Downtown Neighborhood Area Traffic Study

Public Information Meeting #3
June 5, 2014
6:00 pm
• Introductions
• Project Purpose
• Project Boundaries
• Data Collection
• DNA Sector Plan Transportation Goals and Issues
• Public Meeting Summaries
• Comments/Status Short Term Solutions
• Comments/Status Long Term Solutions

Agenda
Introductions

- City of Albuquerque
  - Councilor Isaac Benton and Staff
  - City Officials
  - Other Staff Members

- Consultant Staff
  - Chris Baca
  - Sara Lavy
There are three main focuses of the study:

1. Review of Sector Plan Transportation Recommendations

2. Identification of potential enhancements

3. Public Outreach/Involvement
Data Collection

- Traffic Volume Data
  - Streets
  - Intersections

- Speed Data

- Accident Data
DNA Sector Plan
Transportation
Goals
and
Recommendations
5 Transportation Goals:

1. Walkable neighborhood
2. Coordinated roadway system that improves safety and function
3. Excellent access to transit services
4. Comprehensive, safe and convenient bicycle network
5. Will contain alleys that are attractive and provide alternative access to garages and safe pedestrian pathways
1. Lomas Blvd - Consideration should be given to traffic “calming” techniques to ease north-south pedestrian flow across the roadway.
   - Add bump-outs to delineate on-street parking and facilitate pedestrian movements.
   - Add pedestrian/bike crossing at 14th Street and Keleher

2. Central Ave Road Diet –
   - On-going study by HDR, not part of this study.
3. Pedestrian Accessibility – missing sidewalk sections, deteriorated or narrow sidewalks, ADA issues
   - City is currently exploring opportunities to correct the sidewalks on the north side of Lomas
   - Recommend new City Project to correct ADA issues south of Lomas

4. Many sidewalk sections without parkway strips have ADA deficient driveway cut designs
   - City is currently exploring opportunities to correct the sidewalks on the north side of Lomas
   - Recommend new City Project to correct ADA issues south of Lomas
Example of Inadequate ADA DNA Sector Plan Transportation Issues
5. 12th Street/Mountain Road – can a left-turn lane be added such as at 7th Street/Mountain?
   • Analysis of intersection shows left turn lanes on 12th Street will help signal operations.

6. Maintenance of alleys – some are not maintained well and attract homeless people and trash
1st Public Meeting
September 15, 2012

Summary
Meeting Summary

Date: September 15, 2012
Location: Mid Region Council of Governments
Duration: 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
Format/Attendance: Open House – Approx. 60 people
2nd Public Meeting
December 4, 2012

Summary
Date: December 4, 2012

Location: Mid Region Council of Governments

Duration: 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm

Format: Presentation to Introduce Short Term and Long Term Alternatives

Attendance: Approx. 26 people
Comments/Status
Short Term Solutions
1. Speed humps on 12th Street between Marquette and Roma
   • Existing speed humps don’t slow people down.
   • What about 12th north of Lomas?
   • Remove speed humps on 12th to reduce noise and air quality.
   • Speed humps don’t work.
   • Could speed limit be reduced on 12th from 35 to 25 mph?

STATUS
• Report recommendation
• Need petition from property owners for DMD
2. Paint white line on 12th where parking is allowed
   • Positive comments

**STATUS** –
   • Report recommendation
   • Need petition from property owners for DMD.
3. Add a 4-way stop at 12\textsuperscript{th}/Roma

- Comments both in favor and against this recommendation

\textbf{STATUS}

- Report recommendation
- Additional analysis required by DMD to satisfy warrants.

Comments from Public Meeting #2
4. Marquette between 12 and 14<sup>th</sup> – remove double yellow line, allow parking on both sides of street

- No public comments

**STATUS**

- Report recommendation
5. Add speed humps on 11th and Granite

- Positive comment
- Do something to prevent left turns at this intersection

**STATUS**
- Revise recommendation to rumble strips instead of speed humps

Comments from Public Meeting #2
6. Repair sidewalks on 14th and 15th Streets south of Lomas

- Several comments regarding sidewalks north of Lomas – City has project for that area.

**STATUS**

- City is currently exploring opportunities to repair the sidewalks.
• 7. Add “No Parking” sign on south side of Roma between 7th and 8th Streets
  • Positive comment.

**STATUS** –
• Report recommendation
• Petition needed for residential permit parking
• 8. Add speed limit signs on 7th between Lomas and Mountain
  • No comments

STATUS
• Signs are currently in place.

