

1 RESOLUTION

2 of the

3 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION BOARD

4 of the

5 MID-REGION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

6 Division of the

7 MID-REGION COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS OF NEW MEXICO

8 (R-22-08 MTB)

9 **DECLARATION OF SAFETY AS A PRIORITY IN THE ALBUQUERQUE**
10 **METROPOLITAN**
11 **PLANNING AREA (AMPA)**
12 **IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE**
13 **TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TIP)**
14 **AND THE**
15 **METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP)**
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17 **WHEREAS**, the Metropolitan Transportation Board (MTB) is the governing
18 body of the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MRMPO), a division of
19 the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG); and

20 **WHEREAS**, the MRMPO is responsible for carrying out continuous,
21 comprehensive, and cooperative metropolitan transportation planning in
22 accordance with 23 CFR 450, for the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area
23 (AMPA); and

24 **WHEREAS**, the federal law under the Infrastructure and Investment and Jobs
25 Act (IIJA) requires states and metropolitan planning organizations to incorporate
26 national goals into their planning processes which include the goal to reduce traffic
27 fatalities and serious injuries; and

28 **WHEREAS**, federal regulations 23 CFR part 490 requires states and
29 metropolitan planning organizations to develop safety performance targets which
30 include Performance Measure #1 Safety Targets which was adopted by the MTB in
31 R-22-01; and

32 **WHEREAS**, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) declares safety as
33 its top priority in its National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS) with a long-term goal
34 of reaching zero traffic fatalities; and

35 **WHEREAS**, the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) developed
36 a Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) to outline strategies and investments to
37 improve safety including consideration of equity and pedestrian crash data in the
38 identification and prioritization of transportation projects; and

39 **WHEREAS** the MRMPO developed a Regional Transportation Safety Action
40 Plan (RTSAP) approved by the MTB on August 17, 2018, that contains specific action
41 items to improve safety for all modes and to prioritize safety over speed; and

42 **WHEREAS** the RTSAP identifies the most dangerous streets and intersections in
43 its High Fatality and Injury Network (HFIN) which is intended as a guide to identify
44 locations where safety improvements may have the greatest impact; and

45 **WHEREAS** the RTSAP sets forth a goal to incorporate a Complete Streets
46 approach into all future transportation projects; an approach that emphasizes context-
47 sensitive safety strategies when planning and designing infrastructure including
48 sidewalks, bike lanes, bus lanes, transit stops, crosswalks, medians, signals, and travel
49 lanes; and

50 **WHEREAS**, the Governor’s Highway Safety Association (GHSA) ranked New

51 Mexico #1 nationwide in Pedestrian Fatality Rate per 100,000 people in 2016, 2017,
52 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021; and

53 **WHEREAS** the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area has had an increasing
54 number of traffic fatalities over multiple years even during a time when vehicle travel
55 overall has declined; and

56 **WHEREAS** the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) demonstrates that
57 vehicle speed is directly related to a pedestrian's probability of surviving a crash; and

58 **WHEREAS** national and local statistics show that persons of color, households
59 with lower incomes, and socially vulnerable communities are overrepresented among
60 those affected by traffic fatalities and pedestrian deaths confirming that Transportation
61 Safety and Equity are fundamentally linked; and

62 **WHEREAS** the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has declared the
63 MRMPO a high priority MPO for targeted assistance through its Focused Approach to
64 Safety initiative due to its high rate of pedestrian deaths;

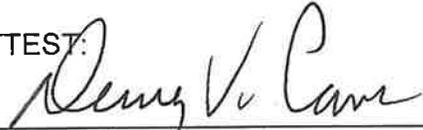
65 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Metropolitan Transportation
66 Board of the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Mid-Region Council
67 of Governments of New Mexico that:

- 68 1. The MTB and MRMPO shall prioritize Safety in the TIP and MTP and all other
69 planning and programming functions for the AMPA,
- 70 2. MRMPO's most current Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan (RTSAP), High
71 Fatality and Injury Network (HFIN), and the measure of the region's most socially
72 vulnerable communities shall be used to identify and prioritize safety strategies and
73 projects,

74 **PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED** this 19 day of August 2022 by the
75 Metropolitan Transportation Board of the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning
76 Organization, a division of the Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico.

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ATTEST:



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