

No.	Date	Category	Comment
1	12/21/2022 , 12/23/2022	Comment	<p>I would also appreciate your thoughts on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.If the City Council approves including the feasibility study in the ConnecCOS plan, what is the anticipated cost range for the consultant? 2.When would you envision the feasibility study beginning (year)? 3.Estimate (months) for the feasibility study to be completed? 4.If the Council approves proceeding with the feasibility study and elects to proceed with the project after the feasibility study is completed, estimated cost ranges for the design and construction? <p>Thank you for your help. ***</p>
2	1/2/2023	Comment	<p>I was very disheartened to see that the Constitutton avenue expansion is back on the agenda after being tabled for only 5 months. It is a terrible idea and was a terrible idea when it was first proposed 20 years ago. It will be hugely detrimental to a coveted , family friendly historical neighborhood by increasing noise, pollution , plummeting property values and reducing the quality of life. Also, people fear losing their houses due to imminent domain. We would be suffering the consequences of the out of control urban sprawl that was allowed on the east end of town. I have found many studies done nationwide that has proven that road expansion does not ease congestion but makes the road more dangerous. We have enough issues with numerous traffic accidents as it is.</p> <p>Thank you for reading this. I strongly hope you listen and care about the people you are representing and realize how deeply this impact people's lives. ***</p> <p>Pattv .Iewett Neighborhood</p>

3	1/3/2023	Comment	<p>Tuesday, January 3, 2023</p> <p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>It is my understanding that the Planning Commission will consider the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan at upcoming meetings.</p> <p>As a resident of North Nevada for three decades, I am strongly opposed to the proposed Constitution Avenue Expressway Project from Union Boulevard to Interstate 25, as well as the designation of my street as a primary arterial.</p> <p>Put an expressway next to a couple schools, really? In what universe does it make sense to expose young brains to more toxic exhaust fumes?</p> <p>After destroying so many homes and neighborhoods over the years to build more lanes of traffic, isn't it about time we look into shrinking the impact of automobiles? How about investing in ways to make mass transit really convenient, and maybe even free, so we don't have to rely on cars? I live on a bus route and the noise of the buses doesn't bother me. The fact that y'all seem happy to run huge, empty buses all day long, does. Someone was forward looking in creating bike lanes on Cascade and downtown, let's be a bit more forward-leaning and innovative when it comes to the East-West traffic issue, please.</p> <p>My opposition to the designation of Nevada as a primary arterial is more selfish. If denying me use of my driveway and street side parking is truly in the best interest of the city, then take the time to notify me and my neighbors and sell us on it. But don't present it as a fait accompli and tell me after the fact. That just engenders more distrust in government.</p> <p>I encourage you to focus on creative, multi-modal plans to improve east-west traffic flow instead of more roads that will divide neighborhoods and be a huge negative impact to area schools.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>
4	1/1/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Mr. Roberts:</p> <p>I am the President of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Colorado Springs. We are a twenty-four year old non-profit advocating and educating our fellow citizens on the value of historic preservation. We joined others including the new Historic Neighborhoods Partnership in opposing the Constitution Ave. planning and construction items on the Pikes Peak Regional Transportation public meetings. The advocacy was successful as Mr. Williams made the motion to remove the items along with street changes to Boulder and Platte. We are amazed and completely shocked to see these projects put back onto a proposed slate of transportation initiatives by the City. This feels completely defiant on the part of the City and ignores the already evident public opposition to the study and the funding of said project.</p> <p>The reasons are both environmental as well as degrading existing historic neighborhoods. Bonneyville's northern border would be forever changed for the worse. Noise is the primary concern as well as air quality. Monument Valley Park is affected and the character of Historic Old North End is destined to be degraded further by traffic and noise. Our organization strenuously opposes these items and will advocate for the preservation of these threatened neighborhoods.</p> <p>We appreciate and understand that cars are a part of everyone's daily experience. However, existing homeowners are not given enough support when projects like this come along. It's not been demonstrated that this project warrants support from a transportation standpoint. Were there overwhelming evidence to the need, it should still be denied as the harm to existing property owners is too great. In closing, please forward our letter to the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board. Thank you for your kind assistance.</p> <p>Most sincerely, ***</p>

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6	1/2/2023	Comment	<p>Hi Tim,</p> <p>I live in the Bonneyville/Bon Park neighborhood, and am writing to share my opposition to the Constitution Ave. Extension being considered as part of the ConnectCOS plan. Please forward my email to the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board, as I would like my voice to be included in the discernment process.</p> <p>Here are my personal reasons for being opposed to the Extension:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Increased noise and traffic in/around our neighborhood. Part of the reason we moved to this area is because it is quiet and calm. -Decreases the walkability of our neighborhood, particularly north/south. This was another primary reason we moved to this part of town. -Makes it more difficult/unsafe for kids to walk to their neighborhood school (Mann & Stratton) because kids/families from our neighborhood would need to cross a busy intersection. It would also change the feel of those schools in a dramatic way, as they have recess & gym class in the open area just north of where the Extension would go. For a city that celebrates outdoor recreation, why would we put a busy road (and decreased air quality) right next to the place that our children play? -I believe there's a better use for those funds. As a city resident, I would rather see those funds put toward affordable & accessible housing initiatives. -It would decrease the amount of housing available in this area, which seems unwise given the housing challenges our community is already experiencing. <p>I understand the purpose of ConnectCOS and I appreciate the overall vision. However, if the Constitution Ave. Extension is part of the plan, then I will not support it and I will encourage others to do the same.</p> <p>Thanks for your time and consideration.</p> <p>***</p>

7	1/2/2023	Comment	<p>Mr. Roberts, I am writing to express my opposition to the resurrection of an extension to Constitution in the ConnectCOS transportation plan.</p> <p>I have been a resident of the Old North End for more than 30 years. Our home is only three blocks from the proposed route of the extension, so we would be significantly impacted by an it.</p> <p>But as concerned as I am about us, I'm more concerned about the townhomes at 2400 Wood Avenue and the houses along the corridor between I-25 and Union that would be directly impacted by the extension, some home owners losing their properties.</p> <p>I have never seen any benefit analysis that shows the value of such an extension, but I've seen plenty of opposition to it. I thought the last time this was taken out of the PPRTA plan, we'd be done with it. I'm very upset that it has come back around again.</p> <p>Please forward my mail to the members of CTAB and urged a NO vote on this extension.</p> <p>Respectfully, ***</p>
8	1/9/2023	Comment	<p>Hi ***,</p> <p>It was good to talk with you. I have copied Sam Friedman our Constituent Services Specialist who will be sending you information on how to stay engaged in the process on the East/West Corridor Study and possible extension of Constitution. He won't be able to get this to you until Wednesday as we have a super significant agenda and public process happening today and tomorrow's City Council meetings. I have also copied ConnectCOS to capture and register your opposition.</p> <p>Very best, Nancy</p>

9	1/8/2023	Comment	<p>Hello Nancy,</p> <p>My name is *** and I am a Colorado Springs Old North End native that has seen increase of noise pollution in my neighborhood over the last 40 years. The decibel level has increase dramatically to a loud hum when I-25 was raised, widen and added noise barrier walls that bounced the traffic noise pollution into our neighborhood. Using a more sound proof road surface was deemed too expensive and now we have lived for the last 15+ years with daily noise pollution in our backyard and front porches.</p> <p>Now the city is talking about widening Fillmore and extending Constitution which would negatively impact our neighborhood and quality of life. I would implore the city to look into other transportation options, development options and invest money in those. I live in the Old North End and my 3 children go to Holmes and Coronado. While we do carpool to help reduce our impact, recently I looked into the bus system to see if there was a bus my children could take from Coronado and Fillmore down to Cascade and Fillmore so that we would not have to pick them up from school. The bus would take over an hour and it goes off route and not directly down the hill which would typically be a 10 minute drive. I would love for the city to invest in our bus transportation and other means of building a city that does not involve widening road and destroying neighborhoods.</p> <p>Also, the school Stratton and Mann Middle School would be negatively impacted by noise and exhaust pollution by a road going so closely to their classroom and outdoor facilities.</p> <p>It is not equitable to the old neighborhoods to be severely impacted by urban sprawl and the policies that the city of Colorado Springs has implemented in it's development. Also, studies show widening of roads has not shown to decrease traffic times.</p> <p>Please think out of the box about this transportation issues. In the Old North End, we will strongly oppose as a community widening Fillmore and especially the extension of Constitution. Thank you for your time. ***</p>
10	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>I am ***. I live in the neighborhood being a part of this destruction. My parents owned my home leaving it to me. This is my home. My grandchildren, my parents grandchildren know this home. My husband and I have worked hard to keep up and improve our home before he was killed by a careless driver as he rode his bike on a Colorado Springs Street. My husband was a retired city employee.</p> <p>This housing development is a quiet established neighborhood in the Bonnyville division. It has been wonderful seeing younger people buying and establishing homes here for their family. It's encouraging to see young children outside playing.</p> <p>This extension will bring noise, trash, uproot homes of seniors, cause danger to playing children, ruin trails that we all love for biking, walking, jogging.</p> <p>This extension will impact two schools that are high achieving academic schools. Why? They function well above academically and that will impact educators jobs. Why?</p> <p>I own my home. I'm almost 75 years old. I cannot afford to lose my life long family home. I do not want this expansion to take place.</p> <p>Thank you for hearing me. ***</p>

11	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>Hello</p> <p>We have lived in this neighborhood since 1999 we own our home.</p> <p>My husband and I are completely against the Projects 105 and 106 on the ConnectCOS project list,</p>
12	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Councilmember Henjum:</p> <p>As a resident of Balboa Street in the Bonnyville neighborhood, I'm writing to express strong opposition to the proposed Constitution Avenue extension.</p> <p>You learned last fall that the people who live in these historical neighborhoods are against this project, and the city removed it from the PPRTA ballot measure. You didn't wait long before trying again despite what your constituents told you we didn't want.</p> <p>The history, quietness, layout and traffic patterns were major factors in our decision to buy our house in Bonnyville in 2018. This project would destroy historical neighborhoods and decrease our property value of an estimated 10%. Extending Constitution Avenue would increase noise and air pollution. The area would become unsafe for children and pets.</p> <p>If Colorado Springs wants to ensure quality of life and innovation continue to attract business and young people to the city, we need to stop destroying historical areas and start investing in public transportation rather than encouraging more cars to drive the streets. Instead of investing money and time into feasibility studies for an expressway that would increase traffic, air and noise pollution and contribute to the climate change that is rapidly destroying our Earth, you should do feasibility studies about high-speed trains, improving the Metro bus system and other innovations that don't harm the environment like more roads and cars do.</p> <p>Once again I'm asking you to please end all consideration of this encroachment on our neighborhood with a project that harms the environment, history and peace and quiet.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>

