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No.	Date	Category	Comment
1	11/28/2022	Comment	Long distance public transportation has never worked well. Politicians love the trophies and monuments, but it never works for the people. Please a city of people wish for your restraint. Well educated engineers, but less practiced have already messed up, Woodmen and Union, Powers and Research, and we forget Fillmore. Please stop.
2	12/6/2022	Comment	Good day! I apologize for being a day late, it has been a truly dynamic week around the TOSC workplace! I was able to include some of my thoughts as part of the Bike Colorado Springs Connect COS discussions and know that they are fully engaged in the creation of a plan that truly meets the needs of our population. My focus has been, and will continue to be our urban trail network and the value that it brings to our region. As I like to joke with Kate Brady when she was on board as the bike planner, there is no way to install high-quality bike lanes that can rival the miles and miles of safe, low-stress urban trail miles that we already enjoy, but could enhance and invest in to create a truly world-class multi-modal transportation network. Below is the comment that I had attempted to submit: I would like to thank the project team for their work to date on this comprehensive vision for transportation needs throughout our very expansive, and every-expanding city. It is a daunting task indeed, looking forward and setting forth a plan that will guide us into the next generation of transportation modes attempting to meet the needs of our population. The focus of my comment is towards the urban trail component which supports the Core Active Transportation Network. My concern is that the plan is very vehicular based and that is understandable given that the majority of trips are by single occupancy vehicles. However, I believe that elevating the non-motorized forms of transport, be it walking, bicycle, scooters or the many new forms of personal mobility devices and considering the urban trail network in the same light and with the same level of care will be key to providing for the true future transportation needs of our city. Looking at the urban trail network as just an "other" facility is missing the opportunity we have to maximize the usefulness that this existing network already provides, but is in desperate need of a far more modern approach. Ensuring that our urban trail network provides the facility for multiple modes of travel within the same corridor (ped/bike/scoot/equestrian/etc) will enable it to function at a much higher level. Prioritizing grade-separated crossings and high-quality connections will allow users of all ages and abilities to be able to choose the urban trails as an incredibly viable transportation option. Ensuring also that the connections along the way to the on-street facilities absolutely prioritize safety for the users will reduce the barriers to use. We have the opportunity to create a truly world-class urban trail network that can meet the needs of our future residents and guests to a very high degree, providing service to most of our sprawling burg. It will take a level of commitment and investment that we've not been able to pull off to date, but I believe that the vision set forth in this Connect COS plan can elevate the need and help change the perception of our urban trails as more focused on recreation to one that celebrate the beautiful and safe connections they can be for transportation throughout COS. Kind regards, ***
3	12/6/2022	Comment	Please remove the Constitution Avenue Extension from the ConnectCOS list.Didn't we just deal with this issue last summer? It was voted down then, so why is it being brought up again? Giving us, the public, just a few days to comment, when we are all busy and distracted by the holidays, looks like an underhanded scheme to sneak something through that is not necessarily in the best interest of the community. This project would radically change this longestablished neighborhood with added traffic noise and the removal of affordable homes. I expect open and more even-handed behavior from our public servants. ***

4	12/6/2022	Comment	I have lived along Constitution Ave for 10 years. We have too much noise and traffic on the nontraffic code conforming Constitution Ave already. The road does not conform to state and federal traffic lane widths. Crossing that road to get to the park trails is dangerous at best. The road location amplifies the noise generated by hot rod noise exhaust vehicles. The interchange to get on Rt 25 and off Rt 25 would clog up already excessive traffic problems. Already there are too many truck and excessive sized vehicles permitted on Constitution Ave. Buss stops on Constitution Ave are dangerous for travelers going East on Constitution Ave. Traffic laws pertaining to Constitution Ave are illegal because the road is a noncode-conforming highway. To make the highway conform, designated park and buffer lands would have to be condemned and taken for roadway use. More night lighting would hinder quiet neighborhoods surrounding the expanded use road and feeder roads. Flooding during downpours is a problem on Constitution Ave too. Little has been done to make feeder roads accessible during heavy rain storms. V/R, ***
5	12/6/2022	Comment	Your neighbors at 2400 Wood Ave are urgently asking you to stop the consideration of the extension of Constitution. It would not only reduce our property values along with other North End properties, but dramatically reduce our quality of life with a 4 lane highway running next to us. Please make this go ahead, we plead with you. There are elderly and sick people living in our neighborhood that would be adversely affected, as well as all people who live there. Would you want that next to you? Think about it. Respectfully, ***
6	12/2/2022	Comment	To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my fervent disapproval to the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan inclusion of extending Constitution Avenue from Union Boulevard to I-25. This plan would negatively impact SEVERAL historic neighborhoods by exacerbating already high levels of noise and exhaust pollution, dramatically decrease property values, negatively impact what is left of natural habitat and wildlife in Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail. Please remove this plan from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. Sincerely, ***

7	12/2/2022	Comment	As a resident of 2400 Wood Avenue Townhomes, located at the corner of Wood Avenue and Jackson Street, I would like to express my significant opposition to the proposed Constitution Avenue Extension Project from Union Boulevard to Interstate 25. This project is included in the draft ConnectCOS Transportation Plan (project# 105 – 106) which includes both a feasibility study and design phases. I am surprised and disappointed to learn this project is still being considered. I am aware that this project has been proposed several times in the past and discarded due to significant neighborhood impacts and citizen opposition. The project was most recently proposed in the 2025 – 2034 Pikes Pike Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) list of capital projects and once again, staff was directed to remove the project from the PPRTA list after City leadership received significant opposition. I oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following: * Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from the expansion of I-25 and other busy residential streets. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. * Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, I will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. * I will incur a dramatic reduction in my property value if this road project is constructed adjacent to my home. * It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. * I am concerned with the significant negative impacts that will result from ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. * I am disappointed that the design phase was included in the project list even though the feasibility study has not been initiated. This makes it appear that the feasibility study is just a formality, and the project will proceed regardless of the findings of the feasibility study. When considering the significant design and construction costs coupled with the major negative influences on our neighborhoods and property values, the negative impacts of this project significantly outweigh the project benefits. I urge you to remove this project from the proposed ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. Sincerely, ***
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11	12/5/2022	Comment	I *** resident of 2400 Wood Ave Townhomes,oppose this extension plan. Already noise from I 25. There will be more noise,pollution, lower property value. Also a lower quality of life. This will have an effect on Monument Valley Park, including Wildlife. ***
12	12/7/2022	Comment	Please remove the Constitution Avenue Extension Project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. You have tried this for years --- all the rich kids that live in the "northend" have had to fight this for years - stop trying to do this. We will not forget.
13	12/7/2022	Comment	"Please remove the Constitution Avenue Extension Project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan". Destroying established & historical neighborhoods is not necessary, just for the sake of more & faster traffic!! Be more thoughtful in planning traffic routes by utilizing established roads, as they currently exist! Example: Make Uintah, from Union to Wahsatch One Way west & then Cache La Poudre One Way east from Wahsatch to Union! Please! Stop allowing developer's dollars from ruling over good sense! ***

14	12/5/2022	Comment	Please remove the Constitution Avenue Extension Project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan And stop this insane new construction in inner city areas!!! Colorado Springs charm has been plenty of open space and little parks throughout the city - and it seems City Counsel is moving as fast as possible to remove all the charm of this city to create horrid congestion, block our great views (yes, part of the charm of the city is views of the mountains) and horrible traffic, accidents and pollution. It seems it's fine with some to have Springs as crowded and congested as every other big city in this country! Citizens. do. not. want. that!!! We do not have mass transport like other big cities! We also have difficult road conditions to deal with: big hills, hot & cold temperature variations creating pot holes creating necessity for constant road repairs. More inner city big road expansions and building projects brings nothing but misery - except to the developers, most of whom do not live here and have to put up with the messes they create! STOP IT.
15	12/7/2022	Comment	Good morning, I am writing as a concerned neighbor. I live on North El Paso Street in the Bonnyville area and this extension would negativity impact our neighborhood. We moved to this area almost ten years ago and were drawn to the quiet streets and kind neighbors. In the next few years, we will be starting a family and would love to keep the neighborhood as safe as possible. I would like to stay updated if any action from neighbors is requested. Kind regards, ***
16	12/5/2022	Comment	I'm disappointed and wary of hearing that the extension of Constitution Avenue is once again being discussed. I live in the Bonnyville area. As long as this project is on the books, I assure you this proposal will be opposed by the neighborhood. Please consider just removing this project for now and future years. Respectfully, ***
17	12/6/2022	Comment	Is not at all necessary! I have lived in this area for over 38 years and I am a native of this city!! ***
18	12/2/2022	Comment	To Whom It may concern, Please remove the Constitution Avenue Extension Project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. Thank you, *** Please view the response from ConnectCOS at the end of this document***

19	12/8/2022	Comment	Please remove the Constitution Ave Extension Project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. The residents of the Old North End Neighborhood (ONEN) made their opposition to this plan loud and clear only a few months ago which caused this issue to be removed from consideration. Only a few months later now that the PPTRA ballot issue was approved, this proposal has once again raised its ugly head. This is a terrible idea as it will lower our property values by running a highway through a 100+ year old historic neighborhood. Why would you want to damage the only historic neighborhood in the entire city? If this issue isn't removed, I think that the next step should be to start recalling officials until such time that the message has been fully received. Thank you, ***
20	12/5/2022	Comment	Please remove the Constitution Avenue project from this plan. We have twice rejected this idea and twice been assured it would not come again. Now it is once again in play but sort of buried in the big plan. Sneaky! ***
21	12/6/2022	Comment	Please remove the Constitution Avenue extension project from the ConnectCOS transportation plan. My name is *** and I'm a homeowner on North Wahsatch Ave. We don't need this extension in COS. Aren't there other areas the city could use the millions of dollars for? Like our current roads expanded, affordable housing, parks and rec, fire and police, schools and hospitals. I've lived in this area for three years and never once have thought an extension of constitution would relieve traffic. A major highway connecting to 25 is not what we need. Please remove it. It's already been removed from city plans like 3 different times over the past 50 years. Stop bringing it up and find other options that won't ruin our neighborhood. Thanks you, ***
22	12/2/2022	Comment	To whom it may concern: I am a long time resident of the 2400 Wood Avenue townhomes. I recently became aware that a plan to extend Constitution Avenue is on the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. I would like to express my extreme disapproval and disappointment that this plan has made it on yet another city objective. Extending Constitution Avenue would dramatically reduce property values in several historic neighborhoods adjacent to the proposed project. It would also aggravate already high noise and exhaust pollution, and negatively impact vulnerable wildlife habitat and animals in Monument Valley Park and along Greenway Trail. Please remove the plan from ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. Thank you, ***

