From: Chris and Susan Dolson
To: dencc - City Council
Subject: Please reinstate Buchtel and Colorado Intersection Improvements to the 2017 GO Bond
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Dear City Council Members,

I live one house south of the intersection of Buchtel Boulevard and South Fillmore Street in District 6. My children and I frequently want to walk or ride bicycles along Buchtel Boulevard, but I have serious concerns about the safety of both the eastbound and westbound bicycle lanes, and forbid my children from using this route without my presence. As I wrote to Councilman Kashmann earlier this year, impatient drivers frequently cross into the bicycle lane and even onto the slope-curbed sidewalk in an effort to pass slower traffic on the right or to make right hand turns onto the southbound cross-streets. In several instances, cars will pass up to 10 stopped cars in the bicycled lane!!

We use Buchtel Boulevard for westward travel to DU or the University of Denver light rail station. We also use Buchtel for eastward travel to the both C3 Elementary and Highline Academy Southeast schools, the US Post Office, the shopping center at Colorado Boulevard, and the Colorado Station light rail stop. As such, we have first hand experience with far too many cars using the bicycle lanes and creating a hazardous situation. The crossings at University and Colorado Boulevards are also fraught with perils.

Based on my harrowing experiences along these routes, I welcomed news of a PROTECTED bicycle lane and intersection improvements titled "Buchtel and Colorado Intersection Improvements" being recommended for includion in the 2017 GO Bond. My relief was shortlived, as I recently learned that the executive board removed these improvements from the final recommendations.

Please restore these vital projects to the 2017 GO Bond so that the funds we approved as voters can be used to improve the safety and well-being of residents in District six and those who frequent the transit stations and businesses along Buchtel Boulevard.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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