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**Albuquerque Collegiate Charter School Location Change Amendment Request
Charter Schools Division Analysis
Public Education Commission (PEC) Meeting, June 21, 2024**

Albuquerque Collegiate Charter School requests PEC approval to amend its contract by changing the physical location, effective July 1, 2024.

Current location: 1720 Bridge Blvd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

Proposed location: 1905 Mountain Rd NW, Albuquerque, NM 87104

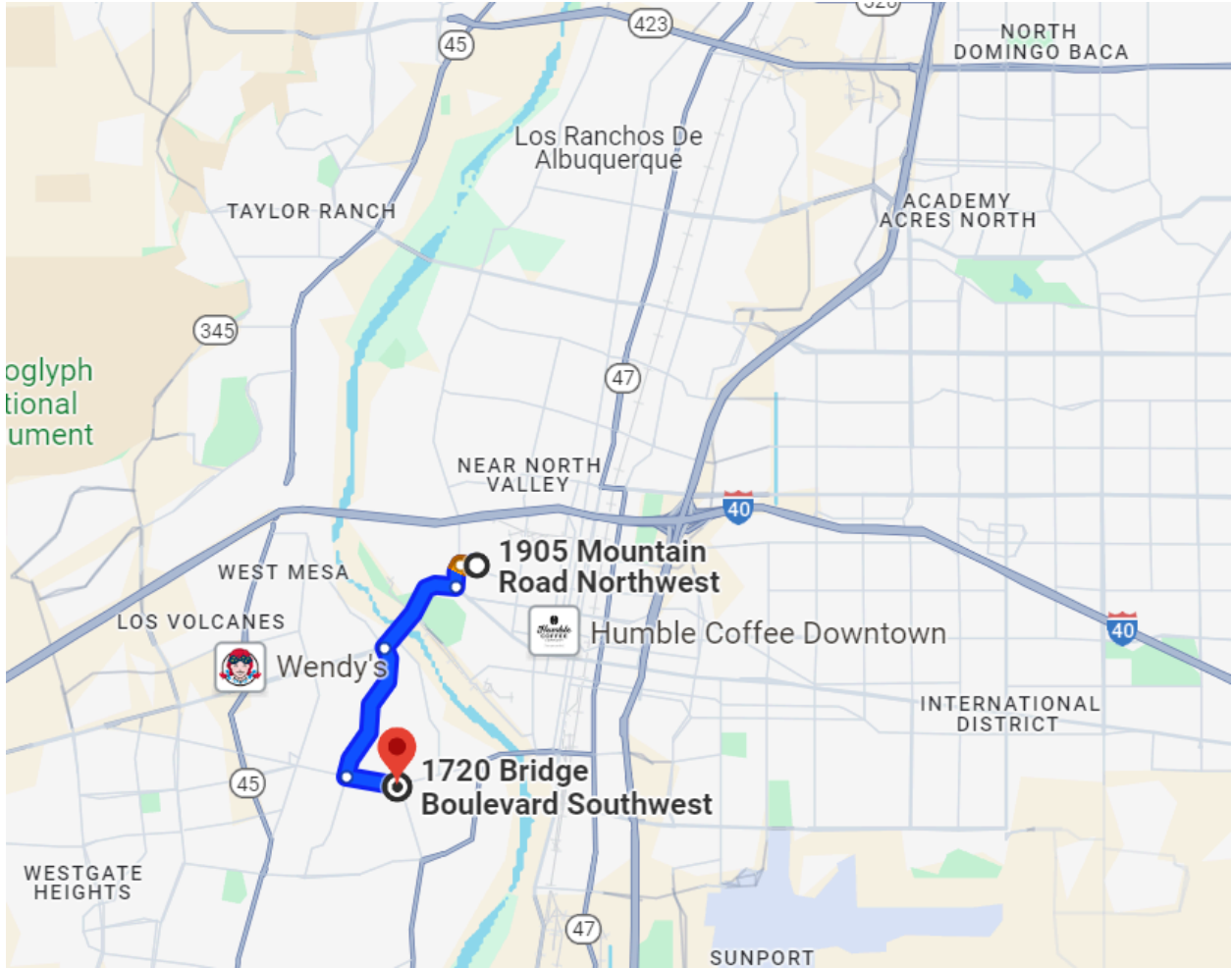
School's rationale: The current facility does not provide enough space for the school's growth (expansion to add grade 6 in 2024-25) while the new facility provides more classroom space, is across the street from a park and several museums, and is only a 10-minute drive from the current location. The new facility previously housed two charter schools and had an NMCI score of 11.94% in 2019.

School's plan to support students and community: The school surveyed families 4/29/24 and received over 75 responses. Two families did not plan to return; all others did, with a third interested in transportation to the new facility and two thirds not needing transportation.

CSD Analysis: The need for a high-quality charter school in the community in which the school is currently located was emphasized in the school's initial application to open the school, and the school's first renewal application in 2022 emphasized the degree to which students were outperforming district schools in the same zone. Though only 3.6 miles away, this relocation would put the school in a different zip code with a different population, and the comparison schools would change.

The school does not currently provide transportation. Unless the school can offer transportation in 2024-25, a third of the school's families could have a barrier to keeping their students in the school

The proposed location is 3.6 miles from the current school (see map below) and the 10-minute commuting time would likely be longer during rush hour when school starts.



CSD Recommendation: CSD recognizes the difficulties charter schools face in securing adequate facilities, to be sure, however we are concerned about how this move would affect the population currently served by the school and how this move eliminates a high quality school choice for students in a neighborhood the school's renewal was considered. The PEC will need to take this into account when making its decision.