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Striping and bike symbols on Indian School Rd

Thank you for reaching out about our traffic calming and re-striping project on Indian School. For several years we've heard complaints about speeding cars in this neighborhood. A common way to slow down speeders is to narrow the roads with striping. Wide open roads are inviting to speed on. When a driver is limited to a tighter space, they drive slower. This road design encourages safer and better behavior by drivers and slows down traffic. Our engineers worked with the City Council to approve this new striping on Indian School.

In order to preserve your on-street parking, we've painted new lanes and added a buffer so cars don't open their doors into traffic. In DMD we are often asked by neighborhoods to add these types of buffered parking amenities because they make it safer for people to exit their cars and also reduce the chances of a parked car getting hit. Adding dedicated bike lanes would eliminate the ability for homeowners to park in the street, as it is illegal to park in a bike lane per City ordinance. Removing on-street parking is unpopular, even if it's rarely used, so we do our best to maintain it.

Many bicyclists today use Indian School to access the great trails in the Open Space area to the east, which is one of our city's great amenities. Because of that, you'll see that we have added "sharrows" on the road. These stripes with a bicycle graphic remind drivers that bicyclists, too, use this road often. They're common in Downtown, the Country Club, Nob Hill and the North Valley. Indian School was also identified as a key bicycle route in the new Albuquerque Bike Plan, which was unanimously approved by the City Council, largely because of the number of bicyclists who love to ride to the mountain trails.

Indian School, as you know, is a beautiful street in a beautiful neighborhood. By helping drivers obey the speed limits, as well as ensuring that you have ample on-street parking, we think the road will be safer for everyone.

Thank you, and drive safe

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