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# OLD NORTH END

## NEIGHBORHOOD

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January 29, 2016

Mountain Metropolitan Transit Administration  
1015 Transit Dr.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903  
via email: [transitinfo@springsgov.com](mailto:transitinfo@springsgov.com)

re: Proposed Service Changes

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Old North End Board of Directors is concerned about the consolidation of bus routes onto Nevada Avenue. We are not opposed to the consolidation plan's end goal, but we don't believe it can be done safely by the planned change date of May 1, 2016. We also have concern about the design of the bus benches to be placed in the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone in our neighborhood.

Nevada Avenue has not experienced the same care of its infrastructure as other streets within the Old North End. It is not up to date with pedestrian ramps and ADA compliance. Of the twelve intersections between Uintah and Jackson, only six have pedestrian ramps at all four corners and through the center median. The remaining six either have partial improvements or no improvements. We are not certain any of them are ADA compliant.

We are including a map detailing where improvements are in place and where improvements are needed to create a safe experience for pedestrians. Included in our map are images of the typical corner for the three completely unimproved intersections. The improvements should be completed before a move is executed.

We also ask that should it be decided that the route be moved, historically appropriate bus benches should be part of the implementation. At the downtown bus station, there are many metal benches that we consider to be acceptable quality.

We recognize that the existing benches on Cascade and Wahsatch are concrete with billboard type advertisements as the back support. These benches have been in place for many

years. Subsequent to those benches being placed, our neighborhood has put safeguards in place to bring new projects up to historically appropriate standards. This includes a historic preservation overlay zone that the new route would traverse. New bus stops should respect and comply with our historic character. Our historic preservation committee would be glad to meet with you to discuss other options.

One last item we have concern about is if the bus route is moved, that it will have a negative impact of neighbors who rely upon paratransit services if they now live more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the bus route. We hope that you have notified current users who will no longer live in the service area of the proposed change.

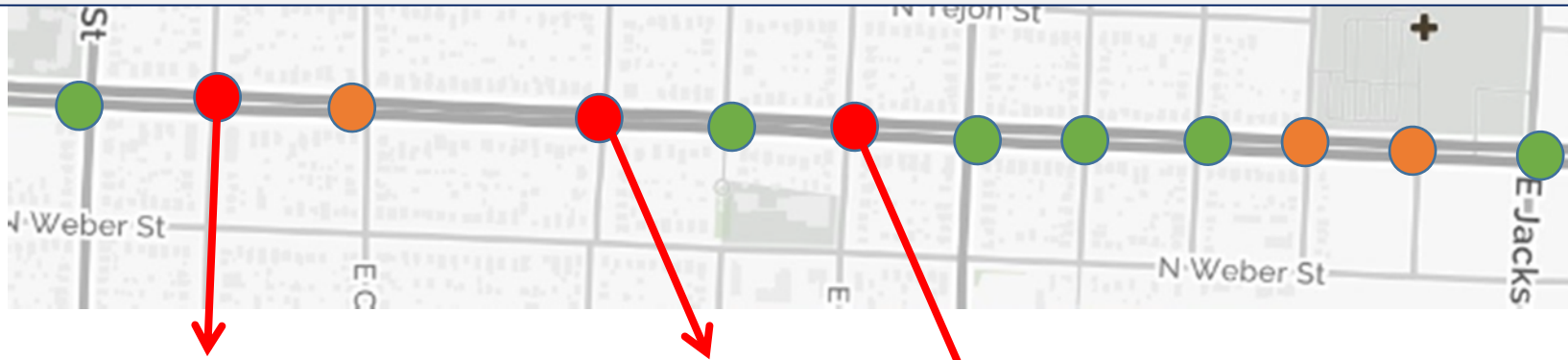
We hope you will accept and take action on our requests. We want to have a pedestrian, bike, stroller and car friendly neighborhood. The addition of public transit onto Nevada, if done in the right way, could be part of this.

