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Adam Phipps, Executive Director
Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure
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Denver Moves Everyone – Short Term Improvements Draft Major Multimodal Projects

Dear Director Phipps,

On behalf of the Greater Denver Transit (GDT), we are writing to express our concerns about a major missed opportunity in the Denver Moves Everyone Draft Short-Term Improvements recently released for public comment. Greater Denver Transit is a free to join organization of Greater Denver Area residents who advocate for a world-class public transit system. GDT envisions an accessible, efficient, reliable, safe, and inclusive public transit system that delivers on the region's mobility needs & is part of the Denver Streets Partnership coalition.

We are pleased to see the inclusion of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) projects in the draft documents for Colfax Avenue, Federal Boulevard, Speer Boulevard, Colorado Boulevard, and 38th Avenue transit corridors that already have high ridership and serve not only densely populated areas, but also lower-income communities that rely on transit to reach employment and other daily destinations.

That said, even the most cursory glance at the BRT project map shows a network that is somewhat disjointed with clear opportunities for connections being missed. An efficient transit system is built on quick, convenient and easy-to-navigate connections between its various routes, lines and modes.

We therefore strongly urge you to amend the Denver Moves Everyone Draft Short-Term Improvements to extend and connect the planned BRT routes through central Denver. Specifically:

- **Colfax BRT to Decatur-Federal Station:** While we agree many Colfax BRT trips should end at Union Station in Downtown Denver, a spur should be created that continues west along Colfax from Civic Center Station (Colfax & Broadway) to the Decatur - Federal W Line station with some trips terminating there as the western endpoint. This will require BRT stops to be added on Colfax Avenue at 14th / Bannock, Tremont / Elati and the Colfax at Auraria light rail station.
- **Federal BRT to City Limit:** Extend the scope of the planned Federal Boulevard BRT north from 20th Avenue all the way across Speer Boulevard to the northern city limits at 52nd Avenue. This will include a connection to the 38th Avenue BRT. Ideally the Federal Boulevard BRT should eventually extend to connect with the B and G Line stations at Clear Creek - Federal and Westminster respectively.
- **38th Avenue BRT to Denver Union Station:** Plan the 38th Avenue BRT route to serve Denver Union Station to provide connectivity with the largest selection of bus and train routes in the State.



- **Broadway BRT from I-25 & Broadway to 48th & Brighton:** Add segment of Broadway BRT proposal to the Draft Short Term Improvements Plan running from I-25 & Broadway station to a northern terminus at the 48th & Brighton National Western Center N Line Station. Broadway BRT services should be planned from I-25 & Broadway to serve both Union Station and 48th & Brighton.

Major transit improvements would be a visionary transformation in the heart of Denver that is deeply aligned with aspirational goals of not only Denver Moves Everyone, but also the recently updated Blueprint Denver plan. Together these changes would go a long way toward making our city more healthy, safe, sustainable, inclusive and livable for everyone.

Best Regards,

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