23	12/3/2022	Comment	You propose, once again, to extend Constitution Avenue from Union Boulevard to I-25, damaging established neighborhoods in the process? I say NO! And I've said NO before. I've lived in central Colorado Springs for most of my adult life. Historic neighborhoods are valuable assets. Why do city officials and agencies repeatedly privilege developers over citizens who choose older areas of the city? Some of these affected neighborhoods are more than a century old and have been carefully tended by their residents. They deserve respect and consideration. My own home—a half-block from the proposed thoroughfare—would lose value under the proposed plan. Please put this proposal aside once and for all. ***
24	12/5/2022	Comment	Please remove the Constitution Avenue Extension Project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. We have a relatively quiet neighborhood. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, we will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. Our neighborhood will incur a dramatic reduction in property values if this road project is constructed near our homes. It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. There will be significant negative impacts from the city creating this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. The Old North End and Bonnyville neighborhoods are well-established and do not need this massive overhaul of our neighborhoods to appease all of the folks looking for another east-west corridor to I-25. Either expand Fillmore, Garden of the Gods or Woodmen but PLEASE leave the center of town alone. Respectfully, ***
25	12/5/2022	Comment	Please remove the constitution to I 25 proposal from the planned projects. This will greatly impact our community as it will increase traffic, noise and pollution in an area with a large population of the elderly. I live by the intersection of Circle and Maizeland where the frequency and severity of accidents continues to increase significantly. Many weeks there are numerous accidents at this intersection. It will greatly decrease our quality of life. ***
26	12/5/2022	Comment	We oppose this project for the following reasons: * we have a relatively quiet neighborhood. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. * Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, we will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. * we will incur a dramatic reduction in property values if this road project is constructed near our homes. * It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. * there will be significant negative impacts from the city ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods.

27	12/5/2022	Comment	To the Powers that Be that continue to press this issue, As a resident of the 2400 block of North Corona in Bonnyville, adjacent to the Old North End, and directly affected by any major thoroughfare to be built on Constitution Blvd by connecting Union to I-25……. I vote NO. Please widen Fillmore instead…..it's a disgusting crime-ridden shutteredbusinesses corridor. It already intersects with Union in a big way. Some engineer has already botched the Fillmore / I-25 interchange so fix that while you're at it. No-body likes Fillmore in its current condition. Trust me. It's an eyesore and embarrassment and looked better 10 years ago than it does today. It's PRIMED and READY for its final expansion. Finish that instead for God's sake. Thank you for listening. ***
28	12/3/2022	Comment	Good day, I am writing to you as a resident who would be impacted by such a plan. I know for a fact this would negatively impact the neighborhood I live in along with other historic neighborhoods nearby. The noise pollution, exhaust fumes, and other obnoxious troubles caused by such construction would not only impact property values, this would also harm what is left of Monument Valley Park and Greenway trail, both places being very meaningful to residents here. Take this proposal off the table. It is a very distasteful idea and you should do better to highlight jewels, like historic neighborhoods, in a city. It gives a city it's character and can be what makes people remember visiting or, like myself, moving here.

29	12/7/2022	Comment	Letter: This letter is in reaction to the most recent Connect Cos draft whichincludes a new intent (project no's 105 and 106) to extendConstitution Ave westward from Paseo as a 4 lane Major Arterialalong the north side of our once pastoral Bonnyville Neighborhoodon what is currently railroad property and a trail. On the previousdraft of 2021 and also on this 2022 draft the Rock Island Trail israrked/dashed in along this railroad and is designated for~ompletion, and it is my understanding that the Parks Dept.has aplan for this trail and its landscaping. We walk along the unfinished~ath of this trail route every day, as it is 5 houses away from us. This~ath also travels east-west behind the yards of many dozens of my~eighbors' homes that were originally built along La Salle street int~e late 1940's for veterans returning from WWII. All of this peaceful,talkable, bikeable setting, and in fact all of our entire traditional~eighborhood, is now threatened by the City traffic planners' recklessitlea to bulldoze in a 4 lane Major Arterial here, similar to Austin$,luffs Parkway, for no valid reason at all. In fact while the trail is~efinitely acknowledged by the Transportation engineers this routetilas never before been mentioned or remotely suggested on anyyalid city plan as being a 'critical corridor' for such an unfortunate and~eedless roadway for vehicles. We recently downsized to ouraurrent period style cottage from our turn of the last century grandI victorian home in the Old North End precisely to escape thehorrendous traffic dumped on to Nevada Avenue by the city trafficengineers and planners. And now the quiet, peaceful BonnyvilleNeighborhood where we chose to carefully remodel and fit ourcurrent storybook style cottage into is being threatened by thosesame callous traffic engineers and planners. The traffic engineers'wild dreams for unlimited connectivity are out of place here, andserve no real useful purpose other than to complete some abstractexercise in drawing Major Arterial lines racing around everywhere.Dec 6 2022 Page 2: continued reaction to ConnectCos intent toconstruct Constitution extension through our neighborhoods.The history of this Bonnyville Neighborhood, with its charming treelinedlanes is rich and important, as are the Patty Jewett/LaSalle andKitty Hawk Neighborhoods to the east and the north, as well as ofcourse the Old North End Neighborhood to the west. All of thesehistoric neighborhoods are contiguous to this old, old railway, andthey all remain as some of the most well preserved, intact and quietlylivable neighborhoods in the country, in spite of the city engineersand planners efforts to the contrary.Bonnyville may in fact be one of the first planned neighborhoods inthe country created immediately after WWII to provide affordable andcomfortable housing for the families of the military returning afterbravely serving their country.Having professionally written the North end Master Plan for the OldNorth end Neighborhood which was unanimously approved andadopted by the Mayor and City Council, City Planning Commission,the Parks Department and the Historic Board in 1991 my wife Gloriaand I have a unique appreciation for what is important for Bonnyvilleand our adjoining neighborhoods, and our city, and is not toarbitrarily create another meaningless swath of asphalt and concretefor vehicles that will only serve to destroy our homes and lives here. Sincerely
30	12/5/2022	Comment	Dear Sir or Madam, I am a resident of the 2400 Wood Ave Townhomes at Wood Ave and Jackson St. I bought my home a year ago for just under $600,000 and have put a small fortune into remodeling it. I am now writing with my strong objection to the proposed Constitution Ave Extension Project from Union Blvd to I25. This projected road would be devastating to the character of this entire neighborhood and the northern part of Monument Valley Park. We residents who live here would be subject to noise pollution and exhaust fumes as would the wildlife in this part of the park. There would be a dramatic reduction in property values in our townhome community and the entire area. Our quality of life living here would be hugely affected. A thruway through this historic area is a terrible idea. There is not even to be a feasibility study. Please remove this project from the proposed ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. It is a bad idea for downtown Colorado Springs and the Old North End from beginning to end. Sincerely, ***

31	12/14/2022	Comment	Tim, Thanks for forwarding this. The meeting yesterday was very informative and nicely organized. Your characterization of the concerns voiced on the Constitution item as “late opposition” is incorrect and misleading. There has been substantial opposition to the various Constitution expressway concepts for decades. Each time a related proposal comes to the table in one form or another, we hear widespread public opposition and have also , I believe, had formal opposition from city council. However one might characterize opposition to the Constitution project, it is not “late”. It is, and has been, timely, constant and unwavering. ***
32	12/6/2022	Comment	Please do not continue the Constitution Avenue Extension Project! It will completely RUIN those lovely neighborhoods!!! I ride through there on my e-tricycle because it’s a safe place for an old lady to ride through! Thank you!
33	12/8/2022	Comment	Colorado Springs desperately needs another East-West route and extending Constitution Ave has long been a preferred and logical option. The city is 20 years late in pursuing this. Sound barriers can be provided as in many other neighborhood's. The best east-west route we have is Woodman, however another is needed in central and south Colorado Springs. The MLK Bypass was a good effort, but should have extended to Powers. Fillmore is a mess and would destroy local businesses. Constitution may be the cities last best opportunity for viable connection from I-25 to the growing expansion east.
34	12/6/2022	Comment	Connectcos Associates and Directors: I am a resident of the townhomes on Northwood Ave. near Penrose main hospital – 2400 Wood Ave. townhomes. I have just learned about a renewed attempt to push through the proposed Constitution Avenue Extension Project. I am very disappointed to learn that someone is still trying to push this project through. In the past significant citizen resistance has succeeded in alerting city Council to the problem of deleterious neighborhood impact on all of the Old North End but especially on our townhomes. The last time this occurred was under the auspices of the Pike's Peak Rural Transportation Authority's List of

35	12/5/2022	Comment	Ladies & Gentlemen: We have lived in the Old North End for over 40 years and in Colorado Springs and the Patty Jewett area for almost 10 years before moving to the Old North End. The Old North End has enjoyed national recognition for its preservation of the architecture and ambiance of a 1900 turn of the century neighborhood. That architecture and ambiance is, has been, and will continue to be preserved by the Old North End Master Plan. To extend Constitution along the northern boundary would be really detrimental to the Old North End neighborhood and its peaceful enjoyment. It is outrageous that the city and its planning department would continue to try to invade that preservation by proceeding with studies and plans to extend and expand Constitution through the northern boundary of the Old North End. Such a plan would create a noise problem for all living at this northern boundary that has never existed before. The present traffic alignment that directs the Constitution traffic onto Circle Drive and to Fillmore, is and will be sufficient to handle the traffic getting to I-25, created by the city's expansion to the east. Please do not damage what has been created by the Old North End, by continuing to plan a thoroughfare through this peaceful neighborhood . Please stop trying to modernize a part of the city that is well respected for its preservation of the turn of the century style neighborhood, including its lack of high traffic roads. Sincerely, ***
36	12/6/2022	Comment	I am writing to ask you to please remove the Constitution Avenue Extension project from the ConnectCOS transportation plan. Thanks, ***
37	12/4/2022	Comment	I'm extremely disappointed with City Departments advising they will not be extending Constitution Avenue west when here again it's back in your agenda If worrying about loosing my house doesn't put me in an early grave I'm sure the negative impact will. ***
38	12/3/2022	Comment	Huge mistake!Bringing more adverse population into our neighborhood, crime speed,pollution as well.Who thinks this kind of thing up!
39	12/5/2022	Comment	Dear Colorado Springs City Council, Please find the enclosed, signed PDF detailing my opposition to the proposed extension of Constitution Avenue. This extension would run very close to my residence. Sincerely, ***