13	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Councilmember Nancy Henjum:</p> <p>The household of ***, in The Bonnyville neighborhood, are writing YET AGAIN to express strong opposition to The Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) plan to extend Constitution Avenue westward. Please start listening to the people you are supposed to represent and start respecting democracy as this is the second time I have had to write you about this obviously unpopular proposal in seven months.</p> <p>As residents/property owners in the affected area, it came as quite a surprise to my family and neighbors to hear this plan has yet again been resurrected. Just stop it! This invasive project seems to have been quietly revived in an attempt to subvert the will of the people. At the very least, a project that does so much harm to so many people in four historic neighborhoods warrants a vote unto itself.</p> <p>We don't see any benefits to this proposal, but we do see a lot of negatives. Here is an initial, short list of immediate, adverse and unfavorable results:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Disruption to historic neighborhoods. The layout and current traffic pattern were major factors in our decision to purchase our property. 2. The demolition of over 200 homes in a beautiful, middle-class neighborhood. 3. Disruption or elimination of access to The Colorado Springs Urban Trail System. 4. Displacement of wildlife. 5. Noise pollution. 6. Air pollution from increased traffic. 7. Physical pollution. 8. Unsafe conditions for children and pets. 9. Initial construction disruptions. 10. Maintenance and upkeep disruptions. 11. Negative impact on property values. 12. Increased water runoff on our already strained stormwater system. <p>Please end all consideration of this horrid encroachment on our beloved, historic neighborhoods.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>
15	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>I am writing to express my dismay and complete opposition to these two projects! This project will devastate the neighborhoods it runs through.</p> <p>These are long established neighborhoods, how will this improve them? By destroying a green space? By eliminating or rendering useless the Rock Island Trail which is used by the residents of this area? By bringing more noise and pollution into my neighborhood? By endangering the educators and children at Stratton and Mann Middle School? Has the population in this area grown so much that this is needed or will it benefit people who are not invested here?</p> <p>What is the valid reason for this?</p> <p>I look forward to seeing you on January 21, I'm not sure you should feel the same about me.</p> <p>***</p>

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17	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Council member Nancy Henjum & the ConnectCOS Project Team,</p> <p>I am disheartened to see Projects 105 &106 are once again back on the agenda. I am, again, reaching out to express my opposition to the expansion of Constitution Ave. This expansion and extension would be detrimental to our neighborhoods and families. My family and I own our home on ***. and this expansion would have a direct negative impact on our quality of life, property value, and neighborhood. We, along with many of our neighbors, utilize the Rock Island Trail almost daily. We DO NOT want this expansion and cannot believe after the last time it was presented, it's now back up for discussion. How many times do we have to tell you we do not want the additional noise, pollution, and safety hazards this will bring to OUR neighborhood? Please say NO to this expansion.</p> <p>Warm Wishes, ***</p>
18	1/16/2023	Response	<p>Hi Tim,</p> <p>Thanks for the response and for the information, I really appreciate it. I'm going to do my best to make it to the meeting on January 21st.</p> <p>I understand the need to improve East-West mobility. I just think there are better solutions than extending Constitution to I-25. In particular, I'd support improvements to Filmore and Uintah.</p> <p>Thanks again.</p> <p>Peace, ***</p>

19	1/17/2023	Comment	<p>Hello Nancy, I understand you will be leading a town hall meeting this Saturday about the Constitution extension project. I regret I cannot attend due to a prior commitment. However, I have attached a letter stating my objection to this proposal and hope you will take it under consideration. Sincerely, ***</p>
20	1/17/2023	Comment	<p>Good day. My City Council Rep., Nancy Henjum, received and responded. Its still a NO for me. I likely will miss the in person meeting due to my former Ministers 10am Memorial Service and after celebration at the Center. Interesting both are near and dear to my Community and heart. Look forward to hearing about the gathering and meeting of minds. Grateful, ***</p>
21	1/18/2023	Comment	<p>Hello perspective from a person whose family has been in this area since the late 1800's my first question is do you even know where "main st" colorado springs is? All these folks who have moved here and caused so much expansion are complaining, well what about us folk whose homes will be lost or value decrease way to much. You worry so much about this and wont even repair some of the older streets in town. the folks who live on east side (near kansas) can reach out their windows and touch next door house need to grow up and realize how it will truly effect hundreds of lives here. STOP THIS ISSUE NOW - PLEASE THANKS & MAY GOD BLESS YOU.... ***</p>
22	1/18/2023	Comment	<p>Hello Nancy Henjum and Dept. of Traffic and Transportation, I am writing in with concerns regarding the proposed Constitution extension. This is my neighborhood and backyard that will be affected. This will cause separation from neighborhoods and schools by putting a highway through this area. Bringing Constitution into these neighborhoods would change the whole aesthetics to the old North end area and every neighborhood in between that is valued for its history and neighborhood feel that makes us all enjoy what this area in Colorado Springs is and always has been. So many people, walkers, young and old, bikers, runners use the Rock Island trail to go to work everyday and recreate away from the busyness of the roads. This expansion will impact the schools with more traffic and crossing hazards. This will ruin our neighborhood. Please take this into consideration and think how you would feel if you owned a home here and had children at these schools. "Progress" of highways and conveniences should not take precedence over our community and what little open space we have available. Sincerely, ***</p>

23	1/18/2023	Comment	<p>Mesa Springs neighborhood looks forward to working with the City as they study mobility. We've just spent more than 6 years living with the work done to extend Centennial.</p> <p>I need to voice concern that this map (attached) already has Constitution connecting to I25. I fought the Centennial extension for many years and there was a point when I wished the city just admitted that the street was drawn on a map 1986 and it would eventually happen no matter how often I attended hearings. The road is needed but the reason is the thousands (perhaps 3 thousand) apartment / units NOW being built within a mile of Fillmore and Centennial</p> <p>I have a feeling this map also foretells the future. Please include Mesa Springs and my email for the foreseeable future of conversations regarding these projects.</p> <p>Thank you. Your Neighbor, ***</p>
24	1/19/2023	Voice Comment	<p>Hello this is *** calling about the constitution town hall meeting on the 21st of January at 10 a.m. at Stratton Elementary. I was wondering if I could get a heads up on the agenda on what they are cover. *** Thank you very much. You can leave a message if you like.</p>
25	1/19/2023	Comment	<p>If you are in office to help the citizens of Colorado Springs you would not continue to move forward on either of these projects!! I am completely against Projects 105 and 106 on the ConnectCOS project list. The expansion and extension of Constitution Ave. would be detrimental to our neighborhoods and the many many families that utilize and live in and around this area. WE ALREADY HAVE A ROAD THAT DOES WHAT YOU WANT. IT IS FILLMORE! ADD YOUR LANES TO THAT. Expanding Fillmore would be more money efficient and much less of a demolition project as the road is already there and only surrounded by businesses all of which would love the draw of cars and people in hopes that the business would grow. Expanding Fillmore would actually benefit the surrounding areas...</p> <p>The creation of a whole new roadway when one already exists is ludacris, especially seeing what the creation of road through a neighborhood would ruin. This neighborhood is an old, established neighborhood with two schools, a well used trail, and homes that have been here 100 years. There are thousands of people that need and use this space on a daily basis. All the students, and staff for the schools grades preschool to 6th grade would be put into an extremely dangerous reality. Trying to get to and from school safely would NOT be a guarantee anymore. This road would have to take out homes that people and families have lived in for 100 years. This expansion would increase noise, pollution and safety hazards for the thousands of people that live and use this area. How in the world can you consider taking out our highly used and very much loved Rock Island Trail? This trail is used daily by 100's of people going about their daily lives. Bikers, walkers, runners of all ages, from young children to the elderly use this trail.</p> <p>Please, please STOP projects 105 and 106!!! Do not ruin this safe haven we have had and nurtured for our kids, our elderly, our families, our homes, our lives for 100 years. There are two large roads that do what you want, Fillmore and Platte, please expand those making them what the city needs, instead of ripping a hole into an already established, long loved and very useful neighborhood, trail and schools.</p> <p>I hope our voice makes a difference to you and you stop these projects, ***</p>
26	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>I live in the Old North End. I think the proposed changes to Constitution Avenue are unconscionable. Us Old North Enders moved here for a reason which you are attempting to destroy!</p> <p>***</p>
27	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>I live in Patty Jewett and am very much in favor of a study to increase the East-West mobility in Colorado Springs to include the extension of Constitution Avenue to I25.</p> <p>***</p>

28	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>My family has lived North off of Constitution Ave in Bridlewood since 1968. We have watched the growth East balloon over the years and have experienced the corresponding amount of traffic we must put up with. In addition, we have a large herd of deer which live in our neighborhoods and cross from North to South over Constitution Ave. daily. An extension would automatically cause a number of deer killings each week. This fact alone should discourage any additional traffic that an extension would cause. Currently, just to get on to Constitution Ave. from Avondale we often wait five to ten minutes especially during rush hour, note there is no traffic light at that intersection. I hope the city will consider other possibilities that would cause less havoc to our neighborhoods. Thank you for considering my input.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>
29	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>I live at *** street along the PJ golf course and close to the Rick Island trail and Constitution Ave. I strongly oppose the projects 105 and 106 . I believe this would significantly increase safety risks to the schools , noise , pollution and greatly diminish my property value. Many people utilize the trail for exercise , and to enjoy our neighborhood. There would also be displacement of people and their homes , and overall erode the beautiful neighborhoods and quality of life.</p> <p>Please stop the project's feasibility study !</p> <p>***</p>
30	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I am writing regarding the Constitution Avenue Extension proposal. I am extremely upset that the city would even consider using a popular and historically based trail to put in an "expressway" as well as putting several historical well established Colorado Springs neighborhoods at risk in the process. The noise alone would be intolerable but the loss of value to the property owners would be worse. There are two schools adjacent to the proposed route as well. These schools would be negatively affected by noise and exhaust from cars putting the children and teachers at risk.</p> <p>We have to ask ourselves is it really necessary to have another east/west route across town at the cost of the folks who live in these neighborhoods. There are ample routes to get across town and though they are not as fast as an "expressway", I'm certain that they are safer. According to the Sixty35 (previously the Independent), there were more deaths ever in Colorado Springs in 2022 due to traffic accidents, there were 56 fatalities last year. If we continue the trend to make drive time more important than people's lives I believe the number of fatalities will only get worse. Perhaps we should use this money for more officers to give speeding tickets and to promote better driving habits and scheduling drive time rather than another high speed route through town.</p> <p>Please stop Projects 105 & 106! Our families are counting on you. Thank you for your service.</p> <p>***</p>

