

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTIETH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-13-172 ENACTMENT NO. _____

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RESOLUTION

AMENDING THE ALBUQUERQUE/BERNALILLO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO UPDATE APPENDIX D. STATISTICAL AND MAP INFORMATION AND, IN SECTION II, FIGURE 30 DEVELOPMENT AREAS WITH ACTIVITY CENTERS AND TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS AND FIGURE 31 DEVELOPMENT AREAS, AND TO ADD FIGURE 32 ACTIVITY CENTERS AND TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS.

WHEREAS, the Council, the Governing Body of the City of Albuquerque, has the authority to amend the Comprehensive Plan as authorized by statute, Section 3-19-9, NMSA 1970, and by its home rule powers; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan is the Rank I plan for the physical development and conservation of areas within the City of Albuquerque and unincorporated Bernalillo County, which sets out the context, goals and policies, monitoring and implementation, and supporting information to further its purpose; and

WHEREAS, it is advantageous to the City and County to incorporate current US Census and other planning-related information from state and local agencies and its own departments, and to recognize the results of planning efforts at Rank 2 and 3 levels, in order to provide a more accurate and consistent picture of existing conditions for decision-making and investment by the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque adopted the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan in 1988 (Enactment Number 138-1988) and has amended parts of the Plan on various occasions, most recently in 2003, but has not revisited the Plan since then; and

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1 WHEREAS, staff of the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County have
2 worked together to update the subject appendix and maps as a first step
3 toward a more complete review of the Plan; and

4 WHEREAS, on March 14, 2013, the Environmental Planning Commission
5 (EPC), in its advisory role on land use and planning matters, recommended
6 approval to the City Council of the amendment to the
7 ALBUQUERQUE/BERNALILLO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; therefore
8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
9 ALBUQUERQUE:

10 SECTION 1. That the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan
11 is amended to replace the existing Appendix D with Exhibit A.

12 SECTION 2. That the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan
13 is amended to replace the maps after page II-35 (Figure 30 Development Areas
14 with Activity Centers and Transportation Corridors and Figure 31
15 Development Areas) with Exhibit B.

16 SECTION 3. FINDINGS ACCEPTED. The City Council adopts the following
17 findings as recommended by the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC):

- 18 1. The request is to amend the Rank I Master Plan, the
19 Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan, by updating
20 Appendix D, which contains demographic and planning data, and the
21 Activity Centers and Transportation Corridors Maps in Section II. Goals
22 & Policies.
- 23 2. The geographic scope of the request consists of the same area as in the
24 existing Comprehensive Plan: the area within Albuquerque’s municipal
25 limits and the unincorporated area of Bernalillo County.
- 26 3. The 2035 Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Charter of the City of
27 Albuquerque, Albuquerque Code of Ordinances: §1-2-1 -
28 Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan, §2-12-1 - Capital
29 Improvement Program, §14-13-2-1 - Albuquerque Planning Ordinance,
30 §14-16-1-3 Intent of Albuquerque Comprehensive Zoning Code, West
31 Side Strategic Plan, Mesa del Sol Plan B and the draft West Route 66
32 SDP 2.23.12 (WR66SDP) are incorporated herein by reference.

- 1 **4. The City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County Planning Departments**
2 **have been coordinating the submittal and its concurrent review by the**
3 **County Planning Commission (CPC), EPC and ultimately the Board of**
4 **Commissioners and City Council. At a public hearing on March 6, 2013**
5 **the CPC recommended approval of the joint request to the County**
6 **Board of Commissioners.**
- 7 **5. The demographic information in Appendix D is updated based on the**
8 **2010 Census, and other categories of data were obtained from local**
9 **sources. The information includes:**
 - 10 **a. US Census data for population, housing, employment,**
11 **transportation, and educational attainment**
 - 12 **b. City park development**
 - 13 **c. Activity Centers**
 - 14 **d. Metropolitan Redevelopment Areas**
 - 15 **e. Registered Historic Districts**
 - 16 **f. Transportation Corridors**
 - 17 **g. Public school enrollment.**
- 18 **6. The amended map of Development Areas with Activity Centers and**
19 **Transportation Corridors, Fig. 30 dated 3/1/2013, reflects changes**
20 **recommended in lower ranked Master Plans, Area and Sector**
21 **Development Plans that have been adopted since 2001, or, regarding**
22 **the draft WR66SDP, changes that did not generate opposition during the**
23 **EPC process. Following Planning Department work undertaken in 2009,**
24 **adjustments to the boundaries of three activity centers on Coors Blvd.**
25 **are proposed in order to align them with current streets, property lines,**
26 **and established land uses and zoning. No other adjustments to activity**
27 **centers are proposed at this time. Changes to Transportation Corridors**
28 **may reflect current transit services or projected improvements,**
29 **including future Bus Rapid Transit routes.**
- 30 **7. An additional map, Fig. 32 dated 3/1/2013 - Activity Centers and**
31 **Transportation Corridors, is proposed to make the centers and**
32 **corridors' information more legible.**

- 1 **8. The update of demographic and planning data, including activity**
- 2 **centers and corridors, supports the following City plans and codes:**
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 - 4 **a. §1-2-1 - Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan,**
 - 5 **because it presents current conditions and recognizes**
 - 6 **implementation of the Plan’s goals and policies since the last**
 - 7 **amendments.**
 - 8 **b. §2-12-1 - Capital Improvement Program, because it informs City**
 - 9 **decisions involving capital expenditures for public infrastructure**
 - 10 **and facilities.**
 - 11 **c. West Side Strategic Plan, by incorporating appropriate**
 - 12 **amendments to activity centers of this Rank 2 plan.**
 - 13 **d. Mesa del Sol Plan, because it incorporates the most recent**
 - 14 **amendments to activity centers of this Rank 3 plan.**
- 15 **9. The request meets the required procedure for amendments to the**
- 16 **Comprehensive Plan set out in Section III.F of the Plan, including the**
- 17 **Albuquerque Planning Ordinance to which it refers.**
- 18 **10. There is neighborhood opposition to adjusting the southern boundary**
- 19 **of the Coors/Montano Village Community Activity Center due to**
- 20 **potential litigation and possible future rezoning. However, the update**
- 21 **has no bearing on a potential court case. Any future rezoning is**
- 22 **speculative and would be reviewed according to requirements**
- 23 **applicable if and when an application is submitted to the City. Other**
- 24 **public comments make significant new recommendations regarding**
- 25 **activity centers, which are more appropriate to address at a later date as**
- 26 **part of a complete review of the Comprehensive Plan.**

27 **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION. This legislation shall**

28 **take effect five days after publication by title and general summary.**

29 **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence,**

30 **clause, word or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or**

31 **unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not**

32 **affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Council**

hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section,

- 1 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any
- 2 provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.
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