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To: Mayor Michael Hancock and Members of City Council
From: University Park Community Council (UPCC)

Dear Mayor Hancock and Members of City Council,

Please add "**Buchtel and Colorado Intersection Improvements (including Colorado Station Bike/Ped Access)"** to the list of projects included for funding in the 2017 Denver GO Bond. This project proposed by Council members Paul Kashmann and Kendra Black was selected for funding by the Transportation and Mobility GO Bond Task Force, but was deleted by the Executive Committee at their final meeting last week.

University Park Community Council (UPCC) believes that this project meets the criteria for GO Bond funding, and hopes that geographic equity is being considered in project selection. This is the only Transportation and Mobility project in Districts 6 and 4.

This project includes:
--Connectivity. Buchtel Blvd. would be converted to a more Complete Street, including a protected bike lane which would connect across S. Colorado Blvd. to the Colorado Light Rail Station and to the pedestrian/bicycle bridge across I-25, as well as to the University of Denver Light Rail Station. Also included are additional crosswalks on Buchtel Blvd., upgraded sidewalks, way finding and lighting.
--Safety. Improved, safer intersections are planned for four High Injury Network areas - Buchtel Blvd./S. Colorado Blvd., Buchtel/S. University Blvd; S. Colorado Blvd./E. Evans Ave.; and S. University Blvd./E. Evans Ave. Improvements include pedestrian refuges, enhanced crosswalks, as well as a major realignment at the Buchtel/S. University Blvd. intersection.
--Response to neighborhood input. University Park residents supported this project from the get-go. Several residents have been on the Stakeholder Committee providing input as the plan evolved. Results of our recent Mobility Issues survey (199 responses) showed that the Buchtel intersections are an impediment to us walking or biking to the University of Denver Light Rail Station across S. University Blvd., and to the Colorado Light Rail Station across S. Colorado Blvd. Our Small Area Plan, adopted in 2008, similarly identified these major intersections as impediments to using active transportation in reaching these Light Rail Stations.

This project addresses geographic equity, connectivity and safety. University Park Community Council unanimously supports funding this project at the proposed $8.4 million.

Thank you for considering this request.

UPCC President Debbie Harrington
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