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Bike Boulevard Resolution a Success!

Material from Ben Savoca, BikeABQ President

All our hard work paid off! On the 5th of September, about 25 cyclists gathered on Albuquerque's Civic Plaza to show support for the Bike Boulevard Resolution. Bike convoys from Uptown all the way to Old Town collected cyclists and brought them to the Plaza.

At the City Council meeting, several cyclists spoke to the councilors on the importance of a Bike Boulevard. The meeting lasted until almost 11pm as



Cyclists converge on Albuquerque's Civic Plaza

the councilors deliberated, finally passing the resolution 6-2.

Mayor Chavez called BikeABQ on the 21st to tell us he signed the bill into law!

The Resolution (R-07-268) was sponsored and championed by Councilor Michael Cadigan (District 5, NW Albuquerque) and is available on the City Council Website (www.cabq.gov/council/legportal.html). It describes the Bike Boulevard as comprising three segments, which exceeds the original proposal brought by BikeABQ. The segments are Mountain Road from the Bosque Trail to 14th Street, 14th Street from Mountain to Silver and Silver from 14th St on the west side of Downtown (easy access to the Bosque trail via Alcalde) all the way to San Mateo on the east side of Nob Hill. The resolution includes language directing the City to seek federal

appropriations in the 2009 Transportation Improvement Program to build a crossing of the train tracks and the freeway along the Silver Ave alignment.

RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE CONVERSION OF LOCAL STREETS TO CREATE BIKE BOULEVARDS, PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT IN FY/08 TO PAY FOR THE DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION, REQUIRING AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE'S COMPREHENSIVE BIKE FACILITIES PLAN TO INCLUDE BIKE BOULEVARDS, REQUESTING

CONSULTATION WITH BIKE ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS.

WHEREAS....(10 "WHEREAS'S appear in final Resolution describing benefits and salient issues of proposed Bike Boulevard)...

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE: Section 1. The following routes are hereby designated bike boulevards. 1) Mountain Road from Gabaldon Road east to 14th Street, 2) Silver Avenue from San Mateo Boulevard west to 14th Street, and 3) 14th Street from Mountain Road south to Silver Avenue.

Section 2. The Silver Avenue Bike Boulevard shall be constructed in phases. Phase 1 shall be from San Mateo to Cedar Street, phase 2 from

14th Street to Second Street and phase 3 from Cedar Street to Second Street.

Section 3. The Administration by June 1, 2008 shall present to the City Council for approval, the design and engineering plans for converting the aforementioned sections of 14th Street and Mountain Road and phases one and two of the Silver Avenue Route, to bike boulevards.

Section 4. That the project scope for the Trails/Bikeways project activity number 7100300, within the Transportation Infrastructure Tax



Ben Savoca, BikeABQ president, waits until late at night to speak about the Silver Ave Bike Boulevard.

Fund (Fund 340) is hereby refined to provide that up to \$400,000 shall be used to engage a consultant to design, engineer and begin implementation of a bike boulevard as described in this resolution. The design and engineering shall include but not be limited to removing barriers and detours to through cycling, removing stop signs from the boulevard and stopping traffic approaching from intersecting streets, installing, where necessary, bike permeable street closures and mandatory turns that redirect vehicles but allow bicycles to pass through, installing bike actuated signals or mid block crossings at intersections with major streets and appropriately signing the routes. Section 5. It shall be City Policy to reserve a portion of the 2009 Capital Implementation Decade Plan for construction of the bike boulevards, especially phase 3 of the Silver Avenue Bike Boulevard.

Section 6. It shall be a City of Albuquerque legislative priority to obtain funding for design and construction of Phase 3 of the Silver Avenue Bike Boulevard from the 2008, 2009 and 2010 legislatures.

Section 7. It shall be a City of Albuquerque priority to secure funding in the 2009 Transportation Improvement Program to include a bike boulevard crossing of Interstate 25 at Silver Avenue.

Section 8. The Administration is instructed to work with the developer of the redevelopment project on the site of the former Greyhound Bus Terminal to incorporate the extension of the Silver Avenue Bike Boulevard through or around the site.

Section 9. The Administration is instructed to work with the New Mexico Department of Transportation to develop a grade separated crossing, between 1st Street and Broadway Boulevard which will include going, through, over or around the Alvarado Transportation Center.

