



**NORTH
LOOP**
NEIGHBORHOOD

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RE: Letter of Support – Neighborhood Traffic Improvements

Dear Shane,

Thank you for meeting with me to discuss the traffic issues within the North Loop Neighborhood. As we described in our correspondence dating back to January 2014, there are a number of traffic conflicts within the area that have been prioritized by the association. Attached please find our original map identifying these sites.

We understand that you are exploring some Tier 1 funding improvements for the following:

- A. N 2nd St and 4th Ave N: addition of zebra style crosswalk markings.
- B. N 1st St and 2nd Ave N: addition of zebra style crosswalk markings and addition of stop sign to make it a 4-way stop intersection.
- C. W River Pkwy and 4th Ave N: restripe the existing zebra style crosswalk.

We fully support these improvements and appreciate your office completing the traffic counts required for analysis of these intersections. We request they be queued into the 2014 cycle yet for completion.

In addition to the above notations, the NLNA would like to see the following further improvements made:

- 1. 8th Ave N and Washington Ave: controlled intersection, crosswalks, and/or flashing crossing signal. Your recommendation here for adding bump-outs to shorten the Right-of-Way travel distance would also be a goal of ours.
- 2. N 4th St and 6th Ave N: addition of stop signs to intersection.
- 3. N 2nd St and 5th Ave N: addition of stop signs to intersection.

We understand that the traffic counts do not justify the three items above, but are hoping that these improvements would be welcomed by the City with some co-funding of them by the NLNA and other funding partners. We request your support of these items, and help determining their costs, for us to further proceed with seeking out funding.

Additionally there are two serious traffic conflict areas that require further study and analysis. These include the intersection of 3rd Ave N and Washington Ave with the

exit/entrance ramps off I-394, and the 2nd Ave N and N 3rd St entrance ramps to I-94/I-394. Please keep the association apprised of the analysis efforts on these two intersections, as we would like to work with the City to find remedies and support corrective action.

Again, we support your intent to make Tier 1 improvements, and would like to partner on finding funds for any Tier 2 or Tier 3 improvements to the other noted areas above.

Sincerely,

David Frank, President
Karen Rosar, Board Member
DJ Heinle, AIA, Co-Chair P+Z Committee, Board Secretary