Comments from Public Meeting #2
• 9. Reclassify Marquette and Tijeras to collector streets instead of arterial streets
  • Positive comments

STATUS
• This is in process and MTB has approved a reclassification of Marquette and Tijeras.
10. Delineate allowed parking on Lomas Blvd with white striping.

- Positive comments

**STATUS**

- Report recommendation
- Petition from adjacent property owners may be required.
11. Add double yellow center stripe at blind corner of Laguna/Roma

- Not enough - speed bumps should be installed to address speeding problem

**STATUS**

- Modify recommendation to ensure access to alley is not prohibited.

Comments from Public Meeting #2
12. Sign Old Town Road adjacent to Tiguex Park as “One Way”

- No “One Way” – too many pedestrians next to park to encourage more speed

- Which way would be one-way?

- Need to coordinate with Old Town neighborhood association

- If no accidents – why change?

- Good idea – most traffic goes westbound

**STATUS**

- Report recommendation

- Petition with unanimous support will be required.
Old Town Road adjacent to Tiguex Park

Comments from Public Meeting #2
Long Term Solutions
1. **12th Street/Mountain – Add left turn lanes on 12th Street**

- Positive comments
- Convert to 3-way signal (*this was analyzed – delays worsened*)

**STATUS**

- Report recommendation.

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**
2. 12th/Lomas – Add dedicated left turn signal for southbound left during peak times.
   • Positive comments

STATUS
   • Report recommendation
   • DMD requires further study of warrant criteria and an evaluation of costs.
3. Bicycle crossing at 14th Street with flashing yellow beacons

- Positive comments

**STATUS**

- Considering revising recommendation to change striping to Silver/University configuration (see photo)
4. **Mid-block pedestrian crossing on Lomas at Keleher with crosswalk and signal**

   - Positive comments

**STATUS**

- Report recommendation
5. Traffic calming on 12th Street, Marquette, Roma and Tijeras – bulb-outs, neighborhood signs.

- Positive comments
- Make aesthetically pleasing

**STATUS**
- Report recommendation
- DMD is evaluating.
6. Close off 11th Street at Mountain

- Prevent left turns instead of closing

**STATUS**

- Report recommendation
- Evaluating recommendation for partial closure of movements
7. Study of Lomas – Boulevard concept with trees, parking

- No comments

STATUS

- Report recommendation
8. Add bike detection at signalized intersections

- Button should be accessible to bicyclists without having to drive on sidewalk or get off bike.

**STATUS**

- Report recommendation
9. Delineate allowed parking on Lomas Blvd.

- Delineate parking in front of Lowe’s

**STATUS**

- Report recommendation
- DMD is evaluating.

Comments from Public Meeting #2
Miscellaneous Comments

- What about 12th north of Lomas?
  - Classified as Minor Arterial north of Lomas – cannot add speed humps

- Add permanent radar signs
  - Not proposed as they only work temporarily

- Why was Marquette/Luna and Luna/Lomas not addressed?
  - Would have to remove existing trees to realign intersection. Discussed with DNA representatives and decided trees are valuable to neighborhood.
Miscellaneous Comments

- Speed humps at other locations
  - Speed humps are only called out at specific locations in this report to address problems such as blind corners in addition to speeding. Other areas that residents feel may need speed humps need to go through the normal City process.
Miscellaneous Comments

- Restrict parking on 14th Street
  - Properties have minimal off-street parking available, restricting the on-street parking is not feasible.

- Add stop signs on 15th Street between Lomas and Roma
  - The feasibility will be evaluated in final report
Schedule
Project Schedule

- **July to Sept 2012** - Data Collection
- **Sept 15, 2012** - Public Meeting #1 Held
- **Sept to Dec 2012** - Develop and Analyze Options
- **Dec 4, 2012** - Public Meeting #2 Held
- **Spring 2013** - Final Draft Report with Recommendations Submitted to City
- **February 2014** - Comments Received from City Departments on Final Draft Report
- **June 5, 2014** - **Public Meeting #3**
- **June 20, 2014** - Comments from Public Meeting #3 due
- **July 2014** - Final Report to be Submitted to City
• Public comment on the recommendations presented tonight **PLEASE COMMENT BY FRIDAY, JUNE 20.**

• Final Report to be submitted to City with recommendations in July, 2014
Your Concerns Regarding Traffic in the Downtown Neighborhood Area

*please be specific!*

What we need from you
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THANK YOU