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Policing through Planning:

Safety and Crime and the Zero Fare Program

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Abstract: What makes us safe? And who defines what safety is and how do we create it? Policing and planning are racialized. Through a case study of the Zero Fare Program in Albuquerque, New Mexico, I will demonstrate how planning policy that centers white ideals of comfort as safety – with police and transit security as an enforcement measure – produces and reinforces racism and classism. This work offers a discussion and resources that can help push planners' understanding of safety and crime in their work – especially in the cases that call for collaboration with or increased police, from an abolitionist perspective.

The results of this project are being shared with New Mexico's People Budget, ABQ Mutual Aid, and Abolish APD.