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## Firm Attorneys Help Secure Decision Allowing Albuquerque Bus Rapid Transit Project to Proceed

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On July 29, 2016, the Firm's client, the City of Albuquerque, secured an important decision denying an injunction aimed at stopping construction of a new bus rapid transit project – Albuquerque Rapid Transit or ART. The ART Project is a centerpiece of Albuquerque's revitalization efforts and will operate on a 14 mile section of Central Avenue, along the route of Route 66, connecting many neighborhoods and employment centers. Two groups of plaintiffs representing individuals and businesses along Central Avenue sought an injunction to stop construction, which is scheduled to begin by September 3, 2016. The Firm represented the City in the injunction proceeding. After a three-day hearing, Judge Kenneth Gonzales of the U.S. District Court for New Mexico issued a 14 page decision denying the injunction and finding, in particular, that allowing the ART Project to proceed was in the public interest.