31	1/19/2023	Comment	<p>Here we are, two Bonnyville residents of 31 years, loudly and vehemently proclaiming ABSOLUTELY NOT. You are proposing the destruction of core city neighborhoods for the benefit of east-siders who chose to live there.</p> <p>Work on Fillmore or Uintah that already connect to I25. Don't ruin historic neighborhoods when a baseline roads are there.</p> <p>We will attend the Town Hall at Stratton and urge you to listen to the affected residents.</p> <p>***</p>
32	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>Look for other options ,get rid of narrowing streets with (bike lanes)</p>

33	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I fully support the extension of the extension. I grew up near the intersection of Union and Constitution and always thought Constitution should have extended past Paseo road. Back in the day, you could actually access the I-25 Fontanero exit from Cascade and Jackson using a bridge and road next to the city utilities barn.</p> <p>It makes no sense to me that a few hundred residents can be greater than the needs of hundreds of thousands of CS residents.</p> <p>I suspect that when we widened I-25 and many folks lost their homes and their neighborhoods were interrupted, the folks on Wood Street and those along the Constitution corridor were OK with that. Imagine what the traffic would look like without the widening of I-25.</p> <p>As a lifelong resident of CS (71 years), I can't believe the city has never made any kind of attempt to put in some useful East-West corridor. MLK bypass, are you kidding me?</p> <p>We need a limited access route east and the proposed route has and will continue to be the best solution.</p> <p>Stay the course!</p> <p>***</p>
34	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Sirs:</p> <p>I have lived in Colo. Spgs. since 1953 when my parents moved here, and I was 6 years old. I remember Circle Dr. being paved. An East-West access from I-25 to Powers has been a problem for many years.</p> <p>I strongly encourage the City to extend Constitution to I-25. The proposed route follows the old train tracks and will lessen right-of-way/ eminent domain issues. This extension/improvement of Constitution is sorely needed and I encourage it.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>***</p>
35	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>Since I will be unable to attend the meeting about the proposed study of the Constitution extension, I would like to express my concern about the impact such an extension would have on core neighborhoods in the North End and Old North End. These neighborhoods are key to any identity Colo Springs purports to have. Ramming four lane highways through the heart of historic areas is shortsighted, destructive, and demonstrates a true lack of appreciation for what makes the Springs a beautiful place to live. The century old houses in my neighborhood are true gems of historical and aesthetic value. The proposed extension not only breaks my heart but infuriates me. How many times do we have to make it clear to the local bureaucrats that this idea is unacceptable? Please drop it. There are so many other, lower impact options to solve the East-West mobility issue. Don't destroy my neighborhood in the interest of speed and convenience.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>***</p> <p>Sent from my iPad</p>

36	1/20/2023	Comment	It would be so great to have an east-west road in Colorado Springs, its needed!
37	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>This morning's GAZETTE article exposes the dumb solution to a problem that should not impact our established neighborhood. There are areas of our city that demonstrate major growth in housing, business, etc. Our neighborhood is established. It would seem logical for the city to explore conduits that accomodate those newly populated areas. There are many established downtown streets that allow East-West transportation. Expanding Constitution Ave. is not a solution as it will RAPE established older neighborhoods. Please reconsider your current bad assessments and use your brains to find better solutions. Do not do anything stupid which we will all regret.</p> <p>***</p>
38	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>We oppose the extension of Constitution Ave. The extension would destroy Stratton Elementary and Horace Mann Middle Schools, at a minimum making it dangerous for kids to get to school during construction and trying to cross the roads. We are very familiar with the area using the trails frequently while visiting family and our grandkids in the Bonney neighborhood. We are also familiar with highway noise and the speeding and illegal loud mufflers, living next to Rangewood. This will be your legacy for the adjoining homes. The city needs to stop that madness.</p> <p>Expand Fillmore, if necessary, but do not extend Constitution.</p> <p>***</p>

39	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Council members:</p> <p>As a resident and property owner in the area to be affected by the Constitution Avenue Extension to be studied, I have several recommendations to encourage a robust study process, because I think this proposal may benefit us all. My husband and I have lived for a number of years in the Templeton Gap Addition, which is generally the area between the proposed Extension and Fillmore, and between Union and Templeton Gap. We own two properties within 2 blocks of the intersection of Constitution and Paseo. My comments reflect my thoughts and opinions as a property owner and 40-year resident of Colorado Springs, although they are also informed by my current service as Transportation Commissioner for Colorado District 9, which includes El Paso, Teller, Park, and Fremont Counties. We all realize the benefits of improved east-west road access which will be realized throughout the City.</p> <p>My husband and I have lived in the north-central part of Colorado Springs for several decades. We realize it is not likely that the City could create an enhanced right of way along Fillmore due to the close-in commercial development.</p> <p>As the Extension proposal is considered, we request a thorough public input process, which should begin by public meetings scheduled soon, even while the feasibility study is going on. We want you to be aware of the expectations and desires of the residents and businesses owners in the surrounding community, including the Templeton Gap Addition and all areas close to the proposed Extension. There are many questions to be addressed during a full-scale public input process which we expect would follow the feasibility study.</p> <p>1. Protect our property values. There are many property value implications which should be fully explored. We live in a middle-class neighborhood. If the Extension is developed, our neighborhood will be surrounded in a relatively small area by a heavily-used Constitution Avenue, the intersection of Fillmore/Union/Circle, and then Union as it travels south. This could create much more noise and pollution, and the constrained area could decline in value and condition because it will appear to be much more urbanized, which can be done well or done poorly. The area could be cut off and become too isolated from other areas to allow for commuters, students, shoppers, and drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians of all ages to feel comfortable here. Urban areas can decline without sufficient capital investment and attention to local needs and interests. We will want sound barriers and other kinds of noise mitigation, or the neighbors will continue to oppose this project. Can portions be built below grade with overpasses? Can the Extension be built in a manner that would protect the neighborhood from excessive noise and pollution? Without these assurances you will continue to face heavy opposition.</p>
40	1/22/2023	Comment	<p>What a productive gathering at Stratton. I learned some new info & you did a great facilitating job.</p> <p>One important correction on the map & perhaps other references: Bonnyville has been spelled wrong. It is NOT "Bonneyville" as the city has it. Please fix the inaccuracy!</p> <p>Thx from a Bonnyville resident, ***</p>
41	1/24/2023	Comment	<p>I oppose the building of a freeway to extend Constitution Avenue to I-25. This would disrupt established neighborhoods including Bonnyville and the Old North End. It would increase the air pollution and traffic noise in these areas and likely would decrease the value of houses. The damage to neighborhoods by the construction of freeways is well established from the interstate highways and freeways cities in the past. Why should Colorado Springs damage the inner core to advantage the suburbs? No matter how many roads are built, it will never be possible to provide quick transportation for an ever-spreading population.</p> <p>***</p>
42	1/23/2023	Voice Comment	<p>Hi this is *** I'm COS resident and currently live more South of town, but heard about the extension- The Constitution Avenue extension. Through the Old North End neighborhood. I had grown up in that neighborhood my entire life and I would hate to see that part of the City and such a historical gorgeous part of town disrupted. I am against the project, and just wanted to let you know. I know I probably should have been at the meeting this weekend but it didn't work out. And if you have any questions for me please call me at *** and you can just leave me a voicemail. Have a good day. Again its *** thanks bye</p>

43	1/23/2023	Comment	<p>Good day,</p> <p>Perhaps the proponents for the "extention" should consider more than the Political ploy and numbers game of best for those in CoS vs the minority it impacts. The "better good", portrayed forgets there is a future of getting Americans out of their cars. A viable alternative of a light rail system to alleviate has been floated numerous times by private enterprise and our government hated those ideas. This concept removes a current and potential future for progress.</p> <p>The impact of Man interfering with Mother Nature, impacting/crossing Monument Creek, rarely bodes well (remembering Old Colorado City/Manitou Springs "expansion and clean up" on Colorado Ave; floods and massive redesign).</p> <p>This newest laying down of more concrete idea interferes with the joint already ongoing project planned by Non-Profit and El Paso Parks and Recreation to clean up, update/expand Bicycle Bridge (an existing crossing Monument Creek that provides pedestrian access to east-west sides) for tubing and Kayaking. Again, same area! Colliding projects?!</p> <p>The Constellation Expansion plans run at the North tip of Monument Valley Park-I'm talking THE EDGE. Our City Government continues to mess with lands donated by our City Founders who's land donations and generosity looked to share and preserve beauty and tranquility-not build. The area has an active Railroad and I-25 running along the West and North sides and Uinta to the Southern border. Noise is already a factor.</p> <p>Has no one noticed all of the main arteries of traffic that currently exist, abutt or feed into the I-25 in this very limited 3-4 mile area Cimmaron aka 24, Bijou, Colorado Av., Uintah, Fontanero, Fillmore, Garden of the Gods/Austin Bluffs...)?</p> <p>Lastly, the Historic North End Neighborhood (ONEN-HOA). I call it poor and short sighted City planning when over building to grow cities does not plan for such dense residential use (apartments, condos, townhouses and homes). It IS City Governments job to Plan and Coordinate our future with a 5, 10, 20... year "eyes on the ball". Developers are to pay as they go to aid in required infrastructure. Growth can be accountable if managed. We have not been good Stewards.</p> <p>DO BETTER; plan now! Grateful, ***</p>
44	1/22/2023	Comment	<p>After hearing citizen comments at the 01-21-23 meeting (which I attended without a preexisting point of view), I am opposed to spending money on a study if it includes extending Constitution. With no north-south street access to the extension, neighborhoods would experience only pain and no benefit. This would also lead to drivers treating it like a speedway. And as one citizen commented, underpasses inevitably attract homeless camps.</p> <p>Widening Fillmore might be helpful, but it seems like this would result in many businesses being razed. Plus, the Fillmore/I-25 connection is a nightmare. Is there is another way to provide access east of I-25 to the I-25/Fontanero connection that would be less intrusive to neighborhoods? Maybe it's not necessary to have a thoroughfare going all the way across the city.</p> <p>Thank you for holding this meeting to consider citizen input. I especially appreciated how Nancy Henjum set the tone at the beginning of the meeting, which I believe went a long way toward keeping things (mostly) civil.</p> <p>***</p>