40	12/14/2022	Comment	First, let me thank you for your service in our city's government and for your commitment to making Colorado Springs a better place to live. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts about a proposed roadway project which I feel will be harmful to my community and is contrary to the goals of our city. I am an Indiana transplant, a 25 year Colorado resident and a 7+-year resident of the Bonnyville neighborhood in Colorado Springs. I moved to Bonnyville seeking a smaller home in a quiet/walkable/safe neighborhood, close to downtown, where I could get to know my neighbors and feel a strong sense of community. The community has provided this and much MORE. I have been in Colorado for 25 years and can't imagine living anywhere else. Last summer I learned about the proposed construction of an "expressway" (term per Gayle Sturdivant) through the north end of our quiet neighborhood (the Constitution Expansion project). I and other Bonnyville neighbors, as well as residents of neighboring communities, responded in force, successfully convincing the City Council to remove the project from the list of projects that were attached to the November PPRTA ballot issue. In fact, after the project was removed from the PPRTA list, City Council President Tom Strand told the Colorado Springs Independent, "I just want people to know your voices have been heard." Imagine my surprise when I learned that the Constitution Expansion Project is, indeed, BACK on the ConnectCOS project "A list." I'm baffled by this! Why was a project that was removed from consideration due to overwhelming opposition returned to the list of projects. Surely, the City Council didn't think we simply wanted it removed so that the PPRTA ballot measure would pass! Isn't removal, well, removal? Moreover, I discovered last week while walking my neighborhood that most of them had no knowledge of the current status of this project. They assumed, as I had, the conversation about this project was over in June 2022. President Strand/City Council, I do NOT feel "heard." I feel duped/manipulated/deceived. How are we to trust local politicians/government when this sort of thing occurs? I fail to understand why were are even having this conversation again. But since we are, I wish to once again express my EXTREME OPPOSITION to the Constitution Expansion project, even if it is only a feasibility study. The proposed Constitution Expressway will not solve the east-west problem, it will simply spread it into another part of town (see induced demand article below) and create new problems. It is an old, dated answer to an ongoing problem that will negatively impact multiple historic neighborhoods, the surrounding ecosystem, the environment in general, and risk the physical and mental health of humans living in impacted areas. Finally, and perhaps equally important, an expressway through our neighborhoods will negatively impact the value of our treasured homes. The Colorado Springs website has much to say about our city and all of its wonderful features. No doubt, we have amazingly rich history, and abundant, interesting attractions. The city website describes Colorado Springs as "…a sophisticated destination that has retained the charming ambiance of a small town." Earlier this year, The US News and World Report also named Colorado Springs one of the top 2 places to live in the U.S. Journalist, Seth Boster, echoed the city's "small town" sentiment and wrote: Its parts are distinctive: the booming suburbs in the north and east, the bustling yet easily navigated downtown, the
42	12/6/2022	Comment	"Please remove the Constitution Avenue Extension project from the ConnectCOS transportation plan". Have A Blessed Day, ***

43	12/4/022	Comment	I'm writing this to oppose the expansion of Constitution. What a fuck tarded idea. This is a neighborhood, full of people and animals. It is not the citizens of CS fault that city keeps growing with no reasonable plan for growth except for neighborhoods and citizens to change. In current times we live in the plan should be better public transportation ideas, not destroying neighborhoods because growth cannot be controlled responsibly. This is a fucking joke of an idea. ***
44	12/5/2022	Comment	I'm a resident of the Old North End . I live off Tejon. I'm strongly opposed to the Constitution road extension to I-25. This would negatively impact properties values, natural habits in Monument Park, and increase exhaust and noise pollution. No to this project. ***
45	12/2/2022	Comment	To Whom it Concerns: It seems the Constitution Extension is, yet again, trying to be accomplished without citizen involvement. Please stop trying to ram this down our throats when it was made very clear a few months back this is an ill-conceived plan that would negatively impact many neighborhoods with excessive traffic, pollution, and damage to the environment, not to mention destruction of the historic neighborhood. Rest assured; the citizens will rally again to stop this! ***
46	12/5/2022	Comment	I voice my vehement opposition to the extention of Constitution Ave. through my neigborhood to I-25. Shame on you for circumventing public process and ongoing neigborhood opposition. ***
47	12/7/2022	Comment	We should oppose this project for the following reasons: * we have a relatively quiet neighborhood. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. * Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, we will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. * we will incur a dramatic reduction in property values if this road project is constructed near our homes. * It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. * there will be significant negative impacts from the city ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods

48	12/5/2022	Comment	Hello Councilwoman Henjum and ConnectCOS... I live in the Kittyhawk neighborhood, within Ms. Henjum's jurisdiction, and I am a very active citizen. It has been brought to my attention that the proposal to extend Constitution Avenue via the Rock Island Trail has once again reared its ugly head in the community, this time via a draft report via ConnectCOS. It's always easy to include it from a mile high view as "what's good for the city" in areport, excluding the people who will be directly affected if it is put into place. Side note: we havelived here for six months and I have TWICE addressed this with elected officials and bureaucrats.And I will do it a million times more if need be. While I am concerned, of course, about what it will do to the value of my home and to my neighborhood when my neighbors and I will be sandwiched between Fillmore Street and what would become the newest Austin Bluffs of COS, isolated from grocery stores and quiet walking trails, I am more concerned about what will happen when my child, who has special needs and has been known to elope on occasion from Stratton Elementary, now is at risk for eloping onto an expressway. If this plan were to go through, the children attending these two schools are not surrounded on all sides by a quiet neighborhood, but by pollution and traffic. I noticed this consideration was not included on the report, but only positive affirmations of its impact. I saw Fillmore come up a number of times in the report and ONE offered solution, which suggests that, with the number of people who contributed to the report, the resources of time, talent, and education available to this team of professionals have not been exhausted exploring the options to improve traffic conditions on Fillmore. I have full faith there is a better solution than destroying quiet, peaceful neighborhoods with traffic and unsafe conditions for children. I can't wait to seewhat alternatives ConnectCOS can endorse in the future! Best, ***

49	12/5/2022	Comment	Hello, These comments are in response to the November 2022 Draft ConnectCOS Transportation Plan (The Plan).I am a 30-year resident of the 2400 Wood Avenue Townhomes, located at the cornerof Wood Avenue and Jackson Street and within the boundaries of the Old North End Neighborhood. I would like to register my fervent opposition to the Constitution Avenue Extension project described within The Plan and enumerated in the project list in Appendix A.As you undoubtedly already know, this project was originally included in the list of PPRTA projects to be voted on in the November 2022 election to extend the current PPRTA sales tax. However, significant opposition from those who would be negatively affected by this project (myself included) persuaded the Colorado Springs City Council to remove it from the PPRTA list. Now, in The Plan, I find that the project is far from being eliminated and I am again compelled to provide arguments in opposition. A more cynical person might conclude that the removal of the project from the November ballot question was merely a ploy to ensure the measure's passage, with the knowledge that it remained one of the City's long-term goals. Before proceeding to specific objections, I wish to point out a possible discrepancy between The Plan text and Appendix A. The appendix lists two projects (105 and 106), a Feasibility Study and a Project Design phase. However, The Plan (p. 44)recommends only the Feasibility Study to evaluate the technical and financialaspects, with any additional actions subject to the public participation process. It isunclear which source (The Plan or Appendix A) is the intended course of action.Following are specific objections to the Constitution Avenue Extension Project:Our neighborhood already suffers greatly from noise pollution as aconsequence of 30 years of development in the area: a 24-hr heliportsupporting the Penrose Trauma Center only two block away; widening of I-25 tosix lanes and the increase in the roadway's speed limit from 55 to 65 mph; anda significant increase in rail traffic on the UP/BNSF rail lines just West of ourlocation. Further, two additional I-25 lanes have already been cleared by the2004 CDOT Environmental Impact Study but have yet to be planned or funded.The additional noise from a new major roadway mere feet from our community'snorthern boundary would be unbearable.Air pollution from the exhaust of several thousand vehicles daily would furtherdegrade our air quality.My property value, as well asthat of everyone in our community, would benegatively affected, perhaps substantially so, depending upon the projectdesign. Based on the County Assessor's 2022 data, the average unit assessedvalue in our community exceeds $425,000 and the total assessed value of allunits exceeds $1.6M.While by law the project could not directly encroach on Monument Valley Park,its proximity to both the park and the Monument Valley Trail would severelydiminish the enjoyment of those amenities.I submit that nearly any project can be made to appear feasible throughmanipulation of its definition and scope. This is what I expect would happen withthe Constitution Avenue Extension. It would be defined in such a way as toplacate concerns of the affected residents while meeting expected costlimitations. However, once implemented, it would continue to expand in capacityover time. Indeed, The Plan states that any solution must "minimize additionalfuture vehicular demand on east-west roadways that are at or exceeding capacity"and "increase overall east-west people-moving capacity" (p. 43). Thus, most newgrowth in demand would be expected to fall on any new routes. Further, while theproject is described as a "limited access facility", usage demands over time couldencourage the construction of additional access points, which could increase trafficflows and congestion within our neighborhood.For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Constitution Avenue Extension project beremoved from The Plan, and that a moratorium be placed on theproject's futureconsideration.Thank You,***
50	12/4/2022	Comment	We have rejected these proposals in the past. Our neighborhood was promised that this was not to be an option but here we are. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. * Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, we will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. Thank you for your time ***

51	12/5/2022	Comment	To Whom It May Concern: I am writing to express my disappointment and my disagreement with the proposal for an extension of Constitution Ave. This project has continued to be proposed in spite of the clear disapproval of the City Council and while technically not a violation of the Monument Valley agreement the city accepted many years ago, it is clearly a violation of the spirit of that agreement and it WILL negatively impact the park, which is an environment increasingly necessary to our well being since we are growing our city.in such a rapid way. Outdoor areas are essential for the mental and physical wellbeing of our citizens and never more so than now. Ever since I -25 was expanded the noise pollution has been a significant problem and has negatively impacted the quality of life for those in the north end of the downtown. In addition to the noise, the increase in exhaust fumes will further negatively impact that quality of life. The obvious negative impact on real estate values goes without saying. I believe this project is a clear violation of the public trust. It certainly appears that this plan is NOT being studied but rather moving ahead as if approved by all involved. This is not a good way to proceed with major projects with the clear result of damaging many people's lives and property. It is my opinion that this is not a plan that is in the best interest of the residents of this neighborhood or the city at large. Sincerely, ***

