CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-32

INTRODUCED BY:

Councilor Patti Bushee

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FARE STRUCTURE OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE’S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO INCLUDE AN ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL PASS OPTION; ESTABLISHING A BUS PASS PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM AUTHORIZING A DISCOUNT BUS PASS SALE PROGRAM FOR NON-PROFIT SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS WHO PURCHASE BUS PASSES IN VOLUME FOR DISTRIBUTION TO INDIGENT CLIENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe delivers both fixed-route and paratransit services to the community that connect passengers with jobs, medical services, shopping opportunities and recreational centers; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution No. 2008-64, the Governing Body has established a fare structure that encourages youth ridership by eliminating the fare requirement for passengers aged 18 years or younger; and

WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities in transportation and mandates that transit
systems charge half the fare for transit fare options; and

WHEREAS, the current fare structure encourages regular passengers to purchase passes that progressively reduce per trip costs with the duration of the pass with two fixed-route pass options – daily pass for $2.00 and a 31-day pass for $20.00; and

WHEREAS, an annual or semi-annual pass option is not currently included in the approved fare structure, however, the non-profit entity Chainbreakers and regular transit users alike, have advocated for the addition of a progressively priced annual pass; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe has a long history of providing grant funding to many local social service agencies who work with, and address the needs of, indigent members of our community through the services and programs delivered by such organizations; and

WHEREAS, one need often cited by the indigent clients of such non-profit organizations is that of transportation that provides access to the goods and services necessary for their care and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe desires to partner with local social service agencies in formally establishing a discount bus pass program to address the transportation needs of their indigent clients; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Fe Transit Advisory Board fully supports and has endorsed a discount bus pass program and the addition of an annual pass option and encourages the Governing Body to authorize such initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body hereby:

1. Directs staff to amend the fare structure for the City of Santa Fe’s transit system to include a $200 annual pass option and a $110 semi-annual pass option, while maintaining the remainder of the fare structure currently in effect.

2. Directs staff to provide notice of the Bus Pass Partnership Program to all social
service organization grantees.

3. Directs staff to promote the program through advertising in local media sources.
4. Directs staff to place copies of a promotional flyer in display racks at the Transit Division front office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the impacts resulting from the adoption of this resolution shall be reviewed by the Governing Body one year from the date of adoption of this resolution.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2014.

JAVIER M. GONZALES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KELLEY BRENnan, CITY ATTORNEY