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The Honorable Mayor Richard Berry
P.O. Box 1293
Albuquerque, NM 87103

Dear Mayor Berry:

The intersection at MLK and Broadway has always been dangerous, and now it has proven to be deadly. From what we understand, twice in recent weeks.

Posted speed limits are 30 mph for Broadway and 35 mph for MLK. Design speed, and therefore actual speeds, are 45 to 55 mph. This must change, and we are asking for you to take immediate action to make design speed match posted speed. We have three relatively affordable suggestions we believe would reduce actual speeds toward posted, to the benefit of safety and economic development:

1. The signalization of the intersection should be changed from pre-timed operation to actuated operation for all traffic movements. Signals would change from green to red based upon traffic actuating a detector. Actuated operation would minimize "unused green time" which simple observation shows leads to speeding vehicles "playing the light timing." Based upon observation by all of us over many years, this signal is not interconnected under a distributed system with any signal to the north, east, south, or west - so there are no systemic issues in making this change. This not only makes the intersection safer, we think it will improve mobility too. Please see the attached from the National Transportation Safety Board.

2. We agree with Councilor Isaac Benton's proposal for a modification of Jeff Speck's recommended approach to Tijeras Avenue. The underpass at the tracks would remain, but eastbound Tijeras would connect directly to Broadway on the north boundary of the Innovate ABQ site. A new actuated operation traffic signal would be installed here. The existing "dog leg" from Tijeras over to

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MLK would be abandoned and available for development. Further details are available from Councilor Benton's office.

3. A large and beautiful mural could be painted on the intersection, perhaps as a project of City Cultural Affairs, the ACVB, CNM, and

others. This could be done on a weekend when there are no Convention Center events. The intersection could be closed for a festival for people of all ages on foot and on bicycles. The mural could be updated annually. The mural could reflect the diverse cultural and historical influences of our City. It would also slow traffic and increase safety, as described in the book "Tactical Urbanism." This "Share It Square" intersection repair approach is being used successfully in Portland OR, Asheville NC, St. Paul MN, Olympia WA, and other cities. The paint would, of course, meet safety specifications.

Given the new businesses and residents at the intersection now, the coming adjacent Innovate ABQ project, and the additional potential development (especially residential) of the new block created by the Tijeras modification, the time has come to implement our adopted Complete Streets Policy at this intersection through the three approaches above, and make EDo and Downtown greater and safer neighborhoods.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Doug Majewski".

Doug Majewski, President
For the Board

cc: City Councilor Isaac Benton, New Mexico Department of Transportation, Local Media Outlets