52	12/5/2022	Comment	My name is*** and my wife and I live *** within the Town House complex at 2400 Wood Ave. I am a retired Air Force Colonel and a resident of Colorado Springs for the past 12 years. As a resident of 2400 Wood Avenue Townhomes, located at the corner of Wood Avenue and Jackson Street, I would like to express my significant opposition to the proposed Constitution Avenue Extension Project from Union Boulevard to Interstate 25. This project is included in the draft ConnectCOS Transportation Plan (project# 105 – 106) which includes both a feasibility study and design phases. I am surprised and disappointed to learn this project is still being considered. I am aware that this project has been proposed several times in the past and discarded due to significant neighborhood impacts and citizen opposition. The project was most recently proposed in the 2025 – 2034 Pikes Pike Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) list of capital projects and once again, staff was directed to remove the project from the PPRTA list after City leadership received significant opposition. I oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following: 1. Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from the expansion of I-25 and other busy residential streets. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. 2. Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, I will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. 3. I will incur a dramatic reduction in my property value if this road project is constructed adjacent to my home. 4. It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. 5. I am concerned with the significant negative impacts that will result from ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. 7. I am disappointed that the design phase was included in the project list even though the feasibility study has not been initiated. This makes it appear that the feasibility study is just a formality, and the project will proceed regardless of the findings of the feasibility study. When considering the significant design and construction costs coupled with the major negative influences on our neighborhoods and property values, the negative impacts of this project significantly outweigh the project benefits. I urge you to remove this project from the proposed ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.

53	12/1/2022	Comment	As a resident of 2400 Wood Avenue Townhomes, located at the corner of Wood Avenue and Jackson Street, I would like to express my significant opposition to the proposed Constitution Avenue Extension Project from Union Boulevard to Interstate 25. This project is included in the draft ConnectCOS Transportation Plan (project# 105 – 106) which includes both a feasibility study and design phases. I am surprised and disappointed to learn this project is still being considered. I am aware that this project has been proposed several times in the past and discarded due to significant neighborhood impacts and citizen opposition. The project was most recently proposed in the 2025 – 2034 Pikes Pike Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) list of capital projects and once again, staff was directed to remove the project from the PPRTA list after City leadership received significant opposition. I oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following: * Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from the expansion of I-25 and other busy residential streets. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. * Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, I will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. * I will incur a dramatic reduction in my property value if this road project is constructed adjacent to my home. * It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. * I am concerned with the significant negative impacts that will result from ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. * I am disappointed that the design phase was included in the project list even though the feasibility study has not been initiated. This makes it appear that the feasibility study is just a formality, and the project will proceed regardless of the findings of the feasibility study. When considering the significant design and construction costs coupled with the major negative influences on our neighborhoods and property values, the negative impacts of this project significantly outweigh the project benefits. I urge you to remove this project from the proposed ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. Please, please hear our voices, aged as they may be. Sincerely
54	12/7/2022	Comment	To Whom It May Concern: Please remove the Constitution Avenue Extension Project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. Again. You have heard COUNTLESS TIMES from citizens in the neighborhood that this will TOTALLY DESTROY THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS. WE SAY NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ***

55	12/4/2022	Comment	To Whom it May Concern: NO, I do not want any more discussion, planning, musing or stelthing about any proposed Constitution Avenue extension to meet up with I-25. Enough already! Enough slicing through middle income neighborhood making their properties even less valuable. Enough worrying about schools being in proximity. Enough bringing this idea to the fore over and over when the neighbors and those impacted again and again have said NO! If you need extended east/west access, HOW ABOUT AN INDEPTH STUDY OF AN EXISTING POPULAR ROADWAY—FILLMORE AVENUE? It has vacant and older properties that need looking at. And the larger picture is -- less development will need fewer roadway extensions! We have NO WATER in Colorado Springs! Let's stop unnecessary roadways, unnecessary building and redevelop what we already have instead of looking at a project that PEOPLE DO NOT WANT! ENOUGH! ***PS What is CONNECT COS ANYWAY?????

56	12/5/2022	Comment	I grew up in Colorado Springs near Constitution and Union. There have been many changes that have taken place in this city over the 60+ years that I have lived here. I have to say that the most rapid changes have occurred within the last 20 years. Most of them have been good for the city and for those that make Colorado Springs their home. Needless to say, the complexion of the city has changed dramatically during this time. I understand the need for the city to better accommodate the east-west flow of traffic but there needs to be a balance struck between the growth of the city and the preservation of the city's character. I believe that putting Constitution through to I-25 will damage the city's character in ways that will not be able to be restored. The area where this limited access thoroughfare would be made goes right through some of the beautiful parts of the city. The Rock Island Trail is very peaceful and an oasis to retreat from the busyness of the life. Wildlife thrives there and the Patty Jewett Golf Course is a municipal golf course where people go to find some renewal. The Bonnyville area is very picturesque, and Bonny Park is where I had my first soccer lessons, and this park is a very quiet neighborhood park where people still learn to play soccer and baseball. The Old North End is one of my favorite places to walk. My husband and I would often drive from the Powers corridor where we lived to walk along Wood Avenue and Monument Valley Park. There are few places in the city that have been untouched by the expansive growth this city has seen in the past few decades. These places are undiscovered jewels in the city. The few existing areas need to be preserved. This is especially true for the area where the proposed Constitution cut to I-25. The increase in noise and congestion that will be brought into this area will destroy the nature of this area. I know that there are noise mitigation efforts (e.g., walls) and that this is limited access, but it will still see a large influx of traffic as this is the purpose of the road in the first place – to offload the other east-west thoroughfares. I have seen what has happened to Woodmen Road and while the current plan for Constitution does not contain anything of that sort right now, I fear that in the future this will be brought forward. In 1870, General Palmer, a Civil War hero and founder of the city of Colorado Springs, wrote these words to his wife upon arrival in the Southern Colorado region, "Could one not live in constant view of these grand mountains without being elevated by them into a lofty plane of thought and purpose?" Like so many of us who have been drawn here by the magical landscape and promise for adventure, Palmer knew the area was special. He also understood that wide-open spaces would be essential to the quality of life for those living in the Pikes Peak region. I feel that we need to act now to preserve what little open space we have left in the heart of the city. Many people believed that this issue had already been settled but it keeps coming back up. I feel betrayed and deceived by the city because they removed it from the PPRTA ballot issue so that that ballot issue would pass, and then it comes back as a proposal on the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. When will the city quit trying to push this through multiple ways and avenues. It wastes lots of time and money, not to mention the ill will that is being caused toward the city. Also, the growth of the city is primarily to the north and east. Cutting Constitution through to I-25 does not make sense. I would like to have the Constitution to I-25 connection to never be proposed again. Is there a way to do that?

57	12/5/2022	Comment	Colorado Spring CO 80907 DATE: December 5, 2022 As a resident of 2400 Wood Avenue Townhomes, located at the corner of Wood Avenue and Jackson Street, I would like to express my significant opposition to the proposed Constitution Avenue Extension Project from Union Boulevard to Interstate 25. This project is included in the draft ConnectCOS Transportation Plan (project# 105 – 106) which includes both a feasibility study and design phases. I am surprised and disappointed to learn this project is still being considered. I am aware that this project has been proposed several times in the past and discarded due to significant neighborhood impacts and citizen opposition. The project was most recently proposed in the 2025 – 2034 Pikes Pike Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) list of capital projects and once again, staff was directed to remove the project from the PPRTA list after City leadership received significant opposition. I oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following: * Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from the expansion of I-25 and other busy residential streets. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. * Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, I will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. * I will incur a dramatic reduction in my property value if this road project is constructed adjacent to my home. * It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. * I am concerned with the significant negative impacts that will result from ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. * I am disappointed that the design phase was included in the project list even though the feasibility study has not been initiated. This makes it appear that the feasibility study is just a formality, and the project will proceed regardless of the findings of the feasibility study. When considering the significant design and construction costs coupled with the major negative influences on our neighborhoods and property values, the negative impacts of this

58	12/2/2022	Comment	Good morning. I am a resident of 2400 Wood Avenue Townhomes and I am informed that there is a proposed Constitution Avenue Extension Project from Union Boulevard to Interstate 25. This project is included in the draft ConnectCOS Transportation Plan (project# 105 – 106) which includes both a feasibility study and design phases. I am frustrated to learn this project is still being considered. The project has been proposed several times in the past and discarded due to significant neighborhood impacts and citizen opposition. The project was most recently proposed in the 2025 – 2034 Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) list of capital projects and once again, staff was directed to remove the project from the PPRTA list after City leadership received significant opposition. I am against the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following: Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from the expansion of I-25 and other busy residential streets. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, I will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. I will incur a dramatic reduction in my property value if this road project is constructed adjacent to my home. It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. I am concerned with the significant negative impacts that will result from ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. When considering the significant design and construction costs coupled with the major negative influences on our neighborhoods and property values, the negative impacts of this project significantly outweigh the project benefits. I humbly request that you permanently remove this project from the proposed ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.
59	12/6/2022	Comment	Constitution highway. Please explain to me why the city wants to destroy established neighborhoods and schools just so people can get from point A to point B five minutes faster. Please remember that destroying a city's past will eventually destroy it's future. I know you'll cringe when I say that I have lived here for 72 years, fourth generation Coloradoan. City government and the planning department is destroying this city. And the developers that the city loves. Growth does not pay for itself!
60	12/2/2022	Comment	Please do not reconsider this project! We the people who live in the area are absolutely NOT in favor of the city ruining another part of my neighborhood because they want to make it a little more "convenient" to get across town. Growth has expanded the city to the point where wildlife is not even considered, only more money spent on a road that will destroy the neighborhoods around it and run right through 2 schools. You asked how the people living here felt and we resoundingly said NO! So you decided to hide it from our view unless we were doing some research and found out that it was placed back to be done without the people's consent. Please reconsider. Thank you ***

