

Week Without Driving Resolution

WHEREAS access to mobility is a fundamental part of health and community connection, allowing the City of Albuquerque to reach education and employment opportunities, medical services, shopping, recreation and visit friends and family, and is one of the state's transportation system policy goals, including investing public dollars to improve the movement of people throughout the City of Albuquerque; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates the cost of owning a car is approximately 72 cents a mile, with average household spending on transportation reaching almost \$11,000 per year in 2021, many people cannot afford the cost of a car, and nearly a third of the people residing in the US do not have a driver's license including more than 60% of ABQ transit riders, either because of their age or a condition that does not allow them to drive; and

WHEREAS transportation represents the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States, and in order to meet our state's greenhouse gas emission reduction goals, we must reduce emissions in our transportation sector; and

WHEREAS, in addition to greenhouse gas emissions, cars also create tire dust that can enter the air we breathe and our watersheds; have necessitated freeway expansions that have been detrimental to neighborhoods historically home to communities of color; and require impervious surfaces for parking, with more than three parking spaces for every car in the United States, all of which have contributed to transportation being an important environmental justice concern; and

WHEREAS the Transit Advisory Board of the City of Albuquerque encourages everyone to use both ABQ Ride and Sun Van as well as participate in public decision making for more accessible and affordable (ideally free) public transit; and

WHEREAS going a week without driving is great way to understand how we can improve our current transportation system to better meet the needs of residents of the City of Albuquerque, to encourage new ridership, and improve and enhance transportation options such as transit, rail, biking, walking and accessible pathways as key strategies in our decarbonization efforts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Transit Advisory Board for the City of Albuquerque, do hereby proclaim September 30-October 6, 2024 as Week Without

Driving, and we encourage all people in our the City of Albuquerque to join us in this special observance and the Transit Department to share resources including social media to encourage residents to participate.