45	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Councilwoman Henjum,</p> <p>First of all thank you so very much for holding this town hall. While I don't live directly in the area affected, I do have an interest due to my position on the TOPS Working Committee, and being an advocate for mobility and transportation in our city. I participated in the Platte Avenue Study as a part of a Citizens Action Committee (CAC), and was very disappointed when the entire project was dropped, but that's another issue entirely.</p> <p>I was present at the meeting until the man in front of me kept stepping back and almost stepped on me, at which time I left and viewed the remainder online. Sadly, the majority of people speaking were so far off track and really not "getting it" about what the feasibility study's purpose is. We're a quickly growing city, and changes need to be made regardless of how much people fight against them. I'm old, and I'm all for progress and change. People who either refuse to understand, or fight anything and everything make me sad and frustrated. The man in line next to me going in actually thought we were doing a vote on the project today, and I corrected him.</p> <p>I live in Springs Canyon, which is at the edge of University Park and I have several clients on the West side, which requires me to drive those east-west routes on a regular basis. It's very frustrating (and time consuming) to go from Union Blvd to anything on the West side taking Fillmore, Garden of the Gods Road, or Uintah Street. IMO, we as a city definitely need to do SOMETHING to alleviate the congestion. I truly hope this effort doesn't go the way of the Platte Avenue Study. Our city is only going to continue to grow, and not all the growth is East of Powers.</p> <p>Again, thank you for your efforts in trying to educate our citizens, which many seem to either completely ignore or fight against. City Council, Public Works, and our Transportation team have very tough jobs and I respect what you all do.</p> <p>One thought - can you perhaps put up a better map that shows people where overpasses are being considered (which now that it was mentioned by the Transportation people makes a LOT of sense). That might help some people understand better.</p> <p>***</p>
46	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Hello Nancy,</p> <p>Thank you for your work as a government servant.</p> <p>While you may not have been aware of the situation, there was a very large number of constituents who were locked out and unable to enter Stratton Elementary School for the Town Hall Meeting this morning, January 21, 2023. Apparently this was due to a lack of space.</p> <p>Therefore, there was not an accurate picture of how many people are strongly against the proposed extension of Constitution and widening of Fillmore. As voters who are actively engaged in serving people in Colorado Springs and as homeowners in one of the neighborhoods where the quality of life will be very negatively affected if Constitution is extended, we wanted to let our voices be heard via email since we were unable to do so in person. We strongly oppose the proposed extension of Constitution.</p> <p>We would also like to request that future Town Hall Meetings be held in locations that will offer the space needed to accommodate citizens to whom the topics pertain.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration in this matter.</p> <p>***</p>
47	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>I dressed warm to make it to the town hall meeting this morning only to find that the meeting had reached its capacity and they were not letting any more people into the meeting. How many times do we have to let the city know that we do not want a road cut through our neighborhood? What we do need in this neighborhood is a place away from traffic and noise to take a walk or ride a bike and enjoy where we live. We do not want the city to spend millions of dollars on a feasibility study for an extension of a road that we will only fight to keep from destroying part of our neighborhood that we love. Just because there is some area that does not have any development on it, does not mean that it has to be used to build a road. We will continue to tell the city no and fight to keep our neighborhood a peaceful place not divided by a major road. You need to look elsewhere for the east and west traffic problem. ***</p>

48	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Public Works Director Easton,</p> <p>I am strongly against the oft- proposed extension of Constitution Ave to I25.</p> <p>It is only one of several possible " solutions" to the E/W travel challenges in our city. (challenges caused by decades of encouraging growth without providing a major, non-commercial, NS route to I25)</p> <p>Considering possible extension of Constitution is a waste of your budget. Constitution is the worst possible option as it creates division of a neighborhood where there is currently no division! Preservation of close-in, older neighborhoods is vital to thriving downtowns, relatively affordable housing and walkability. Platte to Fillmore is currently one long area that is vital to the appeal of Colorado Springs.</p> <p>Widening Uintah is the second-worst option, as it is bordered by historic residences as is part of our most charming area.</p> <p>Surely Fillmore makes more sense, from a quality of life and preservation point of view!</p> <p>The Gazette quotes you as saying there is a " do nothing" option. where we just acknowledge that (some area roads) are going to stay congested". I was thrilled to see that.</p> <p>Those who need to travel to/from way out east to I25 in a hurry should be reminded of their many options which are north and south of original Colorado Springs: Woodman, Austin Bluffs, Fillmore, and MLK. From those roads one can even easily take 125 to our unique downtown!</p> <p>Suburbs have a " feel" that could be anywhere in our nation. What we have left of our historic city core and neighborhoods is a treasure that, once gone, is gone forever. Slicing it up, dividing it with expressways that go through rather than around, is poor stewardship of Colorado Springs' past and future.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>
49	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Please abandon the idea of extending Constitution.</p> <p>Given the city's explosive growth, this would be a temporary fix at best & it would come at a terribly high cost; not just in financial terms but also in the loss of one of our last remaining & most treasured historic neighborhoods.</p> <p>A Uintah or Fillmore plan is a much better idea as that would impact mostly industrial/commercial areas, some of which are outdated or in disrepair anyway.</p> <p>Thank you: ***</p>
50	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Completing this plan (turning Constiution into an expressway to Fontenaro) will turn the mortgages of the many new homeowners, most of whom are essential workers, upside down. The half of us who retired here did so because we needed a quiet, safe neighborhood. We have block parties and street long yard sales. This will be cut in half by a noisy expressway, which will block the only car friendly way I have to enter and leave my area. This is one of the few actual communities left in Colorado Springs. Also, two schools are already flanked by busy streets and dangerous intersections. This plan will greatly enhance the danger of getting to school by placing a busy expressway right next to the last safe side where students are not near the often occurring accidents. PLEASE don't ruin many lives to satisfy developers and growth fans.</p> <p>***</p>
51	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>To whom it may concern, I consider the proposal to extend Constitution Ave beyond Paseo Road to I25 to be a bad idea. The extension would not solve current problems.It would exacerbate the current problems by giving the false impression of greater mobility and access. Constitution Ave would still be congested, with limited speed and multiple traffic lights, not to mention several schools and churches. I find the proposal of the extension even more deceptive in that the eventual plan will be to make Constitution Ave a high speed, limited access route east and west through the center of town. Please remove the extension from any future roadwork plans. Thank you, ***</p>

52	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>I am against the extention. Instead build a Lightrail system to relieve congestion.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>***</p>
53	1/19/2023	Comment	<p>If you are in office to help the citizens of Colorado Springs you would not continue to move forward on either of these projects!! I am completely against Projects 105 and 106 on the ConnectCOS project list. The expansion and extension of Constitution Ave. would be detrimental to our neighborhoods and the many many families that utilize and live in and around this area. WE ALREADY HAVE A ROAD THAT DOES WHAT YOU WANT. IT IS FILLMORE! ADD YOUR LANES TO THAT. Expanding Fillmore would be more money efficient and much less of a demolition project as the road is already there and only surrounded by businesses all of which would love the draw of cars and people in hopes that the business would grow. Expanding Fillmore would actually benefit the surrounding areas...</p> <p>The creation of a whole new roadway when one already exists is ludacris, especially seeing what the creation of road through a neighborhood would ruin. This neighborhood is an old, established neighborhood with two schools, a well used trail, and homes that have been here 100 years. There are thousands of people that need and use this space on a daily basis. All the students, and staff for the schools grades preschool to 6th grade would be put into an extremely dangerous reality. Trying to get to and from school safely would NOT be a guarantee anymore. This road would have to take out homes that people and families have lived in for 100 years. This expansion would increase noise, pollution and safety hazards for the thousands of people that live and use this area. How in the world can you consider taking out our highly used and very much loved Rock Island Trail? This trail is used daily by 100's of people going about their daily lives. Bikers, walkers, runners of all ages, from young children to the elderly use this trail.</p> <p>Please, please STOP projects 105 and 106!!! Do not ruin this safe haven we have had and nurtured for our kids, our elderly, our families, our homes, our lives for 100 years. There are two large roads that do what you want, Fillmore and Platte, please expand those making them what the city needs, instead of ripping a hole into an already established, long loved and very useful neighborhood, trail and schools.</p> <p>I hope our voice makes a difference to you and you stop these projects,</p> <p>***</p>
54	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I live half a block from Constitution on N Meade Ave. Myself and my neighbors would be adversely affected by the proposed plan of "Extending Constitution Avenue from Union Boulevard to I-25" . We love our peaceful, beautiful neighborhood and ask that you protect our area of town from the noise, congestion, crime, hazards and traffic that would come from your proposal and the devaluation of our property and waste of taxpayer money.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>
55	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>As a resident of Colorado Springs since 1980, I wonder why the city is thinking of spending 3-4 million dollars for this feasibility study. Yes, there are no good East West transits between Woodman and the Martin Luther King bypass to I25. No one had the foresight in the past to plan for this, so our inner city/ suburb does not have direct lines to the East. Instead of a feasibility study to rip through an established neighborhood, lets look at using that money for infill housing where malls have gone vacant.</p> <p>Mr. Easton mentions people in the neighborhood pushing the problem elsewhere. Of course, we don't have the problem. We choose to live where we do. We may not have the latest and greatest mall or restaurant chain near us, but we get by. Sometimes less is more. In regards to his mentioning accidents, I really doubt that expanding Constitution would mitigate any of that--Colorado Springs drivers are risky--35mph means 45mph; Orange means speed up. This idea of extending Constitution needs to go away.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>***</p>

