

# CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

## TWENTY-FIRST COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-14-115

ENACTMENT NO. R.2014.094

SPONSORED BY: Don Harris, by request

1 RESOLUTION

2 ADOPTING THE ROUTE 66 ACTION PLAN AS A RANK II FACILITY PLAN FOR  
3 APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES OF CENTRAL AVE. RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN  
4 APPROXIMATELY TRAMWAY BLVD. AND 116<sup>TH</sup> STREET (ZONE ATLAS  
5 PAGES L-6 TO L-9, K-9 TO K-20, J-12 TO J-13, L-20 TO L-23).

6 WHEREAS, the City Council, the governing body of the City of  
7 Albuquerque, has the authority to adopt and amend plans for the physical  
8 development of areas within the planning and platting jurisdiction of the City  
9 authorized by Statute, Section 3-19-1 et. Seq., NMSA 1978, and by its home  
10 rule powers; and

11 WHEREAS, approval of the Route 66 Action Plan is consistent with the  
12 applicable goals and policies of the Albuquerque/Bernalillo County  
13 Comprehensive Plan, the Major Open Space Facility Plan, the Bikeways and  
14 Trails Facility Plan, the Bosque Action Plan, the Central Avenue Streetscape  
15 Master Plan, Central Avenue rank 3 sector plans and other city plans; and

16 WHEREAS, the primary goal of the Route 66 Action Plan is to provide  
17 guidance for City departments – including Planning, Parks and Recreation,  
18 Municipal Development, and Transit – to use in the revitalization of Route 66 /  
19 Central Avenue; project coordination within the public right-of-way and  
20 guidance for lower-ranking plans, such as sector development plans and  
21 corridor plans; and

22 WHEREAS, the Route 66 Action Plan intends to catalyze and guide future  
23 development along the Route 66 / Central Avenue corridor, providing policies  
24 and actions for project managers and private developers looking to invest in  
25 Route 66; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Plan contains an Action Plan Matrix project list, included in  
2 the appendix of the Plan, which will continue to be updated and maintained by  
3 an inter-departmental Route 66 planning team, to ensure that Route 66  
4 continues to contribute to the unique and vibrant culture of Albuquerque; and

5 WHEREAS, on March 6, 2014, the Environmental Planning Commission  
6 (EPC) unanimously recommended approval of the Rank II Route 66 Action  
7 Plan for Project # 1009951 - 14EPC-40003, a request for an Adoption of a Rank  
8 II Facility Plan for the Route 66 Action Plan, as recommended in the findings  
9 within the March 6, 2014 staff report (see Record).

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

12 Section 1. The City Council adopts the following findings:

13 1. The proposed Route 66 Action Plan area comprises approximately 15  
14 miles of Central Avenue/Route 66 within Albuquerque city limits from 116th  
15 Street to just east of Tramway Boulevard.

16 2. The Plan provides goals and policies for City departments and other  
17 stakeholders to use in the revitalization of Route 66/Central Avenue and does  
18 not change zoning or provide technical drawings.

19 3. The Plan has been vetted by the public and a Route 66 Working  
20 Group that was formed to support the development of the Plan.

21 4. The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan, the City of  
22 Albuquerque Zoning Code and the Route 66 Action Plan are incorporated  
23 herein by reference and made part of the record for all purposes.

24 5. The Plan is intended to enhance and coordinate with capital projects  
25 outlined in the Rank III Sector Development Plans that exist along the Route 66  
26 corridor.

27 6. The proposed plan is consistent with the City Charter, which  
28 empowers the City to ensure proper land use and development (City Charter,  
29 Article I) and support a high-quality urban environment (City Charter, Article  
30 IX) by establishing a strategy to guide improvements in the built environment.  
31 The proposed plan implements and furthers the applicable Goals and Policies  
32 of the Rank I Comprehensive Plan as follows:

- 1           A. The Route 66 Action Plan contains policies, objectives and actions to  
2 create attractive and meaningful public spaces along Route 66 to be enjoyed  
3 daily by locals and visitors. The Plan considers streetscapes, enhanced  
4 public spaces, signage, wayfinding and public art as part of this effort. (II.B.6.  
5 Central Urban Area)
- 6           B. The Plan outlines measures to create a strong and diverse business  
7 economy. The Major Activity Centers along the Corridor, Unser to Coors, Old  
8 Town, the BioPark and UNM are also seen as primary nodes. They are seen  
9 as assets to build upon. The Plan also looks at ways to support mixed-use  
10 and high-density residential projects, where appropriate, which will help  
11 promote multi-modal transportation and effective provision of City services.  
12 (II.B.7. Activity Centers)
- 13           C. The Plan supports protection and enhancement of significant  
14 historic districts and buildings with policies that preserve and protect Route  
15 66 assets, by recognizing Route 66 era buildings and celebrating key sites  
16 and historic places on Route 66. (II.C.5. Historic Resources)
- 17           D. The Plan supports the arts, community events and cultural traditions  
18 as incremental in the continued traditions of the “Mother Road” and the  
19 community’s well-being. (II.C.7. Cultural Traditions and the Arts)
- 20           E. Improvement of the developed landscape’s quality is a key element  
21 of the Action Plan as it makes recommendations for urban public spaces,  
22 natural open spaces, and a unified streetscape. (II.C.8. Developed  
23 Landscape)
- 24           F. The Plan focuses on the city right-of way and makes suggestions for  
25 private property uses to create a better natural environment and built  
26 environment. The Plan will promote local history, culture and traditions,  
27 while preserving the identity, character and connectivity of each community  
28 within the corridor. (II.C.9. Community Identity and Urban Design)
- 29           G. The Plan proposes infrastructure improvements to storm water and  
30 drainage facilities and high speed digital services. The Plan outlines  
31 priorities for capital spending in existing services areas that reflect regional  
32 and local systems. (II.D.1. Service Provision)

