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Street Transportation Department Director Dovalina,

Yesterday, November 12, 2014, a fatality involving a cyclist occurred at the intersection of 17th Avenue and Pecos Road. This is the second cyclist fatality at this location since 2013.

This is unacceptable. The City of Phoenix must find a way to make this intersection safe for both motorists and cyclists. I am very concerned, as are the many residents of that area who have contacted my office since yesterday calling for action by the City of Phoenix to make the intersection safe. My wife, Debbie, is a cyclist and uses that stretch of Pecos Road on a regular basis, which causes me concern as a private citizen as well as a City Councilman.

I cannot stress enough the urgency regarding the safety of our City of Phoenix residents and the need for action at this intersection. I ask you to address the following questions:

- 1.) What safety measures were put into place to ensure that the recent changes to the intersection would be safe for cyclists?
- 2.) How many reports of accidents have occurred at this intersection since the changes occurred?
- 3.) Do you have any current plans to make changes to this intersection to ensure safety? If so, what are those changes and what is the timeframe.
- 4.) What further safety measures are possible to ensure that this intersection is safe for cyclists and what would be the time frame for completing any such measures?

I am committed to the safety of those people using this stretch of Pecos Road, and anticipate your swift response.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sal DiCiccio".

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