56	1/19/2023	Comment	<p>Hi Nancy,</p> <p>I won't be able to make the meeting tomorrow, but think this critical extension must be completed without delay.</p> <p>Currently, traffic cutting through our neighborhoods is becoming intolerable. In Bonnyville, La Salle and Magellan host hundreds of cars daily cutting from T-Gap to Nevada. El Paso is becoming congested through the Patty Jewett neighborhood by traffic getting to southbound I-25. Hancock has been ruined by traffic, much of it headed to northbound I-25. And westbound traffic on Constitution has no choice but to drive down Paseo.</p> <p>Without the Constitution extension, traffic cutting through our neighborhoods will only increase.</p> <p>Thank you, ***</p>
57	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>I am in favor of the Transportation Study and I am in favor of the extension of Constitution Avenue.</p> <p>Colorado Springs is in desperate need of a viable East/West thoroughfare and I'm convinced Constitution Ave is the most likely solution to the transportation dilemma, especially when considering the old railroad right-of-way properties. I think many of the reasons for various objections (such as noise and neighborhood disruptions) can be over come with design considerations.</p> <p>I have lived in the district since 1958. I currently reside near to Constitution and Patty Jewett. At one time I lived within a stones throw of the railroad between Cascade and Wood. I have watched over the years how residents have made sacrifices to enhance traffic flow, such as residences on Palmer Park Blvd losing their front and side yards to widening of the street and MLK displacing both businesses and residential homes, just to mention a few. And, it just chaps my ass to hear all the NIMBYs cry and wail with unrelenting stubbornness and unwillingness to even study the possibilities.</p> <p>This town's growth has for too long been steered by greedy developers and NIMBYs!! It is time to start listening to the silent majority and proceed with the greater good as a guideline. The small, vocal, well financed and influential minority such as the North End Neighborhood has long been allowed to have way too much control over the Constitution issue.</p> <p>I hope to attend the meeting tomorrow but I may not be able, so I wanted to send in my silent majority thoughts on the matter. ***</p>
58	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>I am completely against Projects 105 & 106 on the Connect COS project list. The expansion and extension of Constitution Avenue would be detrimental to our neighborhoods and families. It will bring a significant increase in noise, pollution and safety hazards. There are already too many cars on Constitution driving way too fast. It's dangerous for our neighbors, children and pets. Additionally, I do not want to lose our beloved and highly utilized Rock Island Trail nor see neighbors living along the trail lose their homes! Both Constitution Avenue and the Rock Island Trail are used daily by walkers, runners, and bikers of all ages, from young children to the elderly. Additionally this would significantly impact the children and educators at Stratton Elementary and Mann Middle School. Children should not have to play outside near a busy thoroughfare loaded with noisy cars and exhaust. STOP PROJECTS 105 & 106!</p> <p>***</p>

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60	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Good day. I will not attend today's meeting. Going to a 10a Memorial Service and Reception for Rev. Norm Bouchard.</p> <p>I look at using an existing Railroad, crossing the Creek (future plans to improve-expand Bicycle Bridge/Creek-a joint Park & Rec with Non-Profit approved plan); its way to close to Monument Valley Park; closes the possibility of sorely needed future rail system-oh yeah-in a HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD. I already hear the I-25 traffic(more sound barriers) and it is not close...</p> <p>City Planners are ready to sign off on more apartments and home developments for revenue BEFORE thinking about infrastructure. I believe it's putting the cart in front of the horse, lack-luster thinking. May be its time for people to hurry up and slow-down.</p> <p>Grateful, Linda</p> <p>On Fri, Jan 20, 2023 at 11:19 AM, Thomas Murawski <tmurawski@icloud.com> wrote: Good morning, owner.</p> <p>Please study the attached bibliography in preparation for tomorrow's meeting.</p> <p>I'll speak there about the harm from noise, fumes, lowered home values, and so on. But these are the usual arguments against the expressway.</p> <p>I believe a stronger argument involves "induced demand," a well-researched rule of traffic behavior: adding roads speeds up traffic only temporarily. Congestion returns in a handful of years. And for that temporary gain, our neighborhoods would be scarred permanently.</p> <p>From #4 in the bibliography, "It's irresponsible of governments to play on this very real frustration [traffic congestion] to get buy-in for something that won't, in fact, offer any lasting change."</p> <p>Your vocal support will show reporters and others in the room a groundswell of support for a powerful case against the expressway that deserves attention.</p> <p>***</p>

61	1/18/2023	Comment	<p>I am writing to express my disappointment and disapproval about the proposed ConnectCOS Projects 105 and 106. I will also state that I am NOT surprised that this has surfaced yet again.</p> <p>These proposals surface periodically and have always been vehemently opposed. This expansion and extension of Constitution will have negative effects on every single current neighborhood Constitution Avenue passes through and all of the adjacent neighborhoods, schools, housing, churches, businesses and Rock Island Trail users.</p> <p>You are certainly aware of all the negative ramifications - increase in traffic, increase in the speed of traffic, decrease in property values, increase in noise and pollution, increase in the risks of children going to and from the impacted schools, senior citizen housing, to name just a few.</p> <p>What may not be so obvious to many is the insidious way the City of Colorado Springs has implemented road dieting in the areas that intersect or border Constitution Avenue. For example: Van Buren, Fontanero Street, Cascade Avenue, Weber Street to mention just a few. The direct result of this ill-advised and often ridiculous road dieting, which is another whole issue, has been to greatly increase traffic delays, bottle necks and accidents.</p> <p>It was a deliberate artificial construct to cause poor traffic flow and supposedly demonstrate a "need" for Constitution Avenue to be expanded and extended.</p> <p>How ironic that the road dieting was supposedly to benefit bike riders who certainly are a very small and extremely seasonal portion of the Colorado Springs population and yet this Constitution plan would directly negatively affect bike riders's use of the Rock Island Trail.</p> <p>You have been presented with numerous other more viable, less detrimental options for over 20 years. Perhaps actually FIXING the pot holes, drainage and curbing along Fillmore Street and then maintaining it might be a consideration.</p> <p>Please put a stop to Projects 105 and 106.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>
62	1/21/2023	Response	<p>Thank you for your response.</p> <p>I just drove by Stratton Elementary to attend this meeting and there was no available parking. While I regret not being able to attend, I'm thankful there was a large turnout.</p> <p>How UNFORTUNATE that the link you included in your email to watch the live meeting DID NOT WORK. Perhaps you can send me a valid link so that I can watch the recorded meeting later.</p> <p>***</p>
63	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Ms Henhum,</p> <p>Do you have any idea how many people were turned away from Stratton?</p> <p>Then, people who went home to watch were late to the meeting if they could even find it.</p> <p>Please have more respect for the public by choosing appropriate venues and communication.</p> <p>***</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>

64	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Me Henjum,</p> <p>Having gone to the Town Hall Meeting and been turned away due to an overflow in the auditorium, I returned home to watch as was suggested. Around 11 the streaming stopped and I am no longer able to view.</p> <p>This very frustrating morning for me has resulted in frustration and a lack of confidence in the city and this process.</p> <p>***</p>
65	11/21/2023	Comment	<p>Existing east west routes, are the lights really timed as one gentleman mentioned? I find that hard to believe. I can't make it from Templeton Gap to 25 with catching several 2 red lights.</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>***</p>
66	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Hi Nancy,</p> <p>Thank you for listening to my neighbors on Saturday at Stratton.</p> <p>I was able to log onto the meeting but sadly the Microsoft Teams audio was poor at best.</p> <p>My take away is another meeting will be scheduled to include comment time from other ~ 250 neighbors who were not heard from.</p> <p>Could you please forward me a link/newsletter/minutes so that I may remain abreast of the situation? I found out about this only after speaking with neighbors.</p> <p>I was thrilled to hear of the city considering a limit to growth. Being a property owner in Boulder is looking way more appealing these days for me. Boulder respects the people they have and will support them and their assets. I hope COS could adopt the building code of Boulder. This new ReTool is only tooling the people.</p> <p>Thanks for ALL you have done to make this a better place to live and work.</p> <p>Many blessing,</p> <p>***</p>

67	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Well done. Thanks so much. I'm so grateful having you as the representative for all of us/ for me!! Gratefully-***</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>
68	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Nancy, Thank you so much for the meeting. It was beautifully run; you set the tone immediately for a civil discussion. We're sorry that no one addressed our issues impacting those of us living east of Union. We hope to attend the next session, and Barb is on the list to speak.</p> <p>Thanks again, ***</p>
69	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Hi Nancy, You did a masterful job of setting the tone for today's meeting at Stratton Elementary. I bet there were 500 people there and I am sure that caught you by surprise. You used all of your coaching expertise to make what could have been an out of control bitch session into an orderly, productive one. I am proud to have you as our council member! Best regards, ***</p> <p><i>PS My wife Amy asked me to give you a special thank you for recognizing each neighborhood. Very classy and inclusive!</i></p>
70	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Hi</p> <p>I received information making me aware that the Constitution Ave extension might be under consideration again.</p> <p>I read in the Gazette that this was abandoned in June 2022.</p> <p>I am completely against the extension.</p>
71	1/21/2023	Notification Request	<p>Add *** to the notification list for Constitution please. She would like to attend the next meeting.</p>

72	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>I just wanted to extend my thanks to you for organizing and moderating this meeting. I appreciated your setting the tone by asking us to reflect on a moment of gratitude. For me it was a calming and grounding experience. You managed to control the masses and it was clear that the needs of your constituents were paramount. It is a balancing act to meet the needs of so many. Thanks for your efforts.</p> <p>Could you clarify something for me please. I thought I heard you say that a vote on the Constitution study was not singular, but rather would be voted on as a packet of studies/projects. That makes it sound as if we really had no voice as to what happens regarding Constitution because to do so would impact a myriad of other projects. True?</p> <p>I also noticed that the notes that appeared on the screen summarizing ones comments did not actually reflect what had been said and were rephrased in a manner that actually supported doing a study. Missing were the numerous suggestions to direct the monies reserved for the Constitution study towards exploring other solutions such as light rail, continuous flow patterns, etc. that folks would support. Perhaps posting a list of these notes so we could peruse them again would be possible? Also, it would have been helpful if the folks from CS Connect would have outlined and explained what is on the books regarding the expansion of lanes on both Fillmore and Nevada as well as the CDOT plan to enhance the Fillmore Interchange to I-25 in an attempt to alleviate congestion. All of these will certainly impact traffic congestion possibly making the need for a study of extending Constitution moot. Why are we given information in pieces when we need a whole?</p> <p>Thank you for your time and if I can in some small way be of assistance to you, I am more than willing.</p> <p>***</p>
73	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Hi Nancy,</p> <p>Thank you for serving and giving up your Saturday today at Stratton. You were professional and full of grace under fire.</p> <p>***, biking Grandma 🚲</p>
74	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Councilmember Nancy,</p> <p>Good day, I keep meaning to ask, what title you prefer to be addressed as Councilmember, Trustee, Alderman...</p> <p>I met a friend at the Reception who had missed the Memorial to attend the meeting this morning. She'd said over 250 people were turned away. Happy to hear so many are willing to show up. She also shared it was taped. Hope to catch it tomorrow!</p> <p>Grateful,</p> <p>***</p>

