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Election Policy Platform

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1. Act on Vision Zero

The alarming rate of preventable traffic-related deaths and injuries on Denver streets demands urgent action—a record 93 people were killed in 2025. Hundreds more were seriously injured, suffering life-altering trauma that often requires years of costly medical care and rehabilitation.

To achieve this morally necessary transformation of Denver's mobility system, all government agencies must do their part and work together—**and municipal officials must lead.**

2. Give All Denverites a Real Choice in How They Get Around

The ability to move freely, affordably, and safely around our community is essential to the quality of life and access to opportunities for all Denverites. Today, too many of us are forced to own and maintain an expensive automobile to access essential services. Others feel they have no choice but to drive everywhere they go, even if they would prefer to walk, roll, bike, or take transit for some trips. More importantly, the lack of viable mobility options *severely restricts freedom and mobility* for the one-third of folks who cannot drive because of age, disability, legal status, and/or cost. Denver's current transportation system over-relies on driving a private automobile, which contributes to high rates of traffic fatalities and serious injuries; causes harmful transportation emissions and air and noise pollution; and makes life more stressful and unaffordable for all.

Municipal officials should help Denverites thrive by transforming our mobility system with policies and practices that make walking, rolling, biking and taking transit safe, viable options for everyone.

3. Support the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure with project implementation

Too often, political influence is used to delay or undermine mobility-safety projects. Municipal officials must ensure DOTI has sufficient staff, budget and support to plan, design, and urgently deliver projects consistent with citywide goals.

4. Design Public Spaces for People

All community members deserve equitable access to our public spaces, including streets, parks, and transit stops. Everyone should feel safe and welcome in these spaces. Since streets make up our largest public space, municipal officials must approach public-safety issues with compassion and dignity. Our elected leaders should find solutions that support health equity, benefit all community members, and create a truly safe, accessible, and livable Denver.

5. Reject Wider Highways and Roadways

Doubling down on highway- and roadway-widening projects exacerbates the negative impacts of car dependency for people who live in the Denver metro region. This is especially true for lower-income communities and communities of color who are most heavily impacted by traffic crashes, air and noise pollution, burdensome household transportation costs, and increased greenhouse gas emissions.

Municipal leaders must secure and invest mobility funding in projects that align with our commitments to address health equity, affordability, roadway safety, climate change, and air quality.

6. Invest in Housing, Parking Management, and Transit Oriented Development

People-friendly streets result not only from street designs that encourage walking, rolling, cycling, and taking high-frequency transit: Intentional land-use and development patterns make these mobility options accessible and practical ways for people to reach essential destinations.

Municipal officials must develop and adopt land-use and transportation policies that support housing density and a diversity of land uses, so every person in Denver can live closer to their daily needs and enjoy access to safe, accessible, and affordable mobility options.

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