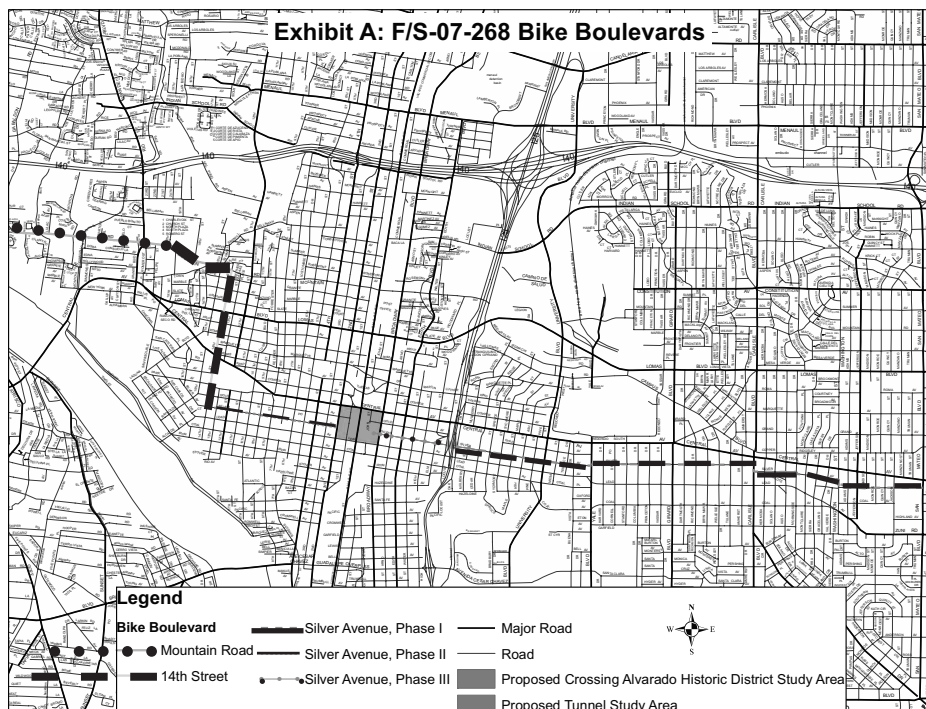
Section 10. The Administration shall amend the Albuquerque Comprehensive Bikeway Facilities Plan to include a section that establishes design and route criteria for bike boulevards and includes the bike boulevards set-forth in this resolution in the inventory of bikeway facilities.

Section 11. The Administration, shall during the design, engineering, the implementation and plan amendment phases of this project consult with the Greater Albuquerque Bike Advisory Committee and Bike ABQ.

Section 12. The speed limit for bike boulevards shall be 18 miles per hour.



Bicycle Friendly Community plaque outside Albuquerque City Hall



Map introduced to City Council showing Bike Boulevard as proposed in Councilor Michael Cadigan's resolution, R-07-268

Nov 9 (Fri) - Save the Date!

Joe Kurmaskie, the Metal Cowboy,
to Speak in Albuquerque

Bestselling Author - Performer - Journalist - Educator - Adventure Dad
BikeABQ's 2nd Annual Bike-a-Palooza is scheduled for Fri, November 9th in Albuquerque. Joe Kurmaskie is the featured performer...watch the BikeABQ website for details www.BikeABQ.org

BIKE TOURS, RIDES AND RACES

There are bicycling events in NM all year round. Go to the great NM Bicycling websites covering all the events. Also Training Camps and Clinics
www.nmcyling.org - Comprehensive listing maintained by Tom Spross in Alb.
www.nmcyling.org/clubs.htm shows clubs around the state with their own additional event listings.
www.nmts.org - NM Touring Society. Extensive calendar of events covers NM and region. Maintained by Eric Russell in Alb.
www.swcp.com/chilepedalers - NM tandem bicycling
Albuquerque: www.foomtb.org - mtn biking
Las Cruces: bike_and_chowder_club.home.comcast.net - informal rides
Los Alamos: tuffriders.losalamos.com - mtn biking
Santa Fe: www.pedalqueens.com - women's riding group, road and mtn
Santa Fe: www.velodelnorte.org - racing group
Santa Fe: sfroadriders@yahoo.com - listserv about rides
Socorro: www.sdc.org/~ssr - Striders and Riders club
Taos: www.taoscycleclub.com - bicycle club
Farmington: velodeanimas.com - bicycle club
Many of the groups above expand beyond their nominal city location. There are also many local, smaller groups, like the "SOBs" (Seniors On Bikes) in Santa Fe or the R.O.Y.A.L.s in Las Cruces