

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation No. CP13-0266

In recognition of Brian L. Mitchell, Director of Traffic Engineering Services & City Traffic Engineer, upon his retirement.

WHEREAS, Brian Mitchell obtained his Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Ohio State University in 1980; completed a year of graduate work focusing on Traffic & Transportation Engineering; then relocated to Denver in August 1981 to begin his career in the Traffic Engineering Division of the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell was a valuable addition to the Public Works Department, and he was therefore steadily promoted through the ranks from Staff Engineer to Director of Traffic Engineering Services/City Traffic Engineer in 2006; and

WHEREAS, asked about the largest challenge in his career, Brian said it was guiding Traffic Engineering through the philosophical change from primarily focusing on the safe, efficient movement of vehicular traffic to an emphasis on developing a safe, balanced system for all modes of travel; and

WHEREAS, his skillful guidance through this sea change did not go unnoticed, as non-engineer colleagues have described Brian as an “enlightened” engineer, one who “got” the emerging trends in transportation planning and could bring engineers and planners together; and

WHEREAS, Brian has been responsive to citizens and elected officials, truly hearing their concerns and needs; he has an uncanny ability to come up with creative, out-of-the-box solutions; and he is leaving a huge hole in Traffic Engineering Services; and

WHEREAS, a few of his accomplishments he finds most rewarding include: working with neighborhoods to resolve traffic-related concerns through various methods such as authorizing reduced school zone speed limits, flashing school zone signs and conversion of one-way streets; designing the larger, more legible street name signs; authorizing countdown pedestrian signals; authorizing several bike-related improvements, including citywide expansion of on-street bike lanes; and proposing the reconfiguration of the intersection of Colfax, Welton and Galapago.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER THAT:

Section 1. The Council hereby recognizes Brian Mitchell, thanks him for his dedication to the residents of the City & County of Denver and wishes him well in the next stage of his life.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that copies be transmitted to Brian Mitchell.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 22, 2013

PRESIDENT