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To:	MileHighMayor; Dreyer, Evan F. - MO Mayor"s Office; dencc - City Council
Subject:	Buchtel and Colorado Intersection Improvements
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Dear Mile High Mayor and City Council Members,
Please include the Buchtel and Colorado Intersections Improvement project on the list for funding in the 2017 GO Bond. Our neighborhood has the potential to be a leading example of the future of public transportation in Denver. However, the present configuration of intersections across busy streets (Colorado, University, Evans, Buchtel) is a deterrent to to biking, walking and accessing the light rail station.
Presently our children cannot walk to Observatory Park or to school because Evans is too busy to cross without an adult. There is a permanent memorial for someone who died in an auto accident at the Evans/S Saint Paul St intersection. There is another memorial for a person who died on Evans on the west side of University. The fact that there are two memorials within one mile of our home should be proof enough that the present management of traffic in relation to pedestrian use is inadequate.
We cannot ride bikes comfortably with our children to attend sporting events at the University of Denver, to Washington Park or to the University Light Rail Station because there are no crosswalks across Buchtel to the Prairie Park path and streets are busy with fast moving automobile commuters. Sidewalks are narrow or nonexistent.
University Park is a dynamic mix of students and families. It has the potential to be an example of thoughtful transportation planning to manage growth. We have light rail access, tons of pedestrians around the University of Denver, and some bike lanes already. We have increasing density due to the number of high rise apartment buildings under construction and planned for future construction. Enhancing the intersections, improving the links between transport modes, increasing safety for pedestrians and cyclists will make a major impact on vehicular traffic in Southeast Denver.
There are no other transportation projects on the list for Bond funding in our district.
Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
Kate Knudsen
mother of four and U Park resident