Sincerely,

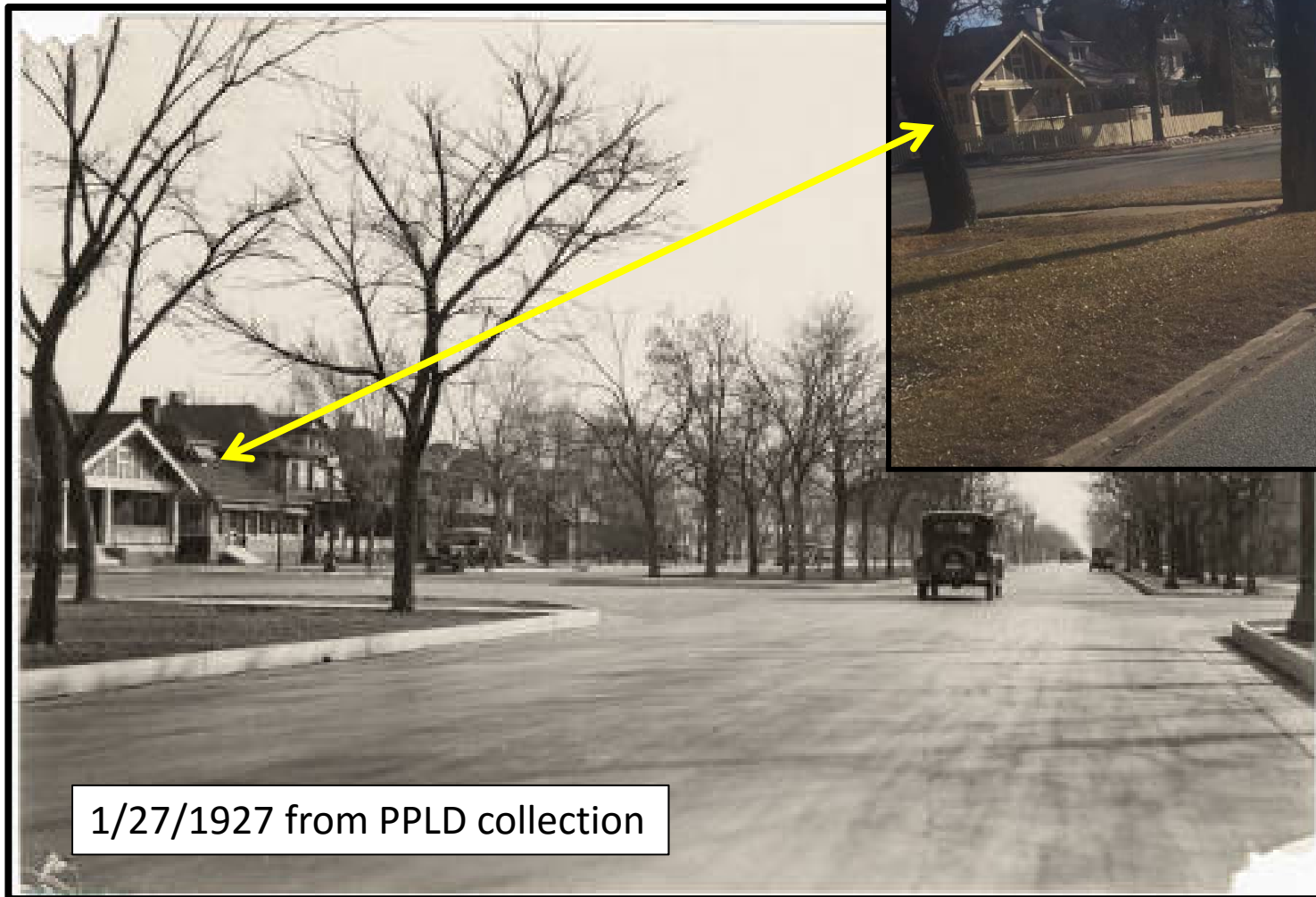
A handwritten signature in brown ink, appearing to read 'Bill Rogers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Bill Rogers  
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# Nevada Avenue Infrastructure Assessment – Uintah to Jackson



- Ramps at all 4 corners and median:  
Uintah, Del Norte, Fontanero,  
Washington, Jefferson, Jackson
- Ramp in at least one corner or median:  
Columbia, Madison, Monroe
- No ramps at any corner or median:  
Columbia, Caramillo, Espanola



The photo on the left was taken in January 1927. The photo on the right was taken 89 years later. The trees are larger and the cars are newer. The curbs are shorter due to years of repaving and are deteriorated.



This type of bench is appropriate for placement in the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone



This type of bench is NOT appropriate for placement in the Historic Preservation Overlay Zone