

**Observer Corps Report – Albuquerque City Council meeting
22 February/6 March 2023
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Transit

R-23-110 Approving the Transit Department's Service Equity Analysis of Proposed Service Suspensions Due to Staffing Shortages. The Council voted unanimously to approve the Transit Equity Analysis which proposes service suspensions. The analysis is available at Councilor Peña's webpage: [Transit Equity Analysis](#)

Housing

R-23-106 Declaring the City's Intent to Collaborate with Bernalillo County in the Acquisition of Affordable Housing...

The Council voted unanimously to approve a resolution stating the City's intent to pursue a Joint Powers Agreement to establish the Middle Rio Grande Housing Collaborative. The resolution provides for the establishment of the Collaborative within six months. The mayor signed the resolution. R-23-106 is available at [City's Intent to Collaborate With Bernalillo County](#)

Residential Tenant Protection Ordinance

O-22-60. The Council, by a 4-5 vote, rejected an ordinance that would have required landlords to return application fees in certain cases and to make written disclosures of fees. A landlord would have been required to return application fees to an applicant if the unit was rented to someone else prior to the application being processed. The ordinance would have limited rental application fees to \$150. Five property owners spoke against the ordinance, 13 members of the public spoke in favor. See the terms of the failed ordinance at [O-22-60 Residential Tenant Protection](#)

Regulation of Catalytic Converter Secondhand Purchase

O-22-61 Secondhand Catalytic Converter Purchase Ordinance. In an effort to deter thefts of catalytic converters from vehicles, the Council unanimously passed an ordinance which requires entities that purchase secondhand catalytic converters to record the identity of individuals selling catalytic converters. Additionally, they are required to record information about the vehicle from which the catalytic converter is obtained. The mayor signed O-22-61. The ordinance, which outlines the specific record-keeping requirements is available at [O-22-61 Catalytic Converter](#)

Metropolitan Redevelopment Agency Downtown and Railroad Areas Development

EC-223 Approving the Downtowner Development Disposition Agreement. The Council approved a Development & Disposition Agreement with Alb. Downtowner LLC (partners Rembe Urban Design & Development, Insight Construction, and Mullen Heller Architects). The agreement includes land and a \$1.8M financing grant for development of a multi-story project including 208 units. [EC-223 Downtown and Railroad Metropolitan Area Development](#)