75	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Councilmember Henjum,</p> <p>I attempted to attend the town hall meeting this morning regarding the east-west mobility study proposal in order to get information in person from the city and to hear the questions and concerns of other citizens who would be affected by the proposal. I was dismayed to find that the Stratton Elementary School venue was way too small for the number of people like myself who wanted to attend. Considering the number of neighborhoods that would be impacted by these proposed changes, it seems like this crowd should have been anticipated and a more accommodating venue offered. Standing in line to try and even get in the door, I overheard several conversations speculating that this venue was chosen intentionally in order to limit participation and input.</p> <p>I went home and attempted to get online to hear the presentation, but by the time I found it, that portion of the program was over. I listened to the questions and comments for a while, many expressing my own concerns, but the audio kept cutting out. I finally gave up. I understand that the presentation will be available online on Monday and I will try again then.</p>
76	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Ms. Henjum,</p> <p>I sure hope the feedback given at today's townhall is taken into serious consideration by the city planning department and this issue to put to rest permanently. I don't think the city has an East-West mobility issue, especially in regards to access to I25. I think the city has an expansion issue. I don't think city council has planned well to prevent sprawl and give residents travel options that nearly all big cities have. The bus routes in the city are terrible. It would take me nearly an hour by bus to get downtown from my house by Wasson High School, whereas I can walk there in 80 minutes. When walking is only slightly faster than the bus you have to see a problem with that.</p> <p>I would like to reiterate one of the most important points I heard today, people from the East side of town aren't lacking access to I25. They won't use a new central access point at Fontenero. If you live east of or near Powers and you need to go north on I25 you access it by taking Powers to Woodman or Interquest and those that are going to go south on I25 have access from Powers to the MLK bypass. They won't utilize a central access road to get into the interstate. It doesn't make any sense for someone who lives East of Powers to access the interstate by driving through the middle of the entire city.</p> <p>I also don't see how the road would not directly impact Stratton and Mann schools, and the schools directly on Constitution but further East. Certainly it would be more dangerous for kids to be playing directly next to the giant road. And having done school drop off and pick up there for the past 12 years I can unequivocally tell you that it would make that an unmitigated nightmare.</p> <p>I also don't feel like the scope of the feasibility study is taking neighborhoods east of Union, but still along Constitution, into consideration. Constitution isn't wide enough to handle more traffic. At least twice a day I have to turn onto my street as a left from Constitution and I am taking my life in my hands every time I do. The current speed limit on Constitution is a mere suggestion to most people. When you combine that and the narrowness of the road, most cars are using half of the turn lane to travel and when I am in the turn lane to turn it is very dangerous. The city recently changed the lane configuration for Constitution between Union and Paseo to eliminate a turn lane, the road all the way to Academy is just as narrow but is forced to accommodate a turn lane. It was stated in the meeting that there will be no changes to Constitution east of Union but the current road</p>
77	1/18/2023	Comment	<p>Why is this East/West route being opened up for discussion at this time?</p> <p>The money required to build this will be exorbitant. A route of this caliber will need to be elevated above ground. If at ground level, the homes at least 6 deep (residential properties) on the north side and south side 4 deep will need to be demolished. The route will require a minimum number of entrance/exit ramps traffic light controlled to alleviate congestion and increased traffic flow. To go from I-25 to Hwy 24 and Hwy 94. That is the whole point of the route, to move as many vehicles at maximum speed with as little intrusion into the highway for access to and from I-25 to HWY 24. On/off ramps at Powers Blvd., Academy Blvd., HWY24/94 and I-25 are what is behind the idea from the discussion 20 years ago. At that time there was almost nothing past Powers. Elevated would be 4 streets deep on the south side and 6 streets on the north side at a bare minimum. This will require acquisition of the existing homes along the entire route not at market value, but at the increased cost of displacing the people affected to move to another location at least equal to or above what they own when it is approved.</p> <p>Will this be an issue that will require a ballot measure for all residents to vote on? Will there be a proposed project plan that is made available for the people affected along the entire route to do an initial study for this plan? Before this proceeds any further, what are the projected costs and time frames? Will this be a toll road that not only pays for the entire project but also ensures the residents that do not have property directly in the path are reimbursed for the property value loss on an annual basis in addition to when they decide to sell their property to relocate to another neighborhood or city? It will have detrimental impact from I-25 all the way to HWY 24/94 and with the growth almost completed how does the city plan on paying the business owners for lost revenue and lost taxes generated from this loss? Some rough calculations on my part put this from \$245,000,00 to \$350,000,000. (Construction, cost overruns, homeowner displacement, drainage, increased road maintenance like snow mitigation during winter months, lost taxes, the increased liability from the city's position for additional emergency response equipment and more police patrols etc.) Where is this money coming from? What will the impact be on Powers and Academy with this increased traffic flow and how does the city plan on resolving an already overcrowded roadway system at these critical points? Noise pollution is a very real concern, problem that will escalate at a rate that will exceed the acceptable decibel levels allowed or more to the point that it is not even potentially considering moving to this location. The height of the sound insulation walls needed at the elevated levels will need to be at least 14 feet tall etc.</p>

78	1/24/2023	Comment	<p>I hope that there will be consideration of Circle and constitution be improved and allow Fillmore as an access . East west mobility constitution street plan disrupts many homes . It will change our quiet neighborhood. We have the oldest development. Many years of poor planning had made an east west access a problem. Also, bringing Powers to I 25 are better options. ***</p>
79	1/24/2023	Comment	<p>I would like to add my voice to the long list of people who do not want Constitution Avenue to be extended. This would be a horrible decision and would destroy multiple long-time neighborhoods that are very charming and desirable by bringing pollution, noise, and traffic into them, as well as significantly dropping their home values.</p> <p>Given all the push-back you've already had, it's clear that this is not what the citizens want and I would hope that someone would start listening.</p> <p>Please just leave Constitution as is.</p> <p>Thank you, ***</p>
80	1/16/2023	Handwritten Comment	<p>ConnectCOS Project Team Dept of Traffic and Transportation 30 S Nevada Ave Colo Springs, CO 80903</p> <p>Re: Constitution Ave Expansion</p> <p>I am opposed to the expansion of Constitution Ave because of the damage it would do to all the involved neighborhoods. I do not want a freeway out my back door. No on Project 105 and 106. ***</p>

81	1/18/2023	Handwritten Comment	<p>Hell no to projects 105 and 106 now! Ms. Henjum ConnectCOS Project Team your sample letter is spot on but I will show you examples of the dishonisty outright lies I and my neighbors have put up with not to mention the damage to my own property by an out of control drive who drove through a street sign, retaining wall, and 8 ft fence aong constitution along with just missing a mother and daughter at the corner of Lafayette Rd. When done he had totaled my 38 ft RV and 25 Ft of wall and fence. We had a police commander from the Falcon Div come to my house to speak about all the things she was going to do about traffic and speeders. Nothing was ever done! I had the city put down speed monitoring cable on Constitution. When they were finished the City called to report an average speed of 42 mph. I told them that was a lie and proceeded to make calls until I found a person who told me he could read the results and call me back. When he reported back the true results were 48 mph. We purchased our home 2006 for our retirement home as well as having room to store an RV instead of an offsite location open to vandals and who knows what. In closing I want to make sure that there is no question to anybody about our strong feelings against 105 and 106 not to mention all my neighborhors. ***</p>
82		Handwritten Comment	<p>ConnectCOS Project Team</p> <p>Ref: Projects 105 and 106</p> <p>The proposed extension and expansion of Constitution Avenue will be detrimental to the residents and the general neighborhood. I have enjoyed my home and neighborhood for nearly 50 years and the thought of a concrete wall, traffic noise, and pollution from traffic directly behind my home; that is if its left standing is devestating to me. My understanding is we would not have direct access to Constitution Avenue having to travel under or over bridges adding additional traffic past two schools to get to Union Blvd due to one accident making us travel east on Constitution. Now the proposal will stop us getting on to Constitution. Please put yourself in our position. Also, my I ask if all these proposals of under passes etc will affect underground waterways? We certanily do not want water redirected as many of our homes have well water. Sincerely, ***</p>
83	1/17/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Fellow Springians, Please join me and other concerned people at a meeting with city representatives to discuss the Constitution Extension: Saturday, January 21 from 10 a.m. to noon at Stratton Elementary School. In June 2022, the PPRTA proposed a feasibility study for extending Constitution Ave. from its dead-end at Paseo Rd. to I-25. After significant pushback from citizens, this study was removed from the PPRTA plans. We thought that was the end of it. However, it was moved to the ConnectCOS project list (sneaky). The route proposed cuts through schools, historic neighborhoods, and the Rock Island Trail which is part of the Legacy Loop Trail System. The ConnectCOS list describes this project as a "limited access, mutli-modal roadway" and a "Principal arterial" with "high" impact. This would significantly increase noise and pollution for neighborhood residents and businesses, and reduce the property value of nearby homes by an estimated 10% - a significant loss of wealth for Colorado Springs. Our neighborhood is vibrant, with many of us walking to the nearby grocery or coffee house greeting each other as we go. Our dogs play at Bonn Park, and wildlife walks along the Rock Island Trail. This monstrosity would bisect our neighborhood, endanger our children, and sap our wealth. Please help us stop it</p>
84	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>In the immortal words of Startrek's Spock, "the needs of the many, outweigh the needs of the few."</p> <p>Current COS transit is a complete joke!!! ONE limited access freeway for a metro approaching 1 million. In 22 yrs of military service, I've lived from San Diego to DC, and this town's highway system is not even laughable.</p> <p>I get the opposition - nobody wants a freeway in THIER backyard, but the Constitution Ave extension is not that! Their community is ALREADY cleved by the old railroad right of way. It will make no difference if it is the current unused RR track or a 4-6 lane hwy. Those opposing are the epitome of NIMBY politics.</p> <p>But for sure, those owning homes in the Old North End have \$\$\$\$\$ to burn! The city needs to stand against the small special interest and build for the future (actually yesterday) of the the city!</p> <p>GROW A SPINE!!! THIS IS A HILL ON WHICH YOU SHOULD STAKE YOUR POLITICAL FUTURE!!!</p> <p>Cheers, ***</p>

