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I am writing to support the GO Bond as currently written/proposed. I had written to the committee that put the bond proposal together and below is what I wrote to them. The path along Peoria did not make the cut, but I left my comments in. PLEASE keep our Far Northeast items in the bond proposal!

Thank you!

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Greetings from Green Valley Ranch. While many people think we live in Kansas (being so far out on the far eastern edge of the city), we are in Denver and we need the improvements that were suggested during the survey process.

Our biggest need is the 56th Avenue improvements. Traffic congestion is increasing as Oakwood continues to build new housing. The Panasonic Development is in process as is the Gaylord Project. Add to that the anticipated Aurora growth east of Picadilly and it is easy to see that the situation cannot help but get worse. 56th is supposed to be a primary artery and is considered a vital part of emergency response yet it is not sufficient as it currently exists. While we may see some easing of traffic when Commerce City/Adams County completes the Pena Blvd/Tower Road improvements, this is not expected to be completed for at least a year or longer.

We also need improvements to the Police station to handle increased demands on public safety. There are a lot of miles to cover in NE Denver and the police resources are severely tasked. Ultimately there is the possibility of needing a substation out here on the eastern plains but there is still a need NOW for additional resources.

Shall we also consider the public need for recreation and exercise? Yes, we have an outdoor pool and yes we have a rec center. The current pool is an older fixture and was built when the neighborhood was much less populated. Additionally, it is only available for 3 months of the year. The neighborhood has asked for years to have the indoor pool added to the rec center and we have voiced our desire to have the project completed!

Another project that was promoted for the FNE was the multi-use path on Peoria. No, this is not an item I will use but I support the need of my Montbello neighbors.

Please do not put off the projects for the eastern most section of the city. We are in a state of growth out here and are in need of these items. Thank you!