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CLARIFICATION ON PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 27, 2012

I very much appreciate the great deal of interest expressed on the roundabout project for the intersection of Candelaria Road NW and Rio Grande Blvd. NW. I would like to clarify the purpose and structure of the public meeting scheduled Thursday, Sept. 27, from 5-8 p.m. at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, 2401 12th Street NW.

The public meeting is being held so that everyone who was unable to get information, ask questions or express their opinions at the July 26, 2012 meeting can do so. I feel it is important for all constituents to get answers to their questions, and most importantly to be heard.

To accomplish these goals, we have scheduled the meeting at a facility with more space. We will have information stations where people can look at diagrams and ask the professionals who designed the project questions. In addition, we will have a brief informational presentation with a sound system so that everyone can hear, and will also provide time for comments. Anyone wishing to offer comments will be asked to sign up to speak and indicate whether they are in favor of or neutral about the project or whether they oppose the project. Each speaker will be given two minutes. In addition, anyone attending will be welcome to offer written comments.

I do want to emphasize that I am committed to moving this important project forward. This meeting will make a total of five public meetings that have addressed speeding and safety concerns at the intersection of Candelaria and Rio Grande. Public input has been solicited at all of these meetings. Several other alternatives to reduce speeding and improve safety have been tried with limited success. Others simply are not feasible. This roundabout project was designed based on studies that show roundabouts are successful in reducing speeding and improving safety. We have received an environmental clearance and have the funding in place to build this project, including federal funding that actually brings in dollars to our local economy.

That does not mean that I do not want to hear from all my constituents, whether they support or oppose the roundabout. It also does not mean that there is not the opportunity to comment on or have input into the design of the roundabout. I want to hear from as many people as possible who are directly impacted by this project, and that is why we are having this meeting.

Debbie O'Malley