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Re: Follow-Up on Lowell Boulevard Safety Requests

Dear Ms. Thompson:

Thank you for your December 15, 2025 response to BRUN's October 28 letter regarding traffic safety on Lowell Boulevard between W 38th and W 52nd Avenues. We appreciate DOTI's confirmation that the Neighborhood Transportation Safety and Pedestrian Improvements (NTSPI) project at W 48th Avenue and Lowell Boulevard is funded, designed, and scheduled for construction this spring. That is a meaningful step forward.

While your response addressed several elements of our request, including the RRFB installation at W 48th Avenue, other safety concerns raised by the community remain unresolved.

The day before your December 15 response, Denver Police [reported another serious injury crash](#) on Lowell at W 49th Avenue. Children traveling to Skinner Middle School and parents bringing infants and toddlers to The Goddard School Highlands cross Lowell daily. We do not want another child to be hit by a car on this street.

We especially want to press on one request that received no timeline or commitment: the speed limit reduction on Lowell from 30 mph to 25 mph (or lower). DOTI's December response acknowledged the need for a speed limit reduction and noted that preliminary data was being collected by your Area Engineer team. It has now been three months since that response, and five months since our original letter. We would like to know where this stands.

We also note a practical opportunity that is closing quickly. As you noted, the NTSPI construction on Lowell is scheduled to begin this spring. Implementing speed limit changes, signage, and associated traffic calming during active construction is significantly more cost-effective and avoids the need for duplicative mobilization and future disruption. As DOTI acknowledged in its response that a speed reduction is warranted, the question before us is timing and implementation – not whether action is needed. The spring construction window is the right moment to do it.

Given the upcoming construction timeline, BRUN respectfully requests a written response within 30 days addressing the following:

- Share the preliminary speed and volume data that the team has collected on the Lowell corridor, or confirm when that data will be available.

- Confirm whether a formal speed study is legally required to lower the speed limit on Lowell, or if that is merely a departmental preference.
- Provide a specific timeline for completing a formal speed study on Lowell Boulevard between W 38th and W 52nd Avenues.
- Confirm whether a speed limit reduction and/or traffic calming measures can be implemented in coordination with the spring NTSPI construction.
- Identify any interim safety measures (e.g., temporary signage, striping, or enforcement) that can be implemented in advance of a formal speed study.
- Clarify whether Lowell Boulevard qualifies for Denver's existing neighborhood speed reduction programs, and if not, explain what criteria it does not meet.
- Clarify why Lowell Boulevard is at the same speed limit as W 38th Avenue, a six-lane-wide Major Arterial.
- Provide an update on whether protected left-turn signals at W 46th Avenue and Lowell Boulevard have been evaluated, and if so, share findings and next steps.
- Provide a timeline and identify the responsible agency for improvements to lighting, maintenance, and snow/ice removal under the I-70 underpass.

We would welcome a DOTI representative to present an update on the Lowell corridor and to answer community questions directly at a future BRUN board meeting, including the NTSPI project timeline and the speed study status.

Lowell Boulevard is a residential collector – not an arterial – and serves hundreds of schoolchildren, park users, and cyclists every week. The community has raised these safety concerns consistently for years. DOTI has acknowledged the problem. We are asking for a clear plan and a timeline, not an open-ended process.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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