



BRUN - DOTI - Lowell Follow Up letter

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Dear Scott and Members of the BRUN RNO:

Thank you for your letter outlining requests to improve safety in your neighborhood. DOTI shares your goal of improving safety for everyone traveling along and across Lowell Boulevard.

DOTI is advancing several efforts along Lowell Boulevard near I-70 to improve street safety:

- **Speed evaluation:** DOTI has collected speed and traffic-volume data at three different locations on Lowell Boulevard between West 38th and West 52nd Avenues. The data is summarized within the table below. The team will be reviewing the data and other factors such as access spacing, crashes, and roadway characteristics over the next month and identifying next steps including whether a speed-limit change or other treatments are appropriate. Our process is in alignment with DOTI policy and DRMC Section 54-43.

Lowell Blvd Traffic Volume and Speed Data (January 21, 2026)

Location on Lowell Blvd	Volume (ADT)	85th Percentile Speed
North of 46th Ave	11,207	35 mph
North of 41st Ave	9,352	34 mph
North of 39th Ave	9,225	43 mph

- **Multimodal improvements:** DOTI is developing a bikeway concept between 46th and 48th avenues. Funding must still be identified to advance outreach, design, and construction.
- **Crossing improvements:** Quick-build safety improvements at 38th Avenue and Lowell Boulevard are scheduled for installation this summer. Traffic signal reconstruction and intersection improvements at 44th Avenue and Lowell Boulevard have been designed and should be under construction within the next year depending on staff workloads. Crossing improvements at 48th Avenue and Lowell Boulevard, the NTSPI improvements you noted in your letter, are also fully designed and construction should start in late Q4 2026, weather pending. Crossing improvements at 49th Ave and Lowell were evaluated in 2023. Unfortunately, the intersection did not meet criteria for an improved crossing. Intersection daylighting and signage were improved in 2024 to help make the intersection safer.

The speed evaluation study will help inform whether this section of Lowell is a good candidate for inclusion in DOTI’s new Traffic Calming Program. DOTI received funding in

the 2026 budget to establish a citywide Traffic Calming Program. The program will provide a consistent, data-driven process for identifying and prioritizing roadway changes that create safer speeds. DOTI is developing the program structure and evaluation criteria while working through the city's six-year capital planning process with the Department of Finance to identify design and construction funding. Lowell Boulevard may become a candidate corridor for this Program based on the speed-study findings, citywide safety needs, and available funding.

We recognize the concern that **Lowell Boulevard has the same posted speed limit as West 38th Avenue** despite differences in roadway design. While the speeds are the same, speed limits are established based on each corridor's unique characteristics and operating conditions. The Vibrant Denver Bond project will consider changes to the roadway configuration of West 38th Avenue, which often triggers the need to evaluate the corridor's speed limit.

DOTI has also considered the request for protected left-turn signals at West 46th Avenue and Lowell Boulevard. The intersection uses an older span-wire signal system and adding a separately controlled left-turn signal head is not feasible without full signal reconstruction which is not currently programmed or funded. DOTI recognizes the safety benefits of protected left-turn operations and is adding this treatment where appropriate as older span-wire systems are replaced with modern mast-arm signals, as well as at intersections with existing infrastructure that can accommodate this change.

Finally, **DOTI will confirm ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the I-70 underpass** and coordinate with the appropriate agency regarding lighting, maintenance, and snow and ice removal. DOTI will also assess opportunities to improve visibility and provide an update once we gather more information.

The concerns raised in your letter have been documented, and the necessary technical work is underway. DOTI will provide an additional update as the speed study and related evaluations are completed.

Please note that after this Friday, July 10th I will no longer be with the Office of External Affairs. If you have follow up questions or concerns please contact Rebecca Draper who I have copied above.

Sincerely,

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] BRUN - DOTI - Lowell Follow Up letter

Maggie,

Attached is our Berkley Regis United Neighbors (BRUN) follow up letter to our letter sent to DOTI on December, 15
2025 regarding Lowell Blvd Safety Requests.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thanks,

Scott Danenhauer

BRUN President

