. A study is to be conducted of the intersection at 4th Street and Montano Road that is to include a purpose and objectives, intersection history, agency coordination, public involvement and outreach, decision chronology and time line, intersection problem and needs, evaluation criteria and methodology, development, analysis, and description of alternatives, and a financial analysis of the alternatives.

Section 3. The study shall include an evaluation of lane options for Montano, including High Occupancy Vehicle lanes and bus lanes. This evaluation shall consider the relationship of a reversible lane on the Montano Bridge with the design, operation, and signalization of Montano Road and the Montano Road and 4th Street intersection. This work shall be carried out concurrently with the corridor plan for North 4th Street and the Near North Valley Sector Plan.

Section 4. The study shall include a collaboration among staff with the Department of Municipal Development, the Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency of the Planning Department, the Mid-Region Council of Governments, and the City Council Services Department.

Section 5. The completed study is to be transmitted to the Council within seven months of the enactment date of this legislation.

Section 6. The amount of $150,000, is hereby appropriated from the Unreserved Fund Balance of the General Fund to the City Council Service Department for the purpose of providing the study.