

## *DRAFT Proclamation of Support*

**WHEREAS...** a modern, safe and efficient 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation system is essential to Colorado's quality of life and the health of our economy; and

**WHEREAS...** Colorado's population has grown nearly 60 percent since 1991, while state transportation spending per driver, adjusted for inflation, has been cut in half over that same time period; and

**WHEREAS...** the City and County of Denver will realize \$29.9 million in first year revenue and \$845 million over the course of twenty years; and

**WHEREAS...** increased demands on our roads and bridges have resulted in increased traffic congestion, lost worker productivity and deep frustration among local citizens; and

**WHEREAS...** the Colorado Department of Transportation has identified \$9 billion in much-needed projects that lack funding; and

**WHEREAS...** Proposition 110 will allow CDOT and more than 200 hundred local governments to address critical statewide and community transportation infrastructure and maintenance needs without requiring cuts to existing state programs and services; and

**WHEREAS...** there has been a significant lack of resources available to local communities to address traffic congestion, maintenance needs and safety concerns; and

**WHEREAS...** the failure to maintain roads and bridges adequately costs Coloradans on average of \$468 per driver due to damage and unnecessary wear-and-tear to vehicles, and

**WHEREAS...** truly addressing Colorado's transportation challenges requires a dedicated, sufficient and guaranteed stream of revenue; and

**WHEREAS...** a bipartisan, coalition of local elected officials, business leaders, labor unions, environmentalists, transit groups, and community activists have joined together to ask voters to raise the state sales tax by .62 percent, or about six cents on a ten-dollar purchase, for transportation needs; and

**WHEREAS...** this measure will raise \$767 million in its first year and allow for bonding of \$6 billion for state projects; and

**WHEREAS...** 40 percent of the new revenue will go to county and municipal governments to address local transportation needs and 15% will go to multi-modal transit; and

**WHEREAS...** Colorado voters will be able to vote on this statewide transportation solution on the November 2018 ballot.

**Now Therefore...** the Denver City Council joins with leaders across the state in endorsing this transportation solution as the right answer to address years of neglect of our state's transportation needs and to address the concerns we have heard from our local citizens.

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Council President

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Date

Please sign and return to Let's Go Colorado c/o Coloradans for Coloradans 1660 Lincoln St. Denver Co. 80203 or scan and email to [cpriest@letsgocolorado.com](mailto:cpriest@letsgocolorado.com).

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