

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING PLANS FOR TRANSIT TO OUTDOOR SPACES IN ALBUQUERQUE,
NEW MEXICO**

WHEREAS bicycle, pedestrian and public transportation are of the utmost importance to the region by providing all residents with recreation and transportation opportunities as well as the possibilities of economic and community development; and

WHEREAS according to a Health Impact Assessment conducted by Together for Brothers, 81% of boys and young men of color surveyed stated that they would be more likely to access recreational activities if they had free access to public transportation; and

WHEREAS the City of Albuquerque's Parks and Recreation Department and a coalition of providers prescribe "Prescription Trails", highlighting the importance of outdoor access as a public health measure; and

WHEREAS outdoor spaces such as the Valle del Oro Wildlife Refuge, the Petroglyph National Monument, the Balloon Fiesta Park, Sandia National Forest, and the Mesa del Sol Regional Outdoor Facility are incredible outdoor spaces and educational resources that are currently unavailable to residents with limited or no public transit service; and

WHEREAS many of these recreational spaces could be served by either extension of existing ABQ Ride routes or specialized transit services or programs such as special event routes, SunVan, ABQRideConnect, or other transportation partners; and

WHEREAS sources of state and federal funding designed to improve transit access to public outdoor spaces exist and could be pursued to improve ABQ Ride service to these locations without compromising existing service,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Albuquerque Transit Advisory Board (TAB) hereby endorses formally investigating opportunities to add/or expand transit options to outdoor spaces through ABQ Ride, Rio Metro Regional Transit, Parks and Recreation, federal agencies, and/or other relevant transit partners; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the TAB encourages the City of Albuquerque's Transit Department and other resources to support this goal with technical assistance including planning and reporting back proposed budgets, logistical information, and other resources identifying what would be needed to serve Balloon Fiesta Park, Petroglyph National Monument and Valle del Oro and Mesa del Sol through a variety of potential transportation solutions; and

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the TAB encourages the City of Albuquerque to bring in transit-dependent and other marginalized riders to direct and guide community engagement and discussion on how these routes can serve them best; and

FURTHER, BE RESOLVED that the TAB encourages the City of Albuquerque commit to future outdoor spaces that have access to current and/or planned public transit routes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Albuquerque Transit Advisory Board (TAB) certifies this resolution and will share the resolution with the mayor and city councilors.