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To: Mayor Richard J. Berry

From: EDo Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

Date: May 30, 2014

We write to request that any Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) plans for Central Avenue from I-25 to the Railroad follow the recommendations of Option A in the Draft Central Avenue Complete Street Master Plan (attached). What we see is a "Great Main Street" for Albuquerque.

We believe Option A has the following benefits to our City and to our neighborhood:

1. Enhanced and efficient transit service, meeting proper headway times, through the use of off-board payment, floor level boarding and de-boarding, and stoplight priority at Edith and at Broadway.
2. Superior economic development potential – as outlined in *The Metropolitan Revolution* – by creating a "pedestrian first" and "park once and walk" corridor of dense, walkable urbanism.

Existing conditions in EDo – 4 traffic lanes moving at speeds averaging 35-45 mph, skinny sidewalks, spotty on-street parking – do not match the profile of a great Main Street. Crossing the street for residents and business patrons is dangerous and daunting. That is not a formula for success.

We believe that traffic modeling and analysis will support this approach, and will show that the limited right of way in EDo can be successfully shared by the BRT, motorists, and pedestrians, to create an economically successful Main Street that handles traffic and transit volumes efficiently.

We request a meeting with you and Staff to discuss. Thank you.

cc: Albuquerque City Council, ABQ Ride, DMD, Planning