

CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE 2025 TRANSIT EQUITY DAY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Rosa Parks birthday on February 4 is an opportunity to celebrate and educate about transit equity; and

WHEREAS transit equity is identified as communities most impacted, transit dependent bus riders, having access to transportation they need and deserve and mobility justice is transit dependent bus riders making their own decisions about transit and mobility as well as informing or leading decisions about transit and mobility; and

WHEREAS transit connects riders to education, employment, healthcare, recreation and other opportunities that promote the health and health equity of our communities; and

WHEREAS increased opportunities for employment in good jobs form a key part of a “just transition” connected to a clean and renewable energy; and

WHEREAS transit is a human right and public good, and unequal access to public transit based on age, disability, gender, income and race has persisted to this day with inadequate public funding for transit; and

WHEREAS transitioning our transportation system from personal vehicle dependence to public transit using low and no emission transit vehicles is key to creating safer streets with healthier and cleaner air; and

WHEREAS the City of Albuquerque has previously recognized Rosa Parks’ birthday and Transit Equity with free buses, a mayoral proclamation and graphics on buses and social media since 2019, as well as permanently funding Zero Fares with free ART, ABQ Ride and Sun Vans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transit Advisory Board supports the call for the City of Albuquerque to observe a Transit Equity Day, a day of action in remembrance of Rosa Parks and the acknowledgement of public transit as a human right, on February 4, 2025, with a local celebration on Saturday, February 1; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the city and Transit Department continue to focus on racial, economic and other inequities in access to public transit and the need for free and accessible transit in the city budget and centering transit equity for frequency and routes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the city make accessible and expand multilingual information AND outreach about public transit in English as well as other languages including but not limited to Arabic, Dari, Diné, Keres, Mandarin, Spanish, Swahili, Tiwa and Vietnamese; and

FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the city support evidence based policy making and pursuing additional funding from the State of New Mexico, including the creation of a statewide transit equity fund, and other resources including county and federal government to support public transit and transit equity including Zero Fares and expanding frequency and routes in transit dependent communities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Transit Advisory Board certifies this resolution and will share the resolution with the mayor and city councilors.