RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING CITY POLICY FOR MONTAÑO ROAD FROM COORS BOULEVARD TO 4TH STREET TO BE FOUR GENERAL PURPOSE LANES.

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

WHEREAS, Bill No. R-04-204 resolves that use of up to four driving lanes on Montaño Road from Coors to 4th Street be implemented as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, A local engineering company, Wilson and Company was selected to prepare a study of lane alternatives for Montaño Road between Coors Boulevard and 4th Street; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to R-05-216, A Council directed team selected HPE, Inc., a Florida based company, as a sub consultant to Wilson and Company; and

WHEREAS, the report authorized by R-05-216 was due to City Council by September 17, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson and Company report was ready for submittal by September 17, 2005 but was delayed by HPE; and

WHEREAS, the HPE portion of the study authorized was submitted to Council on October 17, 2005 but did not include any modeling of their selected alternative nor any of the analysis completed by Wilson and Company; and

WHEREAS, the engineering study completed by Wilson and Company recommends four general purpose lanes as the most cost effective, efficient, and safest utilization of Montaño Road between Coors Boulevard and 4th Street; and
WHEREAS, the noise, vibration, and biological studies completed as part of the Wilson and Company report show that the effects to the adjacent properties within the Los Poblanos Historic District are minimal and remain within State and Federal Guidelines with Montaño Road configured as a 4 lane facility between Coors Boulevard and 4th Street; and

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court, County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico has determined that the City of Albuquerque has met all City policies and dissolved the preliminary injunction delaying the City of Albuquerque from reconfiguring Montaño Road between Coors and 4th Street to 4 lanes; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and socially and economically prudent to expand the use of the Montaño Bridge and Road between Coors and 4th Street to its capacity of four general purpose lanes as soon as possible.

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

Section 1. Montaño Road between Coors Boulevard and 4th Street shall be operated as a four general purpose lane facility throughout the corridor or any portion thereof as soon as possible.