61	12/5/2022	Comment	As a resident of 2400 Wood Avenue Town homes, located at the corner of Wood Avenue and Jackson Street, I would like to express my significant opposition to the proposed Constitution Avenue Extension Project from Union Boulevard to Interstate 25. This project is included in the draft Connec tCOS Transportation Plan (project# 105 – 106) which includes both a feasibility study and design phases. I am surprised and disappointed to learn this project is still being considered. I am aware that this project has been proposed several times in the past and discarded due to significant neighborhood impacts and citizen opposition. The project was most recently proposed in the 2025 – 2034 Pikes Pike Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) list of capital projects and once again, staff was directed to remove the project from the PPRTA list after City leadership received significant opposition. I oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following: * Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from the expansion of I-25 and other busy residential streets. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. * Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, I will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. * I will incur a dramatic reduction in my property value if this road project is constructed adjacent to my home. * It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. * I am concerned with the significant negative impacts that will result from ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. * I am disappointed that the design phase was included in the project list even though the feasibility study has not been initiated. This makes it appear that the feasibility study is just a formality, and the project will proceed regardless of the findings of the feasibility study. When considering the significant design and construction costs coupled with the major negative influences on our neighborhoods and property values, the negative impacts of this project significantly outweigh the project benefits. I urge you to remove this project from the
62	12/6/2022	Comment	Please withdraw projects 105 and 106 from the ConnectCOS list. I'll grant that an extension to Constitution Avenue has its appeal. It would reduce congestion on Fillmore Street and connect at I-25 with the new extension to Centennial Boulevard. Cross-town traffic would flow somewhat better. But at what cost? Quiet, long-established neighborhoods, among them the historic Old North End, would be bordered by a noisy and costly roadway for the convenience of drivers headed elsewhere. Even a four-lane roadway with no median and narrow shoulders would involve removing homes and probably adding sound barriers along many backyards. This whac-a-mole project has popped up repeatedly over the decades and been withdrawn every time, most recently in this past summer, as you must know. Public trust in the City suffers from including it among ConnectCOS projects so soon after citizen opposition removed it from the PPRTA projects. Trust erodes further by the short public-comment period at busy holiday time. The City staff can make better use of its time and money by recommending against the Constitution Extension. Respectfully, ***
63	12/2/2022	Comment	No to the Constitution avenue extension. ***

64		Comment	To Whom it May Concern, As a resident of 2400 Wood Avenue Townhomes, I am shocked to learn that Constitution Avenue Extension Project from Union Boulevard to Interstate 25 is still being considered. This project has been proposed several times in the past and discarded due to significant neighborhood impacts and citizen opposition. I urge you to remove this project from the proposed ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. Here is why: 1. We suffer from expanded I-25 noise pollution as is. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. 2. Exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts will deteriorate our living standards. 3. My property value will plummet if this road project is constructed adjacent to my home. I worked and saved my entire life to purchase this property, and you will destroy it in one decision. 4. I am concerned with the significant negative impacts that will result from ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. 5. The design phase is included in the project list even though the feasibility study has not been initiated. This makes it appear that the feasibility study is just a formality, and the project will proceed regardless of the findings of the feasibility study. ***
65	12/6/2022	Comment	To whom it may concern: My husband and I, as residents of Bonnieville, would like to voice our strong opposition to the 105/106 proposition regarding the Constitution feasibility study and possible expansion project. We are extremely frustrated and angry that these items are coming up again when our community (and the surrounding historic neighborhoods) voiced fierce opposition to these projects this past summer. We do not want our tax money used on this project for the following reasons: * this is a relatively quiet neighborhood and constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue *coupled with an increase in noise pollution, we will also be impacted by exhaust fumes * we will incur a dramatic reduction in property values due to the above mentioned reasons We expect our wishes to be heard again and ask that the 105/105 propositions be taken off of the CONNECTCOS proposed project listed in appendix A. This is not a project we support. Sincerely, ***

66	12/1/2022	Comment	City Staff - As a resident of 2400 Wood Avenue Townhomes, located at the corner of Wood Avenue and Jackson Street, I would like to express my significant opposition to the proposed Constitution Avenue Extension Project from Union Boulevard to Interstate 25. This project is included in the draft ConnectCOS Transportation Plan (project# 105 – 106) which includes both a feasibility study and design phases. I was surprised and disappointed to learn this project is still being considered. I am aware that this project has been proposed several times in the past and withdrawn due to significant neighborhood impacts and citizen opposition. The project was most recently proposed in the 2025 – 2034 Pikes Pike Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) list of capital projects and once again, staff was directed to remove the project from the PPRTA list after City leadership received significant opposition. I oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following: * Our area currently suffers with significant noise pollution from the expansion of I-25 and other busy residential streets. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. * Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, we will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. * I will incur a dramatic reduction in our property values if this road project is constructed adjacent to my home. * It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the close proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. * I am concerned with the significant negative impacts that will result by ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. * I am disappointed that the design phase was included in the project list even though the feasibility study has not been initiated. This makes it appear that the feasibility study is just a formality and that the project will proceed regardless of the findings of the feasibility study. When considering the significant design and construction costs coupled with the major negative influences on our neighborhoods and property values, I believe the negative impacts of this project significantly outweigh the project benefits. I urge you to remove this project from the proposed ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. In conclusion, if I was aware that the City is still considering constructing this major roadway next to my home, it is highly unlikely that I would have chosen to live in our townhome community.
67	12/7/2022	Comment	I am in favor of the east west corridor from I-25, using Constitution, all the way to US 24. US 24 should be four lane, like I 70, from Limon as well. A modern access has been too long waiting in the wings. ***
68	12/8/2022	Comment	Thank you for your email regarding east-west highway in the Old North End. I would like to receive the information allowing me to participate in opportunities about this project. Sincerely, ***

69	12/6/2022	Comment	I write this email as a concerned Colorado Springs resident of 36 years. Expanding Constitution avenue thru the proposed route is unconscionable. That space is screaming for development into a parkway and trail extension - not a highway. Planting more concrete, disrupting some of the oldest CS neighborhoods is not the wise, forward thinking improvements that would best serve our city's goal of attracting environmentally conscious, out door loving residents. Union to and through Fillmore to I-25 is ripe for rebuilding. It's an established travel route ready for an upgrade. Leave the quiet neighborhoods alone. I fully oppose expanding Constitution Avenue!!! Leave the Bonnyville, Roswell and the old north end neighborhoods alone. ***
70	12/6/2022	Comment	Please add my voice in opposition to the extension of Constitution Avenue to connect with I-25….Tuus would be an incredibly destructive roadway through a very quiet portion of Colorado Springs. Destruction to our deer and other wildlife as well. North Nevada Ave MUST HAVE A REDUCTION DOWN TO ONE LANE FOR VEHICLES AND ONE LAND DEDICATED TO BUS/BICYCLES. Or, round-abouts between Uintah and Fontanero…ANYTHING TO REDUCE VEHICLE SPEED. The deaths , injuries, and property damage are the highest in Colorado Springs in the shortest length of street. Come hang out with me any Friday or Saturday evening… the drag racing is phenomenal!! ***
71	12/6/2022	Comment	Your neighbors at 2400 Wood Ave are urgently asking you to stop the consideration of the extension of Constitution. It would not only reduce our property values along with other North End properties, but dramatically reduce our quality of life with a 4 lane highway running next to us. Please make this go ahead, we plead with you. There are elderly and sick people living in our neighborhood that would be adversely affected, as well as all people who live there. Would you want that next to you? Think about it. ***
72	12/12/2022	Comment	Please Consider dropping the constitution push though leave Bonnyville and the ONE alone. It's Historic, quiet and established. Push through with the businesses at filllmore
73	12/3/2022	Comment	I have been a resident of the historic neighborhood of Bonnyville for over 20 years. I cherish this neighborhood. What will Colorado Springs be if the special parts are ruined? Better transportation at what cost? Thank you, ***
74	12/11/2022	Comment	Please remove the constitution ave extension project from the ConnectCOS transportation plan. We live in Bonnyville just a few houses up from Constitution ave. This will negatively affect our lives here in this close community. Thank you for your attention to this matter.. Sincerely,***

75	12/5/2022	Comment	Please remove the Constitution Avenue Extension Project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. This project will destroy neighborhoods and negatively impact wildlife in our area. The City Council took this project off of the ballot in November. It should not be part of any plan at this time. Thanks, ***
76	12/6/2022	Comment	I am writing to express my disapproval of the Constitution extension in the strongest possible terms. The voters have spoken in the past regarding this destructive idea, yet it rears its ugly head once again. There is no need for another major roadway to connect with I-25. This plan will exacerbate the noise and pollution, and have other environmental impacts for residents of the affected neighborhoods. Ramming this proposed roadway through these historic neighborhoods will create an increase in crime, vehicle thefts and street racing. I urge you to listen to the citizens most affected and to NOT proceed with this proposal. Thank you. Sincerely, ***
77	12/8/2022	Comment	we have a relatively quiet neighborhood. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. * Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, we will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. * we will incur a dramatic reduction in property values if this road project is constructed near our homes. * It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. * there will be significant negative impacts from the city ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. ***

78	12/13/2022	Comment	Dear Citizen Transportation Advisory Board , I am writing to you in regards to the extension of Constitution Avenue through a long established family neighborhood. I strenuously object on reasons both personal and community oriented. The home that my wife and I purchased eight years ago boarders the Rock Island bike paths and the railroad spur that services several businesses in the area. It is my understanding that more than one hundred homes will need to be demolished to accommodate the extension and it is very likely that my home is one of those. My wife and I invested a significant portion of our retirement savings to pay cash for this property. I understand that the city intends to buy the properties to be demolished but with the price of housing being what it is it is unlikely that my compensation would suffice to replace my home with a comparable property. The last time I moved was both physically and mentally demanding and my health has declined since. Even if the extension did not require the demolition of my retirement home the property value would surely be significantly diminished. The property values in the general area would also be adversely affected as would the net worth of hundreds more individuals and families and their quality of life. The Old North End, presently is one of the more desirable communities. The associated increases in noise and traffic could change all that. I understand Colorado Springs could use an additional East/ West corridor but maybe Constitution Isn't the best solution. True there is a four lane section that accesses Academy Blvd but East of that is another housing area that would be diminished or Powers would not have easy access to the extension. It is my sincere hope that the East/ West issue could be addressed without sacrificing the quality of life, financial integrity and homes of hundreds of families and individuals. Sincerely, ***
79	12/7/2022	Comment	Remove the extension of Constitution Ave from the list of new roadway projects.