85	1/24/2023	Comment	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am completely against Projects 105 & 106 on the ConnectCOS project list. The expansion and extension of Constitution Ave would be detrimental to our neighborhoods and families. It will bring significant increase in noise, pollution and safety hazards. Additionally, I live right on the proposed expansion route, and my house could be drastically affected with this project. I could potentially lose the home I just purchased recently, and part of the reason I love this home and neighborhood so much is because of the rock island trail. I use that trail daily, as I know many others do. This would drastically affect the quality of this great neighborhood, and cause a dramatic decrease to the quality of life.</p> <p>Thank you. ***</p>
86	1/25/2023	Comment	<p>Tim,</p> <p>I live in the Bonneyville neighborhood and I want to voice my strong opposition to the proposed Constitution avenue extension. This project has been repeatedly rejected by the people of the city, and it needs to be shut down again.</p> <p>Please forward my opposition of this project to the members of the citizen transportation advisory board.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
87	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Good morning,</p> <p>I would like the following email forwarded to member of the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board please.</p> <p>My name is *** and I am a teacher at *** and a resident of the Bonnieville neighborhood off of North Wahsatch, .1 miles from the constitution extension that is being discussed.</p> <p>When I think about this Avenue extension and I after I heard from many neighbors this morning, and I look back at the history, the over three decades this project being taken off the agenda, I see that this time around it's time for this project to be permanently terminated.</p> <p>I have lived off North Wasatch for 14 months. I moved here from Eatonton Georgia where the total population is less than 6,500. I know traffic when I see it because I'm from a place that has very few traffic lights. I commute on Unitah every single day and Fillmore weekly. I have never once thought Unitah was constrained. I do notice that Fillmore can be congested but I feel that could be relived if Fillmore had a continuous access road to I-25 both N and S without all the traffic lights at the Fillmore and I-25 exchange.</p> <p>Let's keep the greenway space and better connect our trial systems of rock island, shooks run to America thr beautiful.</p> <p>When I look at a map, I see that we have wonderful east west mobility routes already in place that include major roads such as I 25 to 24, Unitah, filmore, Austin bluffs parkway, Woodman, and to an certain extent, N. Academy. As well as research parkway and Briargate.</p> <p>The proposed feasibility study is going to cost the city 2-3 million dollars. The question I ask is is the Constitution Avenue extension feasible? Is it in a state that is easily and conveniently done? Not just right of way purchase but for the residents and homes of the neighborhoods affected?</p> <p>And would it actually be more feasible to use that two to \$3000,000 to improve our already amazing east to west mobility routes and not disturb historic neighborhoods. Is more roadways the answer? Or is a more strategic bus route, light rail system a better answer?</p> <p>Do we really need that increased east west mobility when both of Powers and Academy connect directly to I-25? Both north and south. Is this purposed project feasible and easy and conviently done for all involved? Or would the money benefit our community elsewhere? Today is the day for this purposed project of Constitution Avenue extension be permanently terminated.</p> <p>Kindly, ***</p>

88	1/22/2023	Comment	<p>It is my understanding that the City is considering expanding Constitution Avenue into an expressway from Union Boulevard to I-25 in the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>As a resident of the historic neighborhoods that will be adjacent to the proposed expressway, I would like to express my significant opposition to this ill-conceived project (project #105).</p> <p>I live in a unique historic house at 124 W, Monroe. Because of this, I was distressed and disappointed to learn this project is still being considered. This project has been proposed several times in the past and abandoned 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, City leaders directed staff to remove the project from the PPRTA list. Why are they now reconsidering?</p> <p>I oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following:</p> <p>Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from I-25, Fillmore, Nevada, Uintah and other busy residential streets. In fact years ago we were promised a sound barrier between our house and I25. But the barrier went up on the other side of I25 making the sound pollution at our property much, much worse. The project will make it still worse. Constructing an expressway adjacent to my home will dramatically exacerbate the noise pollution.</p> <p>Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, I will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts.</p> <p>Multiple sources indicate that I will incur up to a 10% reduction in my property values if the expressway is constructed adjacent to my home. I believe my property value will be decreased by far more than 10% because we would be so exposed to the negative impact of the plan. This is simply NOT FAIR</p> <p>I am concerned that by ramming this expressway through the proposed route, it will fracture our historic neighborhoods.</p> <p>The expressway will be just steps from several of our local neighborhood schools. Also, Modest Roswell neighborhood would be adversely affected</p> <p>It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the expressway will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park, trails, and wildlife.</p> <p>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 outweighs the project benefits. I urge you to direct staff to remove this project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>I encourage staff to focus on improvements to existing roadways to enhance east – west traffic flows and creative multi-modal opportunities versus pouring more asphalt in our historic</p>
89	1/22/2023	Comment	<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>I am opposed to ConnectCOS Transportation Authority's initiative to create an expressway in what's being called the Union/Constitution Expressway. This is a well developed neighborhood that has kept its standard of living as a welcoming, settled community since the 1960's and before. Given this transportation idea was already opposed when presented by the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority, proposing the same plan under a new Authority name only further creates antagonism. Objections have not changed.</p> <p>I will be one of the tax paying members of this neighborhood area that will continue to oppose this plan. I resent two things; One, there is no consideration for the existing structures that are here. An existing community providing residents with schools, shopping, parks, churches, trails and a law abiding, quiet neighborhood. Two: The City's new created ConnectCOS transportation plan (new name for same idea) is now trying to push through a plan that has been already rejected.</p> <p>Already there is poor planning without consideration for the neighborhood's opposition, which should have been anticipated. Why would a Colorado Springs City Councilperson, Nancy Henjum, plan a Town Hall Meeting at such a small venue as Stratton School? I wanted to attend this City Hall Meeting. The turn out was astounding. Most upsetting is the fact that probably more than a hundred of concerned neighborhood and professional persons were turned away and not allowed in the school to attend such a meeting as the meeting area was full. In my opinion this shows a lack of awareness of concerned citizens and professionals in this area. It diminishes confidence in such Councilpersons as Nancy Henjum who planned to host a Town Hall Meeting apparently ignoring previous objections for this thriving, excellent community.</p> <p>The argument that an east/west transportation requirement is needed, especially for future transportation planning matters, but those involved in proposing this Union/Constitution Expressway Plan route to solve the situation is going to be met with much thorough opposition for this earlier proposed plan.</p> <p>A very concerned home owner resident in this neighborhood, ***</p>

90	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Hello Tim, I'm a long time resident of Colorado Springs and am writing to you about the ConnectCOS East-West Mobility Study. I have several concerns about the study, chief among them are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Paying for a study increases the likelihood road extension (Constitution Avenue) or road widening (Fillmore) will occur. 2) The study would focus on automobile traffic mobility (congestion) since no one is concerned with bicycle, foot traffic, etc. mobility or congestion. 3) The study name indicates there is a "problem" (automobile congestion) and doing "nothing" about it is anathema to government officials elected to "solve problems". 4) This study was rejected six months ago. 5) Proposed "solutions" are in conflict with recent developments in this neighborhood (reducing Templeton Gap to one lane each way with bike lanes, reducing Cascade Avenue to one lane each way with bike lanes, reducing Eastmore to one lane each way with bike lanes, converting the Peak Island Railroad right of way to a pedestrian and
91	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Mr. Roberts,</p> <p>I wanted to take the opportunity to provide my input on the proposed extension of Constitution Ave. to I-25.</p> <p>I was unable to make the Town Hall meeting today, unfortunately. However I have three major concerns against the extension and would ask you to forward this email to members of the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board.</p> <p>The proposed extension of Constitution has obviously had a long history, and the citizens and neighbors in harms way of this extension have voiced their negative opinions for multiple reasons long and hard, against several efforts (I dare say even going back to the original construction of I-25). I join my concerns with theirs, including home and property values, noise levels, and overall impact to the long time neighborhoods involved.</p> <p>I also wanted to add three concerns from my perspective that maybe have already been highlighted, but I wanted to highlight them to you and the Advisory Board.</p> <p>First, the expense of extending Constitution Avenue is huge, though there's no number or dollar value yet posted for this, but I can certainly say it's not an easily affordable project and while we citizens voted to continue the road improvement funding, I don't believe many of us had even envisioned that we'd be helping fund such an extravagant and disruptive project. I would've hoped the City would be looking at other ways to enhance/improve the roadways in the city, and not try to completely re-design and destroy what's already part of the city's character.</p> <p>Secondly, along with the first point, while I understand the need for better traffic flow east-west in this city, rather than a huge expensive project and major disruption for neighborhoods and citizens, why is the City not looking at improving the Fillmore corridor. Adding lanes and fixing the Fillmore-I25 interchange (which I think is a mess) would definitely help east-west traffic flow, and if engineered properly, considering traffic patterns and needs, would be a much better way to enhance traffic flow without the huge disruption and impact to existing neighborhoods. I would say, too, that looking at improving/expanding the Fillmore corridor would also provide an opportunity to clean up the areas of run-down, empty buildings and improve the area overall, while also providing improved traffic.</p> <p>Thirdly, at this stage in the City's life and history, we should not be, in my opinion, looking to route traffic through the center of the city, and instead work to push traffic outward away from the center. Growth and expansion is obviously going north, east and south, but more efficient ways of handling traffic can be designed rather than forcing upheaval in the center of the city which is where we should be avoiding more traffic. The Woodmen enhancements are an example of more thoughtful expansion with budgets, traffic flow, and need all in mind. I am not a traffic engineer, but like anything, if you pull traffic to the middle, it still has to go out from there causing more issues on the I-25 corridor in town. With this, I would also say we should be looking forward to the future, and as the City and area grows, we should be considering mass transit options and alternatives not only between cities but within our own. If we're spending huge amounts of money, I believe we should be more forward-thinking and be looking to expand better traffic options.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, ***</p>

