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Dear council members,

I am writing to communicate my strong desire and need for the Alameda underpass reconstruction and Jewell Pedestrian and Bike Bridge. I live in Athmar park and both would greatly improve the accessibility and safety of our neighborhood.

The condition of the Alameda underpass needs dire attention. It is literally crumbling, floods regularly with big rains, not to mention is unsightly. When I drive under it, I literally cringe and get a anxiety that the trains passing overhead will derail due to the unstable construction.

The Jewel ped and bike bridge would add tremendous connectivity to our neighborhood. We used to be a one car family for environmental reasons. I had to transfer at the 1-25 station to bus 11 which is notoriously late. When we had our child I could no longer justify waiting 30+ min for the late bus every night rather than being home with my son. We got a second car so I no longer had to rely on public transportation. If the bridge was in place, I could easily take the 0 bus to the station and bike home over the bridge. I would gladly be on the bus and get a little exercise.

It should also be noted that our neighborhood is one of the last "affordable" neighborhoods in Denver. Both of these- the underpass and bridge would allow easier access to the grocery stores, shops and other resources on the other side of the highway. Its of great importance to our neighborhood that we maintain the spirit and vitality that is part of our culture but as the homes become less affordable, people are having to move away. Both these improvements- the Alameda underpass and Jewell bridge would help combat the gentrification, in addition to improving the safety and accessibility of our neighborhood.

I plead with you to fund these upgrades through the GO Bond or otherwise. Our neighborhood and those surrounding need it.

Thank you for your consideration.
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