80	12/4/2022	Comment	Connect COS and City of Colorado Springs, I am writing to you in opposition to the Constitution Avenue Extension. This plan is outrageous. My home is located 121 West Monroe Street in the Old North End, next to Monument Valley Park. This plan would not only destroy the air quality around my home, it would increase the noise pollution to unimaginable levels. The current air and noise pollution is already noticeable with I-25 to the west. My home is of an historic nature. It was built by a world famous botanist, Ruth Ashton Nelson. Ruth was one of the preeminent botanists for Colorado, Rocky Mountain National Park, and the western United States. My home at 121 West Monroe was built in the mid 1950s as a workshop for her research and writing. The majority of my historical research is completed. All that remains is for me to submit my application to the historical society. This proposed extension would destroy the historical natural surroundings by my home. I would like to point out that this proposed extension would significantly impact the value of my home, and not in a positive direction. This is outrageous! The destruction of natural habitats would be a blight to this historic section of the Old North End and to Monument Valley Park. Any of the natural habitats destroyed would never be recovered. I am stretching here, but I believe General Palmer would be appalled by this proposed extension. It is because of General Palmer's foresight that we, the citizens of Colorado Springs, enjoy the beauty of Monument Valley Park, and the tree lined streets of Cascade Avenue and Nevada Avenue. (These tree lined avenues are currently under threat of destruction from other transportation plans.) The Old North End is one of the greatest assets to the City of Colorado Springs. Do not destroy the historical nature of the Old North End, or any of the other historic neighborhoods that would be destroyed. While you might not enjoy the close knit neighborhoods of Bonnyville, Roswell, and Kitty Hawk, there are many families that do. Why would you destroy neighborhoods with affordable homes? If this Constitution Avenue extension, or any other transportation plans were to change these neighborhoods, you will have voted on decreasing affordable housing, family oriented neighborhoods, and turned them into noisy, smelly, unsightly and poverty stricken areas. I encourage all of you to rethink this extension. It will destroy the historic neighborhoods of Colorado Springs. The future development of Colorado Springs does not need to include destroying natural habitat, destroying the beauty and serenity of Monument Valley, destroying affordable housing in Bonnyville, Roswell, Kitty Hawk, the Old North End, and other historical communities. Once destroyed, it will never recover and it will never be as it is today, or how General Palmer envisioned. Yes, this city is struggling with growth but do not destroy what is good about the city to achieve a short sighted goal by those who have no interest in these areas of Colorado Springs. I am protesting the Constitution Avenue Extension. Vote NO! Respectfully,

81	12/2/2022	Comment	Dear City Officials, As a resident of 2400 Wood Avenue Townhomes, located at the corner of Wood Avenue and Jackson Street, I would like to express my significant opposition to the proposed Constitution Avenue Extension Project from Union Boulevard to Interstate 25. This project is included in the draft ConnectCOS Transportation Plan (project# 105 – 106) which includes both a feasibility study and design phases. I am surprised and disappointed to learn this project is still being considered. I am aware that this project has been proposed several times in the past and discarded due to significant neighborhood impacts and citizen opposition. The project was most recently proposed in the 2025 – 2034 Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) list of capital projects and once again, staff was directed to remove the project from the PPRTA list after City leadership received significant opposition. I oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following: * Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from the expansion of I-25 and other busy residential streets. Constructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. * Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, I will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. * I will incur a dramatic reduction in my property value if this road project is constructed adjacent to my home. * It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway Trail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. * I am concerned with the significant negative impacts that will result from ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. * I am disappointed that the design phase was included in the project list even though the feasibility study has not been initiated. This makes it appear that the feasibility study is just a formality, and the project will proceed regardless of the findings of the feasibility study. When considering the significant design and construction costs coupled with the major negative influences on our neighborhoods and property values, the negative impacts of this project significantly outweigh the project benefits. I urge you to remove this project from the proposed ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. Sincerely, ***
82	11/14/2022	Comment	Prioritizing cars over other modes of transit only perpetuates the need for more car infrastructure through induced demand. Providing viable, safe, and practical non- car options is an overlooked way to avoid the car infrastructure treadmill that keeps creating and solving the same traffic congestion problems perpetually. Thanks!

83	12/6/2022	Comment	This Plan continues the charade that transit/bicycle/pedestrian improvements solve the traffic issues/congestion for the future. There are 100,000 additional registered vehicles in EPC since 2010 and over 80% of the citizens drive vehicles to commute. However, the City continues to narrow roadways, reduce developer-required improvements for future needs and has not adequately planned for a major bypass. Multimodal solutions will not correct the traffic issues and congestion and City leaders and staff need to determine solutions that address the real issues.
84	11/20/2022	Comment	City of Colorado Springs thru Connect COS has the responsibility to respect neighborhoods and recognizes by stating "unique opportunities and challenges of surrounding neighborhoods and the travelers who use different corridors." What this challenge means to me is how traffic through our neighborhood will enhance (or at least not diminish) the safety, walkability, bike friendliness, and reasonable mass transit. However I fear that this plan will make Nevada a highway between downtown and UCCS, irregardless of years of speaking to city officials of the need for traffic calming in the neighborhood which addressed all of the above, albeit the city and the neighborhood were close in the past to make a neighborhood plan, that I would argue will still work. I am also concerned about increasing the capacity on Weber and potential right aways. Additionally the neighborhoods impacted by the Rock Island East West Corridor have been concerned aboutthe impact to their neighborhoods for over 35 years, they too need to be respected
85	12/6/2022	Comment	I lived on North Nevada Avenue for over 30 years, and cannot believe that once again life along this street is being threatened by Traffic Engineers. This is a residential stretch of street. Completely residential. With Steele Elementary School and Corpus Christi school students trying to make their way across Nevada and Cascade daily. And trying to visit their friends that live across these streets. It's already a hazardous street with drivers speeding and crashing. We have had at least 3 deaths in the block in front of our house. Many, if not most, residents have to back out of driveways onto Nevada Avenue. Increasing traffic is extremely dangerous to residents, children, and drivers on this residential street. Please reconsider.
86	12/5/2022	Comment	The draft plan includes a Major Thoroughfare Map (Appendix C) that shows Nevada Avenue through the Old North End being re-designated as a “Principal Arterial” roadway. Nevada Ave. in ONEN is currently a “minor arterial”. What does this proposed change mean? •This would enable a transformational change of Nevada Ave. in front of our homes, for the worse, with higher speeds and traffic volumes. •It would allow the City to expand Nevada from the current 4 lanes to up to 6 lanes. Please Please No!! We need to calm traffic through the Old North End. It is really bad right now as it is. Speeding and Noise has become intolerable. Thank you for your time ***
87	11/21/2022	Comment	I'll send yet another email to city councilors and the mayor. This is just like the Constitution expansion plan that "wasn't going to effect housing." This misguided plan will destroy the historic district and for what? So a developer can build more, further away? So more cars can speed? There is no value assigned to stable neighborhoods. Thanks for updating everyone.
88	11/24/2022	Comment	Profoundly stupid non planning. Rerun north academy thru the historic old north end community? No thanks. Idiots, what in the world could you be thinking. You just redid nevada a couple of years ago and now the crashes are even worse.

89	11/29/2022	Comment	We strongly oppose all plans that feed more traffic through established residential neighborhoods. In particular, expanding North Nevada Ave into a six-lane major thoroughfare is a disastrous idea. It completely contradicts and negates all prior representations and actions by the City to "calm traffic" through the Old North End (reducing Cascade and Weber lanes, adding bike lanes, diverting traffic onto I-25, etc.) Turning Nevada Ave into a six lane, "primary arterial road" presents an unacceptable and unnecessary danger to all children who must cross Nevada Ave. to get to their neighborhood elementary, middle and high schools, as well as to all pedestrians and bicyclists. Expanding North Nevada Ave. to six lanes makes it a "primary arterial road" incompatible with residential use under the City's own design standards. As a primary arterial road, Nevada Ave would bifurcate our historic neighborhood and destroy it as a walkable, livable, urban green area. Whose interests are behind this plan? Certainly not those of the residents, property owners and taxpayers who will pay the price. DROP IT NOW!
90	11/25/2022	Comment	It is my understanding that this proposed project means taking out the tree / flower lined median. Are you kidding me? Destroy the beauty and warm feelings those beautiful trees/ median provide that 100% goes with the OLD NORTH END. Is Cascade ave next? Then Wood Ave? I am a westsider and got here as soon as I could 42 years ago, 11/22/80. Change is inevitable but the powers to be seem to be blindsided by BIG DEVELOPERS. This is unacceptable and needs to be shelved and rethought. Most sincerely and concerned, ***
91	11/28/2022	Comment	(I saw no indication on the web page accepting public comment that my remarks could be saved, so I am repeating them here...) I see that the most recent version of this transportation plan reclassifies N. Nevada Ave. between Uintah and Fillmore from a “minor arterial” to a “principal arterial.” This change would profoundly damage the neighborhood of the Old North End, a charming city treasure that has played a key role in Colorado Springs history for 150 years. I understand the desire to move traffic from downtown to the northern corridor populated by UCCS, University Village, and other developments. But years ago, that was the rationale for the construction of I-25, a highway that remains up to the task. Moreover, Colorado Springs’ own design standards state: “Principal arterial streets should not bisect neighborhoods but should act as boundaries between them.” The Old North End obviously extends East from Monument Creek to Wahsatch Ave., and informally to Patty Jewett Golf Course. A “principal artery” Nevada would be a dagger through the heart of a walkable, shaded, residential district where neighbors chat over picket fences and parents stroll with young children. Indeed, the city should be taking steps to reduce, not increase, traffic on this tree-lined, family-friendly, mile-long architectural gem. Long-term, Colorado Springs is far better served by preserving the safety and livability of the Old North End than it would be by another unsightly urban roadway. I urge you to reconsider this portion of ConnectCOS. Save Nevada. Save the Old North End.

