



# 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

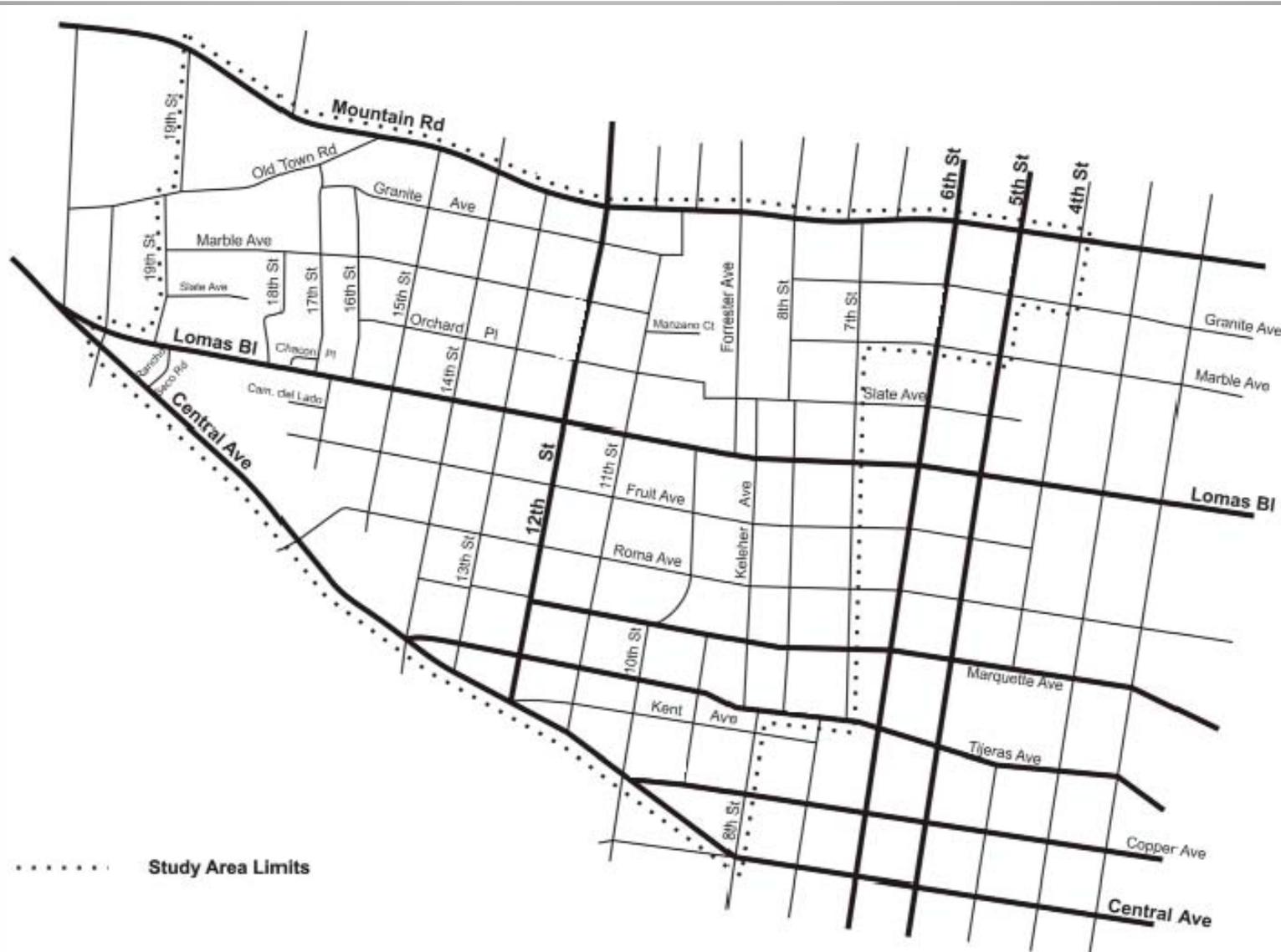
- City of Albuquerque
  - Councilor Isaac Benton and Staff
  - City Officials
  - Other Staff Members
- Consultant Staff
  - Chris Baca
  - Sara Lavy

## Introductions

There are three main focuses of the study:

1. Review of Sector Plan Transportation Recommendations
2. Identification of potential enhancements
3. Public Outreach/Involvement

**Project Purpose**



# Project Boundaries

- Traffic Volume Data

  - Streets

  - Intersections

- Speed Data

- Accident Data

## Data Collection

# **DNA Sector Plan Transportation**

## **Goals and Recommendations**



Adopted June 2012

## Downtown Neighborhood Area SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN UPDATE



PREPARED FOR:  
CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE

PREPARED BY:  
CONSENSUS PLANNING, INC.  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
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# DNA Sector Development Plan

- 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

**DNA Sector Plan**

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 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Keleher

2. Central Ave Road Diet –

- On-going study by HDR, not part of this study.

**DNA Sector Plan Transportation Issues**

### 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

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- Recommend new City Project to correct ADA issues south of Lomas

## Example of Inadequate ADA



**DNA Sector Plan Transportation Issues**

5. 12<sup>th</sup> Street/Mountain Road – can a left-turn lane be added such as at 7<sup>th</sup> Street/Mountain?

