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Council Member Steve Fletcher
City of Minneapolis
350 South 5th Street, Room 307
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Commissioner Irene Fernando
Hennepin County
A-2400 Government Center
300 South 6th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55487

Re: Intersection of I-394 and Washington Avenue

Dear Council Member Fletcher and Commissioner Fernando:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association to express our concern regarding the I-394 and Washington Avenue intersection. This is an important entrance to the downtown community. While it brings people directly into the North Loop neighborhood, this intersection serves as a gateway into Downtown East and Downtown West. A gateway not only for people working and visiting downtown, but also for our residents who live downtown and work in the suburbs.

Over the past few years, due to the fast growth of the downtown community both in respect to business and residential buildings, we have seen this intersection grow more and more treacherous for pedestrians, bicyclists and vehicles to navigate. We are concerned that the dangerous conflicts that currently exist will ultimately lead to a fatality.

The DMNA strongly supports some kind of immediate and temporary intervention at this intersection. We also want to encourage and support the City to work collaboratively with MNDOT and Hennepin County to study and implement a longer term, more permanent solution.

Thank you for being responsive to our concerns about this important gateway into our downtown community. We are grateful for your leadership and support. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 320-583-4573, or email me at christie@thedmna.org.

Kind regards,

Christie Rock Hantge, DMNA Neighborhood Coordinator

cc. Council Member Lisa Goodman
Joe Tamburino, DMNA Board Chair
Kevin Frazell, DMNA Land Use Committee Chair