1 H. The Plan, in conjunction with lower-ranking plans and ongoing  
2 efforts such as Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), will help develop a balanced  
3 circulation system through focused and coordinated capital expenditures  
4 with a primary goal to develop and support an attractive, comfortable,  
5 efficient and easily accessible multi-modal transportation system. (II.D.4.  
6 Transportation and Transit)

7 I. The Plan supports catalytic opportunities for a strong and diverse  
8 business economy. It looks at ways to minimize gaps (undeveloped areas  
9 along Central Avenue) by promoting affordable housing projects, mixed use  
10 housing and senior living facilities on undeveloped areas and increase  
11 density on Central Avenue. It also recommends coordination between  
12 internal departments before a building can be demolished. (II.D.5. Housing)

13 J. The Plan calls for City resources to demonstrate a strong  
14 commitment and investment in Central Avenue, giving high priority to city  
15 projects. Encouragement to locate new housing and jobs along Central  
16 Avenue may reduce the need to travel and/or focus travel to the corridor. The  
17 Plan calls for reinvestment strategies to fill in gaps along the corridor and  
18 incentives for Route 66 business and development, attracting a diversity of  
19 business types and employment opportunities. The Plan encourages tourism  
20 by offering diverse attractions, lodging, restaurants, sights and sounds,  
21 businesses and events, along with unique marketing and branding of Route  
22 66 and Albuquerque. The Plan suggests coordination with public and private  
23 partners for economic development, branding and tourism purposes. (II.D.6.  
24 Economic Development)

25 K. The Plan makes recommendations for a safer and more secure  
26 community using tools such as CPTED (Crime Prevention Through  
27 Environmental Design) strategies in new and existing development, as well  
28 as in publicly funded projects. It also discusses the location of future police  
29 facilities, encouraging more pedestrian activity and expanding the Clean City  
30 program. (II.D.9. Public Safety)

31 7. The proposed plan supports the following applicable goals and  
32 policies of other Rank II Area/Facility Plans, rank 3 sector plans, Metropolitan

1     Redevelopment Area (MRA) plans and other city plans, as listed in Appendix  
2     D of the plan document.

3         8.     There were no adverse comments from the reviewing agencies.  
4     Comments have been addressed in the proposed plan.

5         9.     There were no adverse comments from the public. The public  
6     involvement process included five community meetings. A Route 66 Working  
7     Group was formed and continues to meet regularly to advise staff on the Plan.  
8     Information was also made available on the city website and in neighborhood  
9     newsletters. There is no known opposition to the Plan.

10        Section 2. The Route 66 Action Plan, attached hereto and made a part  
11    hereof, is adopted as a Rank II Facility Plan and regulatory guide to the  
12    implementation of the Rank I Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive  
13    Plan and applicable Rank II and Rank III Plans as cited above.

14        Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This resolution shall take effect five days  
15    after publication by title and general summary.

16        Section 4. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section paragraph, sentence,  
17    clause, word, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid  
18    or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall  
19    not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The  
20    Council hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each  
21    section, paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of  
22    any provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

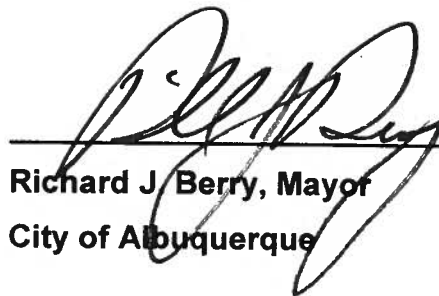
1 PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF November, 2014  
2 BY A VOTE OF: 9 FOR 0 AGAINST.  
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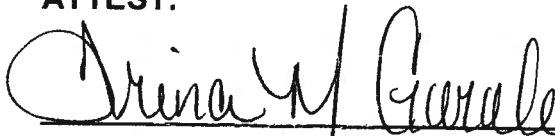
8 Ken Sanchez, President  
9 City Council  
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12 APPROVED THIS 24 DAY OF November, 2014  
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18 Richard J. Berry, Mayor  
19 City of Albuquerque  
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24 ATTEST:

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27 Trina M. Gurule, Acting City Clerk  
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