- Analysis of intersection shows left turn lanes on 12<sup>th</sup> Street will help signal operations.

6. Maintenance of alleys – some are not maintained well and attract homeless people and trash

# 1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting

## September 15, 2012

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**

## **Meeting Summary**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

## **Meeting Summary**

**Comments/Status**  
**Short Term**  
**Solutions**

- **1. Speed humps on 12<sup>th</sup> Street between Marquette and Roma**

- Existing speed humps don't slow people down.
- What about 12<sup>th</sup> north of Lomas?
- Remove speed humps on 12<sup>th</sup> to reduce noise and air quality.
- Speed humps don't work.
- Could speed limit be reduced on 12<sup>th</sup> from 35 to 25 mph?

**STATUS**

- Report recommendation
- Need petition from property owners for DMD

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

- **2. Paint white line on 12<sup>th</sup> where parking is allowed**
  - Positive comments

**STATUS** –

- Report recommendation
- Need petition from property owners for DMD.

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

- **3. Add a 4-way stop at 12<sup>th</sup>/Roma**
  - Comments both in favor and against this recommendation

### **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

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

## 5. Add speed humps on 11<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

- **7. Add “No Parking” sign on south side of Roma between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Streets**
  - Positive comment.

**STATUS** –

- Report recommendation
- Petition needed for residential permit parking

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

- **8. Add speed limit signs on 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

## 10.

### Delineate allowed parking on Lomas Blvd with white striping.

- Positive comments



### STATUS

- Report recommendation
- Petition from adjacent property owners may be required.

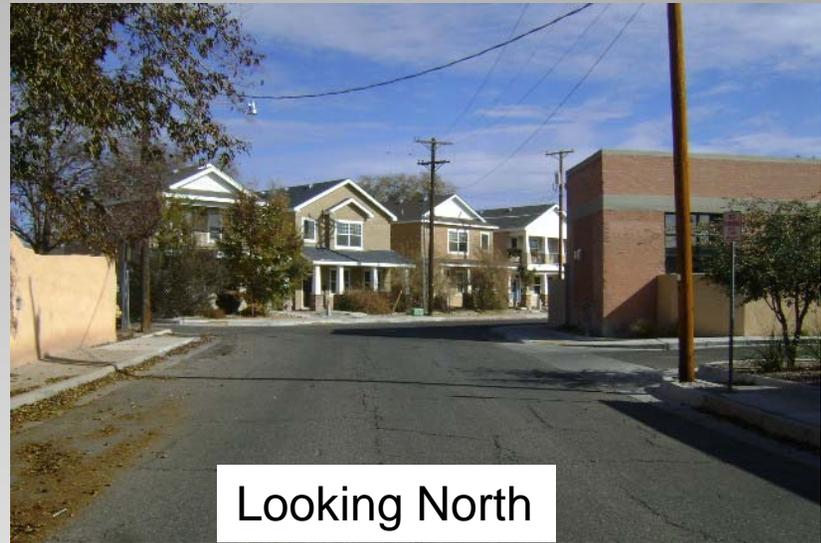
Comments from Public Meeting #2

## 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.

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**



Old Town Road adjacent to Tiguex Park

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

# Long Term Solutions

1. 12<sup>th</sup> Street/  
Mountain – Add  
left turn lanes  
on 12<sup>th</sup> Street

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

STATUS

- Report recommendation.



Comments from Public Meeting #2

**2. 12<sup>th</sup>/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.

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

### 3. Bicycle crossing at 14<sup>th</sup> Street with flashing yellow beacons

- Positive comments



### STATUS

- Considering revising recommendation to change striping to Silver/University configuration (see photo)

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

#### **4. Mid-block pedestrian crossing on Lomas at Keleher with crosswalk and signal**

- Positive comments

#### **STATUS**

- Report recommendation

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

- **5. Traffic calming on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Marquette, Roma and Tijeras – bulb-outs, neighborhood signs.**

- Positive comments
- Make aesthetically pleasing

**STATUS**

- Report recommendation
- DMD is evaluating.



**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

## 6. Close off 11<sup>th</sup> Street at Mountain

- Prevent left turns instead of closing



## STATUS

- Report recommendation
- Evaluating recommendation for partial closure of movements

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

## **7. Study of Lomas – Boulevard concept with trees, parking**

- No comments

### **STATUS**

- Report recommendation

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

## **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

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

## 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.

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

## Miscellaneous Comments

- Restrict parking on 14<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Properties have minimal off-street parking available, restricting the on-street parking is not feasible.
- Add stop signs on 15<sup>th</sup> Street between Lomas and Roma
  - The feasibility will be evaluated in final report

**Comments from Public Meeting #2**

# 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

## Project Schedule

- 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

**What's next**

Your Concerns Regarding  
Traffic in the Downtown  
Neighborhood Area  
*please be specific!*

**What we need from you**

For more information or to provide  
your comments please contact

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**THANK YOU**