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PBOT

We deeply appreciate PBOT's addressing safety concerns along MLK Jr Blvd. In Woodlawn, residents will greatly benefit from the crossing at NE Buffalo Street and increased safe access for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit commuters that the active, signaled crosswalk will bring.

We are also hoping that a similar solution for increased crossing visibility can be found for the intersections at Woodlawn Park and the businesses at the Dekum triangle. Increased safety for crossing Dekum Street at 8th Avenue, Durham Street, Bellevue Street, and Claremont Street would greatly benefit our residents, young public school students, and business patrons. Ideally, all four intersections would be provided with clear crosswalks and visibility which would alert drivers and potentially reduce the amount of speeding as well.

We understand that cost and staffing constraints exist but are hopeful for a series of solutions that could increase safety for these four active crossings that connect people with our park, school, transit, and businesses. A signaled crossing at Dekum and Durham could be very effective in increasing safety and visibility for the corridor, similar to the intersection of NE Killingsworth and 30th Avenue. At minimum, a centralized sign and reflective posts similar to the ones on Rosa

Parks and Rodney's cross walk could improve the two existing islands on Dekum which currently have signs on the side of the road and no additional visual warnings.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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