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2025 Vibrant Denver GO Bond Comment Guide

Support funding for pedestrian, bike, transit, and street safety improvements

BACKGROUND

The City of Denver is gearing up to put a general obligation (GO) bond measure on this November's ballot that would raise around \$800 million for major capital improvement projects. Residents submitted projects that were reviewed by different community-led subcommittees over the past six weeks. Now the Executive Committee is reviewing the prioritized projects to determine which get recommended to City Council for referral to the ballot in November.

One of the big decisions the Executive Committee will have to make is how much of the bond funding to allocate to each subarea. There is only \$800 million for major capital improvement projects up for grabs, and billions in subcommittee-recommended projects, so showing your support for transportation projects you value is crucial to getting them onto the final list. The Connectivity Subcommittee, which our very own DSP Executive Director Jill Locantore chaired, recommended that approximately half of the funding (i.e., at least \$400 million) should be allocated to transportation projects. With so many projects and so little money, your input is crucial to getting those dollars allocated for transportation.

Use this guide to share your perspective as the Executive Committee deliberates between now and June 13, by either <u>submitting a comment online</u> or <u>signing up to speak</u> at one of the virtual meetings listed below.

Executive Committee meeting information	Dates
 Webb Building (201 W Colfax Ave), 4th Floor, Room 4G2 8-10 a.m. 1.5 minute speaking time 	May 27
	June 6
	June 13

Check out our <u>blog post</u> to learn more about the categories of transportation projects recommended for tier 1 priority, and view the full list of projects considered by the Connectivity Subcommittee and their rankings <u>here</u>.

SAMPLE COMMENT

Here is a sample comment you can use, but if you can, please personalize before submitting or speaking. To personalize, pick one or two of the Tier 1 project types below that resonate with you and add a sentence about why it's important to you.

I'd like to share my support for the Tier 1 transportation projects recommended by the Connectivity Subcommittee, and to encourage the Executive Committee to allocate at least \$400 million of the GO Bond funding to transportation projects.

Transportation intersects with virtually every aspect of daily life, and investing in it will help Denver achieve a wide range of critical outcomes. These include reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality and public health, eliminating traffic fatalities and serious injuries, increasing affordability and livability in our neighborhoods, creating economic opportunity, and ensuring all people can connect to their daily needs safely and efficiently.

These projects are not only high-impact—they are urgently needed. In particular, I want to see the City prioritize... [Choose one or two, then follow up with a sentence about why it matters to you.]

- **Citywide programs** to build safer neighborhood streets with bikeways, pedestrian crossings, traffic calming features, and bike/scooter corrals.
- **Multimodal corridor upgrades** on major streets that are part of the High Injury Network and key transit routes—such as Federal Blvd, Alameda, 38th Ave, 13th/14th, 17th/18th, Sheridan, Evans, and York/Josephine.
- Major bike network connections, like extending the Broadway bikeway into downtown and widening the Cherry Creek path along 1st Avenue.
- **Community-led projects**, including the 5280 Trail, Westwood Via Verde, two-way conversion of Stout Street, and new connections from the GES neighborhoods to the RTD N Line.
- Fixes to critical barriers in the multimodal network, like the 38th Street underpass at Blake, the Mississippi Ave bridge over the South Platte, and the 8th Ave viaduct.

These projects advance Vision Zero, expand Denver's multimodal transportation network, and focus resources in historically underserved neighborhoods—all while helping our city reduce car dependency and fight climate change.

Please fund these Tier 1 projects and make a bold commitment to a safer, healthier, and more connected Denver.

Thank you.