92	11/30/2022	Comment	Please consider continuity and connectivity of bike paths and trails throughout the city. Please consider some way to connect the north side of Union Meadows Open Space with the University Park Internal Link Trail. Specifically, there is no way for pedestrians and bikes to safely cross Union at Collegiate Drive. This trail connection is very frustrating because it is right across Union, with no pedestrian crossing. Wildlife also cross right here from the Open Space, and this is the part of Union where cars are flying past. I know I'm not the only person to run across the street here, but it feels like crossing a highway. Ideally, a pedestrian and wildlife bridge could be installed. However, an underpass or some other way to connect this open space would create much better trail connectivity and be safer. Please consider a pedestrian bridge or underpass across Union at Collegiate Drive.
93	10/3/2022	Comment	Sir/ma'am, These are my thoughts after reviewing some of the best/worst city lists for commuting in the USA and in Asia and Europe. Coincidentally I lived in NC and TX which have multiple cities near the top of the list for best 100 USA cities. Colorado Springs ranked 49th out of 100; and the best in CO, so the news isn't all bad. However, some improvements can be made after observing travel habits firsthand in England, Scotland, Germany, Korea, and Japan. Simply widening roads or constructing overpasses on Powers Boulevard doesn't address the core issue of reducing travel times. We can reduce travel time by reducing travel distances. For example single occupant vehicles seem to be prevalent near drive thru restaurants. There seem to be dozens of restaurant options within a four mile radius of Powers and Dublin. Yet there are very few similar options in twice the radius of eight miles near the airport. My point is we can reduce travel congestion along Powers Boulevard by reducing travel distances and encouraging new restaurant development on Powers south of Platte. Additionally, restaurant delivery and grocery delivery is making the issue worse. It was common to see grocery stores in Asia and Europe to be within walking/biking distance of apartments and townhomes. We can encourage similar human behavior here by constructing more apartments near new grocery stores, and by making short distance public transportation options available. This includes free/inexpensive public bicycles that are commonly used downtown. The key takeaway is addressing the issue in smaller chunks/projects instead of city-wide. Thank you for reviewing my comments.

94	12/6/2022	Comment	As a multi-modal user myself; pedestrian, cyclist and driver I would like to see a physical barrier to protect users from vehicles. This extends into our neighborhoods where a broken patchwork of sidewalks is present and perpetuating the idea that roads are simply for vehicles. I think it is a lost opportunity that with the 2c work (curbs & roads) being done sidewalks are not being added nor are streets potentially being reduced in size. In the estimates for travel to work is there any information on the lost opportunity of each trip? I see charts for current but not a comparison for "ideal" breakdown of auto/bus/walk/bike/etc. A physical curb to separate cyclists and pedestrians on major roadways/corridors is needed for vehicles. Simply painting lines or putting in cheap PVC plastic visual separators is not enough, bollards should be part of a safe corridor plan. Forcing a pedestrian or cyclists into the debris lane or forcing zig-zags to cross lanes of traffic is not safe nor welcoming to any traveller. Our city has a bike theft problem. There is little chance someone is going to bike to work or to do an errand if their bike is not going to be safe. I would like to see a bike corral system (maybe require an ID to enter?) or something along those lines in city streets, rather than locked up to a light pole, railing, etc. EDUCATION: I would like to see some publications to the public on how to convert some of their current vehicle trips to bus or other routes, myself included. Push this out via GoCOS, mailers, etc. Promote hybrid travel with another mode; give examples. How to pay for a bus, how to pay/sign up for a bike share; can the city give out introductory rides? I also see no push to educate drivers on new laws such as the new 'Safety Stop'. When observing drivers I see a very high amount that are distracted fumbling with a phone. This is the same as a loaded gun. The public needs to be able to report such actions and have consequences to the drivers. How can we enable our community?
95	11/16/2022	Comment	Thank you for the outstanding effort involved in gathering information for this plan and turning it into an accessible document. I do not know if my comment was successfully submitted on the website, so I am repeating it here. I am specifically writing to express my strong support for the projects located on 31ST STREET/FONTMORE ROAD (US 24 to Mesa Rd). This corresponds to project index numbers 94 and 484. These projects have been planned for years and would significantly improve the functionality and aesthetics of the corridor. The Camp Creek canal is past its operational lifespan and the planned improvements would improve the flow of water, as well as bicycle and vehicle traffic.
96	11/23/2022	Comment	Thanks for offering the opportunity to offer comments but your website will not accept my submission and there is no submit button so I am emailing it to you. As an avid cyclist and daily commuter in COS for 23 years who lives near Union and Constitution, I appreciate the efforts that have been made in the past few years to make it safer to be a cyclist. The proposed plans look good and are needed. Primarily that connectivity of trails and safer crossing of streets. Thanks for your insight and I hope they all get completed in my lifetime. There could be more addition of bike lanes on roads that are already wide enough in the older parts of town since building trails is not always an option due to space.

97	11/16/2022	Comment	Hello, I was trying to submit my comments on the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan, but the website removes the "submit" button whenever I type something into the box. Please see below for my comments: I like that the city is prioritizing sustainable modes of transportation. I love that Downtown has a wide array of transportation options including shared bike and scooter services and mass transit, but there aren't a whole lot of reliable options for getting to Downtown from the northeast area of town where I live is almost impossible without a personal vehicle. Please prioritize safety and minimizing accidents! Colorado Springs can be a very scary place to drive; there are several intersections near my house where severe if not fatal crashes happen at least once a month. I would also like to see more focus on developing rail transport along the Front Range, and possibly into other regions as well. While the expansion of I-25 through the Gap has alleviated traffic issues there somewhat, I feel good rail transport between the major urban hubs of the state will go a long way towards easing congestion and boosting local economies by making day trips to other cities easier. Thanks, ***
98	11/28/2022	Comment	Hello, I put my comment in the websites comment square, but there was no indication that it went through. So I'm emailing you my comment below: Ethical and responsible city planning makes sure that every possible step is taken to preserve the character of historic neighborhoods, preserve wildlife habitat and corridors, and preserve the safety of the public. I see so much in this that aims to do the exact opposite. City planning is artificially creating the ever increasing "mobility needs" by not putting the brakes on growth. Soon most of the city will be apartment blocks and roads sending quality of life into a downward spiral from which this city will not recover. Also, it seems that holding public meetings to gather public input is just an empty formality these days. Once that collected data is processed, it is then clearly ignored. Also, and as usual, environmentalists are conspicuous by their absence on the roster of advisors. What are you afraid of?
99	11/29/2022	Comment	If one comes to an understanding of tge difference between highway or non highway you will find that we have highways lacking highway construction. What was done for powers and research was much needed. But now we need more done as we travel down co21. More on and off ramps. Hwy 83, hwy 115 are also needing more on and off ramp construction. In Eagle, Idaho and Castle rock, colorado these cities enforce a pedestrian cross walk right of way more than I have ever seen here. For electricity I suggest a less invasive approach by removing lights that are not on street corners or intersections. Shrinking back lights will shrink cost if electricity. Also with Tesla becoming a problem with draining the grid. We need to find sollutions to also minimize the city draining of grid as well. Personally I before a weekend sabbath break for city lights. But more important is on ramp and off ramp creation.

100	12/6/2022	Comment	I had problems with the survey so I am sending an email. "KRDO Newschannel 13 released a special report earlier this month, where they identified the most dangerous intersections in Colorado Springs. The Colorado Springs Police Department provided KRDO with a list of the city intersections that had the largest numbers of motor vehicle accidents for the year 2020. This data included the number of accidents that resulted in a fatality or injury of any kind, along with the number of total accidents, including those crashes that did not occur directly at the intersection, but close enough that the intersection included the nearest cross street. 2020 was chosen specifically, because El Paso County had the largest number of traffic accident fatalities of all Colorado counties last year. In fact, according to the Colorado Department of Transportation, El Paso County had 84 traffic fatalities last year, 51 of which took place just in Colorado Springs." Figuring out navigating right turns, etc. is very distracting with bike lanes. The City continues to allow builders to pack us in like sardines in a can. The road infrastructure is ill-prepared for the amount of cars which is leading to dangerous and stressful driving conditions.
101	12/7/2022	Comment	Well, I just tried submitting feedback for the public survey that says it will be open through tomorrow, Dec. 6, but I received a message stating that the survey is already closed. Honoring the word limit, I am copying and pasting below what I tried to submit through ConnectCOS. Thank you. *** Please focus on safety for everyone in this city--motorists, cyclists, pedestrians--in every neighborhood. I believe that safety sizing North Nevada from Colorado College to Lilac will help reduce traffic speeds (and reckless driving) while keeping Nevada as a connector to planned development north of Fillmore. By honoring the city's commitment to spread traffic flow evenly on all streets through ONEN, a residential neighborhood with children and outdoor enthusiasts, Nevada needs traffic calming now. Following the safety sizing on Cascade and Weber, the cost of doing the same for Nevada seems the most efficient while still allowing plenty of vehicle traffic to move where it needs to move. Those who want speed can use I-25. Thank you.

102	12/6/2022	Comment	I believe a huge factor is missing from the discussion and plan. Not only do we need to consider sustainability, equity and some of the other goals laid out in the plan, but the way our city is currently laid out provides negative impacts on our social networks, a key factor in city and societal health. When the huge sprawl of our city forces you to drive from suburban housing to suburban business centers, and we don't have dense and walkable communities, where owners know residents and residents know each other, we create a very disintegrated, socially unconnected society. If our plans could zone for, prioritize and envision mini-community centers, that are walkable, dense, and have public transportation connecting them to other parts of town, a lot of these other factors would be resolved. Roadways would have less traffic and require less maintenance if 80% of our needs could be meet without having to hop in a car. Intersections would be less dangerous if you could design walkable centers. The fact that this factor, disintegration of social networks, is not measured means we will continue to created sprawled out communities that require driving and large commutes to meet our needs in ways that continues to undermine community building.
103	12/4/2022	Comment	I'm not sure if this message is going to the correct department, and I probably should have sent this before the 2C issue hit the ballots. But thank you for taking my request into consideration and forwarding it to the proper department. The Stonewater neighborhood is north of Middle Creek Drive, West of Voyager and just south of the Progressive Insurance Campus. If Progressive would grant an easement so the city could build a sidewalk from Sybilla Lane to the north to The Classical Academy campus (on the west edge of Progressive property), school children living in the Stonewater neighborhood could walk or bike to school. Also The Farm children, south of Stonewater and Compassion International could bicycle to school. The additional distance for Stonewater kids to go east to the Voyager sidewalk before walking north on Voyager (a much busier street), then back west on the school's entry street (Stout), nearly doubling the distance traversed. The Farm children's current route leaves a car commute the only likely option. The traffic of cars entering and leaving the campus makes seeking bike/walk alternatives very attractive. If there is a formal process to submit such a request, please let me know what that is.

