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Dear Mayor Hancock:

Congratulations on beginning your third term as our Mayor. We look forward to working with you to address transportation inequities and realize the vision in [Blueprint Denver](#) for an inclusive, sustainable, livable city.

The Denver Streets Partnership is enthusiastic about the progress Denver has made since 2017. Highlights include Denver's [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) goals to eliminate traffic fatalities and serious injuries by 2030, the Mayor's Mobility Action Plan that identified the goal of reducing SOV trips to 50% by 2030, and a jump start for bike, pedestrian and transit funding in the Elevate Denver Bond to build out the mobility networks identified in the Denver Moves suite of plans.

Now is the time to turn the Blueprint Denver, Vision Zero, and Denver Moves suite of plans into action. **To realize our citywide goals, Denver must find new, dedicated and sustained funding sources to supplement the Elevate Denver Bond and current levels in the annual budget** that support the proposed new Department of Transportation and Infrastructure. Additional funding is necessary to build out complete sidewalk, bicycle, and bus networks and services that will benefit all residents, while prioritizing those in highest need neighborhoods.

We face significant challenges. Traffic fatalities and injuries in Denver are a public health crisis, with 59 people killed on Denver's streets in 2018 and 47 deaths so far in 2019. Many neighborhoods in Denver, and especially low-income communities, communities of color, and other communities of concern, lack basic sidewalks or frequent bus routes that offer reliable, affordable transit options. Where bike lanes exist, they often don't connect, and everyone but the most confident riders are afraid to use them. Without viable mobility options, many households remain dependent on driving to access daily needs, and the high costs of car ownership compounded with our affordable housing deficit are pricing people out of options and out of Denver. Finally, Denver's "brown cloud" is back. We are not on track to meet Denver's [2020 Sustainability Goals](#) or combat climate change.

In 2017, you introduced the "Year of Mobility" with a [Mobility Action Plan](#) that identified the need for more than \$2 billion in transportation funding to make it safer and easier for Denverites to get where they need to go. In 2019, Denver still has significant mobility needs.

Now is the time to act. Denver needs at least \$120 million per year in revenue to build out a complete, multimodal transportation system within 20 years and maintain our existing infrastructure. At least \$50 million must be allocated to pedestrian and bicycle projects so that everyone can get where they need to go safely.

Will you stand with the Denver Streets Partnership and support a process to identify funding solutions by November 2020?

We are committed to pursuing every option available to fund the sidewalk, bike, and transit networks and services Denverites need, as well as ongoing maintenance of our transportation system. Please let us know if you are willing to help lead on this priority issue.

We look forward to working with you to create people-friendly streets that support all Denverites.

Sincerely,

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