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CENTRAL AVENUE COMPLETE STREET PLAN PUBLIC MEETING AND WORKSHOP:
FEBRUARY 27 & 28, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of City Councilors Isaac Benton and Rey Garduno, we are excited to invite you to a public meeting and workshop regarding the development of a "Complete Street Plan" for Central Avenue between downtown and Nob Hill (1st St. to Girard Blvd.). The purpose of this planning effort is to identify improvements that can be made to the Central Avenue corridor to increase safety and efficiency for all users, create a more pedestrian-friendly environment, and leverage key investments, such as the enhanced Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service that is being studied for Central Avenue by ABQ Ride in a separate effort.

As a property owner, resident, and/or business owner on or near Central Avenue, you are likely familiar with both the benefits and challenges that Central Avenue presents to motorists, pedestrians, and transit riders alike. This planning effort arose from concerns expressed by area residents and business owners about pedestrian safety, excessive travel speeds, the design of transit facilities, and other aspects of the existing design of the public right-of-way that are perceived to be impeding redevelopment efforts.

The City Council office has retained nationally-recognized firms Gateway Planning Group (urban planning and design) and Nelson\Nygaard (transportation and transit planning) to help develop this plan. Please join us for a **public education meeting**, where you will learn what a "Complete Street" is and have the opportunity to provide feedback about the corridor's strengths and needs, and **stakeholder workshop**, where you will work interactively with our consultants to develop and design corridor improvements.

Public Meeting: Wednesday, February 27, 2013, 6-8 PM

Workshop: Thursday, February 28, 2013, 9 AM – 5 PM (drop in as your schedule permits)

Location for both: Heights Community Center (823 Buena Vista Drive, SE, 87106)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the information provided below. If you are unable to attend the upcoming meeting and workshop but would like to follow the progress of this planning effort, please visit our project webpage: www.tinyurl.com/CentralCompleteStreet. We look forward to meeting you and having your active participation in developing this plan.

Sincerely,

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