104	12/2/2022	Comment	To whom it may concern: As a resident of 2400 Wood Avenue Townhomes, located at the corner of Wood Avenue and Jackson Street, I would like to express my significant opposition to the proposed Constituttion Avenue Extension Project from Union Boulevard to Interstate 25. This project is included in the draft ConnectCOS TRansportation Plan (project# 105-106) which includes both a feasibility and design phases. I am suprised and disappointed to learn this project is still being considered. I am aware this project has been propoosed several times in the past and discarded tue to significant neighborhood impacts and citizen opposition. The project was most recently proposed in the 2025-2034 Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) list of capital projects and once agaom. staff was directed tp remove the project from the PPRTA list after City leadership received significant opposition. I oppose the inclusion of this projec tin the Transportation plan based on the following. Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from the expansion of I-25 and other busy residential streets. Cosntructing a major roadway just steps from the northern border of our homes will dramatically exacerbate the noise issue. Coupled with an increase in noise pollution I will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. I will incur a dramatic reduction in my property value if this road project is constructed adjacent to my house. It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park and Greenway TRail due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the proposed road will negative impact the enjoyment of the park and wildlife. I am concerned with the significant negative impact that will result from ramming this proposed roadway through our historic neighborhoods. I am disappointed that the design phase was included in the projec tlist even though the feasibility study has not been initiated. This makes it appead that the feasibility study is just a formality, and the project will proceed regardless of the findings of the feasibility study. When considering the significant designa nd construction costs coupled with major negative influences on our neighborhoods and property values, the negative impacts of this project significantly outweigh the project benefits. I urge you to remove this project from the proposed ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. One of many concerned citizens,***
105	12/8/2022	Comment	For My City, Good day. It has come to my attention that the City is ONCE AGAIN, back to impeding and causing harm to our Historical Neighborhood, the Old North End. I may be getting older, but nothing new, the answer was NO on your last attempt and still is. Is the City suffering from memory loss, I am not! Still likely an issue for too close to Monument Park for zoning. Lest you forgot the rehab pending for Bicycle Bridge and Fountain Creek? There are also Railroad tracks, still utilized and in future thought for a Passenger Rail System. The added automobile, truck noise and pollution in a populated residential area? Even IF sound barriers could "help" that would block my priceless view to the Front Range! No means no, why pursuit it here? Please withdraw projects 105 and 106 from the ConnectCOS list. Grateful ***
106	12/4/2022	Comment Non-Resident	Hello, As an infrequent visitor to Colorado Springs, I would appreciate smoothing at least one sharp curve on I-25 in the city and generally slowing speeds through some kind of traffic calming.and beautification. I-25 was a speedway and not a nice experience or impression of the city. Thanks, ***

107	12/6/2022	Comment-Process	Hi, I tried to submit feedback on connect cos on the transportation plan, but the survey is closed. The website says, ‘provide feedback through Tuesday, Dec. 6th’ I’d like my feedback on the survey not submitted via email. Please address the survey closing early. Thanks, ***
108	11/12/2022	Follow-up Required	Hello, I wasn't sure who to contact about this, but when I tried to submit a public comment on the ConnectCOS website, I noticed a bug where when the text field is expanded, the "Submit" button will disappear. I've attached 3 screenshots showing the submit button disappearing as the text field is expanded. Sincerely, ***
109	12/5/2022	Question	This plan will disrupt so many people who own homes along this route. Where will they go? This city can't even put a light up so people can cross Circle at Paseo safely to go to Palmer Park. Why ruin neighborhoods to build another road that won't be safe?
110	12/3/2022	Question	Is there another COS CONNECT forum that covers the asthetics of COS/housing areas/subdivisions? ***
111	11/21/2022	Question	Hello! My wife and I just moved here a few months ago, and I've been interested in the City's efforts to improve itself, mainly in its efforts to improve transit (bikes and public). I wanted to know if there was a place (I'm having trouble finding it on the ConnectCOS site), where I could find specifics about the quality of bike infrastructure (protected bike lanes, separated bike lanes, or painting the edge of a highway "bike lanes"). Thanks,
112	12/9/2022	Reply	We want our neighborhood to remain the same!

113	12/9/2022	Reply	Sorry, but your lack of planning does not mean you can now disrupt older, established neighborhoods, causing pollution, traffic, noise and reduced property values. Why have you rubber-stamped subdivision after subdivision knowing full well the traffic nightmare it would cause?!?! Have you ever seen Fillmore Hill Eastbound down to I-25 from the West. It's backed up all the way to Centennial! Have you seen GoG Road anywhere near I-25 around rush hour. A nightmare. Yet they are building yet more mega apartment building up off of Centennial. Now we have a huge mess on our hands ..... sorry you should have planned better! You're not going to wreck our neighborhoods in an attempt to "solve" this problem, which it won't! Sincerely, ***
114	12/9/2022	Reply	I understand all the points you have made concerning this proposal. However, given the alternatives to the Constitution Ave project, it seems to me that the reasons you give for preferring the Constitution alternative ignores the noise and exhaust disruption to the neighborhoods on Constitution and the Historic North End, our complex at 2400 Wood Ave, and the Roswell neighborhood to our north. Some of those homes are mid to lower income homes. Better to disturb neighborhoods than businesses? I guess that's the way it usually goes. Probably less expensive. I will be watching closely this proposal and if it goes through we will have to consider selling our home and try to move to another townhome - at ages 80 and 84. I hope that these points are carefully considered. Sincerely, ***
115	12/9/2022	Reply	Mr. Roberts: Thank you for acknowledging my concern about the expansion of N. Nevada to greater volumes of traffic, and for your explanatory reply. As Colorado Springs continues to grow, I trust N. Nevada between Uintah and Fillmore will continue to be regarded as a residential street. Best to you and your family this holiday season. ***
116	12/9/2022	Reply	Hey, that's terrific. But let's not have another oppsie daisy like when traffic promised to leave the speed moderating rolling dips on the N Nevada parkway, then paved them over by "accident." The city's ongoing attempt to destroy our and the surrounding neighborhoods is alarming, unfortunate and counterproductive. Most cities take advantage of historic neighborhoods. Charleston SC has candle lite tours of house and spectacular squares to break up the car traffic. They don't have boring underattended Olympic museums and stroads thru historic districts. You could learn alot from them. Sincerely ***

117	12/9/2022	Reply & Question	To the ConnectCOS Project Team: I am interested in hearing your perspective on Induced Demand and Reduced Demand. As I'm sure you all know, study after study has proven that widening and/or adding more roads does nothing to alleviate traffic congestion, but actually exacerbates it. There are alternatives. You just have to have the courage to do something different and think outside the box of more roads=less traffic. How do you justify this study when faced with these facts? Always curious, ***
118	12/9/2022	Response to ConnectCOS Project Email	To the ConnectCOS Project Team: I am interested in hearing your perspective on Induced Demand and Reduced Demand. As I'm sure you all know, study after study has proven that widening and/or adding more roads does nothing to alleviate traffic congestion, but actually exacerbates it. There are alternatives. You just have to have the courage to do something different and think outside the box of more roads=less traffic. How do you justify this study when faced with these facts? Always curious, ***
119	12/9/2022	Response to ConnectCOS Project Email	Thanks for the response. I found this sentence rather amusing. “Those against the study asked that it be removed from the PPRTA project list and be funded by other means”. Of the hundreds of people that spoke out against the expressway project this past summer, I don’t recall any suggesting that it should proceed provided it is funded by other means. They expressed many of the same concerns in my email below and recommended the project should be abandoned once and for all. Many of us have lived in or visited cities that prioritize cars over neighborhoods (St. Louis, Houston,..). Lets don’t turn Colorado Springs into a sea of asphalt so that we can get somewhere five minutes quicker. ***

120	12/7/2022		Dear ConnectCOS - I am writing to protest your plans to change the designation of Nevada Avenue to a principal arterial. At its existing designation, traffic volume is already high on Nevada Avenue and is unsafe, resulting in numerous property and injury accidents. So far, the city is unwilling to address these safety issues and it is inconceivable that current plans to convert the avenue to a major thoroughfare will do anything but exacerbate the situation. The city plans to convert Nevada Avenue to a major thoroughfare running through one of the oldest neighborhoods in the city is unacceptable. A change in designation will likely mean destruction of the boulevards and the front yards of residences on either side of the avenue and do nothing to increase the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists. Furthermore, it will result increased pollution, traffic, and noise that will not only adversely impact the Nevada Avenue corridor but the rest of the Old North End Historic District. It will destroy the character of this neighborhood, to the detriment of Colorado Springs. Plans for multi-modal public transportation seem tepid at best. While residents currently rely on cars for transportation (82% of residents rely on cars for transport), why not work to change this paradigm within the city limits? If there isn't a reliable, efficient public transportation system, residents don't have any transportation alternatives and the city will be continually pressured to expand car-focused options. It's time now for bold thinking to address the city's transportation needs that don't destroy existing neighborhoods to the benefit of the new.

122	12/6/2022		Dear Connect COS team: Bike Colorado Springs is pleased to have the opportunity to offer comments on the current draft of the ConnectCOS document. We are happy that the City of Colorado Springs has engaged in a long-range planning process for transportation needs and note that the draft document addresses multiple modes of transportation. Unfortunately, the document is heavily focused on motorized transportation, in particular automobile traffic. It is our understanding that the motorized sections of the plan will be adopted into ordinance and the sections dealing with active transportation and mass transit will be relegated to a status with a lower imperative, an unfortunate prioritization. Further, we note that much of the document is a reflection of past design standards and concepts reflected into the future, rather than employing contemporary cutting edge urban design thinking as a basis for our development for the next 20 years. During the ConnectCOS public development process, respondents were asked to choose the top 4 goals and Safety received the highest rank. In addition, when asked “How important is it for the people of Colorado Springs to have transportation choices, 66% responded that this was “Very Important” and another 24% chose “Important”. Yet, with 90% of respondents selecting “Important” or “Very Important”, the current draft of the ConnectCOS plan reflects design standards and analysis techniques focused in such a way as to prioritize speed and motor vehicle flow over safety and minimize the likelihood that effective transportation choices will be created. We request a review of the emphasis in the report to reflect equitable discussion of all modes of transportation, in particular active transportation such as bicycling and walking. We urge that the plan be revised to recognize the strong likelihood that alternate design concepts will be necessary to bring Colorado Springs into the coming 20 year future. Detailed comments and a PDF of these comments are attached. We look forward to further discussion of the document at CTAB, Planning Commission and City Council. Best Regards, ***