



Denver City Council

CdeBaca Amendment to the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget 21-1335

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Madam President: I move that the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget be amended in the following particulars:

1. On page 738, in the line titled "Expenditures by Type Total" (Fund 5041000) reduce the amount in the 2022 Recommended column by \$200,000.
2. On page 736, in the line titled "Transportation and Mobility Capital
3. Projects" (Fund 5011000) increase the amount in the 2022 Recommended column by \$200,000 from \$9,200,000 to \$9,400,000 to increase funding for the York/Josephine 2-Way Conversion & Bike lane.
4. Make other appropriate adjustments to comments, tables, schedules, and figures in the Mayor's Proposed 2022 Budget as may be required to reflect the actions in this amendment.

Explanation: For some reason, this conversion was not part of the scope of I-70 expansion and now without it, leaves a strange and inefficient use of roads in an equity area. In Swansea there are only two thru-routes, Steele Stand York/Josephine. The York/Josephine one ways were designed for semi-trucks and traffic to enter/exit I-70 & York onramp. With the ramp gone and never returning the roads should have been reconfigured but never were and have caused not only several accidents but also fail to address multimodal challenges that are well known in this area. Converting both York and Josephine to two-ways and utilizing Josephine as a shared-street (until it can get a protected bike path) would finally articulate a legitimate bike and ped connection to the rest of the City for these isolated neighbors AND it would remove unnecessary semi traffic from the primarily residential street, Josephine and instead push thru traffic to a non-residential street, York. This removal will help the known pollution challenges faced by this community and also provide an opportunity to green the shared street and improve crossings, heat-island effect and deficient tree canopy.