92	1/21/2023	Comment	<p>Good Morning -</p> <p>I was just at the planning meeting at Stratton Elementary for the proposed extension of Constitution Ave through our neighborhood to I-25. Actually, the meeting was so full that I was among the 100 or more concerned citizens who were turned away.</p> <p>I have to assume that the majority of the citizens who were there were opposed to the project. I am most definitely opposed to the project. Please listen to the citizens and do NOT continue with this project. It's really not feasible or desirable for many reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ** The older neighborhoods are an important part of the charm and history of Colorado Springs ** there are already MANY on and off choices relative to I-25, we really do NOT need yet another exit off the highway ** adding this disruptive corridor through the established neighborhoods would increase noise and pollution to an otherwise quiet and beautiful family neighborhood ** adding this disruption to the neighborhood would decrease property values - we certainly don't want that!!! ** We already have too much construction in Colorado Springs - the more we pave over areas where flora and fauna reside, the more we cause disruption to the natural environment. We need to live WITH nature, not pave over it. ** the costs, monetarily and esthetically, are not worth the benefit. ** the neighbors don't want it <p>I could go on...</p> <p>Please forward this to those parties in the planning/feasibility committees relative to this project.</p> <p>thank you,</p> <p>***</p>
93	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>Greetings Mr. Tim Roberts,</p> <p>I am OPPOSED to the Constitution Avenue Extension, based on several factors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) MORE TRAFFIC -- do NOT need more traffic along Constitution - reroute to existing roads; send them along Filmore. b) ROCK ISLAND Trail -- should stay as is -- since RI Trail is favorite choice for cyclists and dog walkers & all walkers. c) LOWER Property values - of course our property values will go down. nice quiet neighborhoods to mini freeway. <p>I am the sales person for MTN FOX GARAGE DOORS, AND we small family owned company; and we are so busy, therefore, I apologize on my brevity.</p> <p>Plus, I do not subscribe to the newspaper, and I work 11 or 12 hours mon thru friday, so I am behind on this pushing Constitution Avenue extension through without all the local residents being fully informed or aware.</p> <p>I did NOT know there was a 1/5/2023 CS CO CITY meeting.</p> <p>I have walked my dog 3x daily for 10 years on that rock island trail - I don't think this "progress",</p>

94	1/20/2023	Comment	<p>Mr. Tim Roberts,</p> <p>My home since 1981 is ***. Before that I lived at 1***. both these residences will be impacted by the extension of Constitution but especially my home at ***.</p> <p>Online a gentleman explained a bit about this and I am sorry I did not get his name. I think either with city management or roads probably the first. His main gist was better a few suffer than the majority who want this. This majority does not live in our area. This is disrespectful and very off putting,</p> <p>My neighborhood is a heavily walking area for both pedestrians and dog walkers using sidewalks and the old railroad bed trail. This expressway will seriously erode this activity.</p> <p>It concerns me greatly that this expressway will run along the south side of both Stratton Elementary School and Horace Mann Middle School. We should be a people and a town that protects our children and young adults. This expressway will make walking to school a hazard and any car emissions are not healthy for our future generation.</p> <p>I will attend the community meeting at Stratton.</p> <p>I am against this endeavor in its entirety. Travelers are able to get to I-25 in plenty of ways.</p> <p>Concerned Neighborhood Person,</p> <p>***</p>
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95	1/18/2023	Comment	<p>It is my understanding that the City is considering expanding Constitution Avenue into an expressway from Union Boulevard to I-25 in the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>As a resident of the historic neighborhoods that will be adjacent to the proposed expressway, I would like to express my significant opposition to this ill-conceived project (project #105).</p> <p>I was surprised and disappointed to learn this project is still being considered. This project has been proposed several times in the past and abandoned 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, City leaders directed staff to remove the project from the PPRTA list.</p> <p>I oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from I-25, Fillmore, Nevada, Uintah and other busy residential streets. Constructing an expressway adjacent to my home will dramatically exacerbate the noise pollution. * Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, I will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. * Multiple sources indicate that I will incur up to a 10% reduction in my property values if the expressway is constructed adjacent to my home. * I am concerned that by ramming this expressway through the proposed route, it will fracture our historic neighborhoods. * The expressway will be just steps from several of our local neighborhood schools. * It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the expressway will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park, trails, and wildlife. <p>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 outweighs the project benefits. I urge you to direct staff to remove this project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>I encourage staff to focus on improvements to existing roadways to enhance east – west traffic flows and creative multi-modal opportunities versus pouring more asphalt in our historic neighborhoods.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>
96	1/18/2023	Comment	<p>Dear City Leader,</p> <p>I have been a resident of the Kitty Hawk neighborhood for the last 10 years. I understand that the city is considering expanding Constitution Avenue into an expressway from Union Boulevard to I-25 in the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. This project has been proposed multiple times and our citizens have opposed it due to the negative impacts. As recently as the past 6 months City leaders directed for this project to be removed from the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority. I am extremely disappointed this project is still being considered and am expressing my opposition to this proposed project.</p> <p>I am asking this this project be removed from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan based on the following concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The safety of the elementary and middle school students with the proximity of the expressway -The adjacent neighborhoods will be exposed to an increase in noise pollution and exhaust fumes -The city has received grants to complete the Legacy Loop Trail which would include a portion for the Rock Island Corridor. Green space and trails are extremely important and we would be losing this important space. This would pose increased safety risk for those that currently utilize the Rock Island Trail as pedestrians and cyclists. -Significant reduction of my property value if this project is constructed adjacent to my home -Accessibility between these historic neighborhoods for pedestrians would pose increased safety risks <p>I urge you to direct staff to remove this project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan. Please forward this email to the CTAB and the Planning Commission. Sincerely, ***</p>

97	1/17/2023	Handwritten Comment	<p>Dear CTAB</p> <p>It is my understanding that the City is considering expanding Constitution Avenue into an expressway from Union Boulevard to I-25 in the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>As a person who lives in one of the historic neighborhoods that will be next to the proposed expressway, I want to say that I strongly disagree with this bad idea (project #105).</p> <p>I was shocked and dismayed to see that this proposal is still being discussed. Multiple times in the past, this project has been proposed and then abandoned owing to major community implications and public resistance. The project was most recently suggested in the 2025 – 2034 Pikes Pike Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) list of capital projects, and City authorities once again instructed staff to remove it from the PPRTA list.</p> <p>I oppose this project's inclusion in the Transportation Plan for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I-25, Fillmore, Nevada, Uintah, and other busy residential streets are already causing substantial noise pollution in our region. The construction of a highway near to my residence would significantly amplify the noise pollution. • In addition to a rise in noise pollution, exhaust fumes and other environmental factors will negatively affect me. • Multiple sources indicate that if the highway is built near to my house, my property value might decrease by up to 10 percent. • I am afraid that by forcing a freeway via the proposed path, our historic districts would be fragmented. • The expressway will be just steps from several of our local neighborhood schools. • Legal limitations prevent the planned path from immediately impacting Monument Valley Park, as far as I am aware. However, the closeness to the freeway will hinder the pleasure of the park, its trails, and its wildlife. <p>Taking into account the substantial design and construction expenditures as well as the severe negative effects on our communities and property values, the negative effects of this project greatly exceed its positive effects. Please direct your staff to remove this project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>In lieu of laying new asphalt in our historic neighborhoods, I ask you to concentrate on improving existing streets to promote east-west traffic patterns and multi-modal options.</p> <p>Best Regards, ***</p>
98	1/17/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Mr. Roberts,</p> <p>It is our understanding that the City is considering expanding Constitution Avenue into an expressway from Union Boulevard to I-25 in the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>As a resident of the historic neighborhoods that will be adjacent to the proposed expressway, we would like to express our significant opposition to this ill-conceived project (project #105).</p> <p>We were surprised and disappointed to learn this project is still being considered. This project has been proposed several times in the past and abandoned 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, City leaders directed staff to remove the project from the PPRTA list.</p> <p>We oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on, at a minimum, the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from I-25, Fillmore, Nevada, Uintah and other busy residential streets. Constructing an expressway adjacent to our home will dramatically exacerbate the noise pollution. •Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, we will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts. •Multiple sources indicate that we will incur up to a 10% reduction in our property values if the expressway is constructed adjacent to our home. •We are concerned that by ramming this expressway through the proposed route, it will fracture our historic neighborhoods. •The expressway will be just steps from several of our local neighborhood schools. •It is our understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the expressway will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park, trails, and wildlife. <p>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 projects benefits. We urge you to direct staff to remove the project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan permanently.</p> <p>We encourage staff to focus on improvements to existing roadways to enhance east - west traffic flows and creative multi-modal opportunities, versus pouring more asphalt in our historic neighborhoods. For example, traffic should be routed around the city, not directly through the city and neighborhoods that have been established for 50-100 plus years.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>

99	1/17/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Mr. Roberts,</p> <p>I am in favor of the improvement to this city by extending Constitution Ave to the Interstate. Long past time I would say. I live in the Bonnyville housing area and will be directly impacted by the road improvement.</p> <p>The main reasons to support this plan include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Stop the vagrants (homeless men) who wander through my neighborhood streets and alleys at all hours of the day and night. They cross from the (wreck of) open space behind LaSalle St to Bonforte Park and Bon Shopping Center. A high sound wall and paved Rock Island Trail will bring this area back to the people of the neighborhood. 2) Stop a main artery from dead-ending into a residential neighborhood! The traffic that flows through La Salle and Paseo by people trying to get to Nevada will hopefully be cut in half by extending Constitution west. 3) Upgrades to Stratton Elementary School which will be 70 years old in 2023. I understand there may be an opportunity to make some much needed land improvements on this aging site. They deserve it. 4) Reduce the very strong marijuana smell and industrial noise from the warehouses between Fillmore and the creek. The sound wall should do a very good job of that and the nighttime traffic noise will be minimal in comparison. 5) And most important for this city is a much needed throughway from East to West. <p>Please forward my email and my YES vote to the members of the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board.</p> <p>Thank you! ***</p>
100	1/25/2025	Comment	<p>Dear City Leader -</p> <p>It is my understanding that the City is considering expanding Constitution Avenue into an expressway from Union Boulevard to I-25 in the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>As a new resident of the historic neighborhoods that will be adjacent to the proposed expressway, I was seriously concerned to hear of this project and I would like to express my significant opposition to this ill-conceived project (project #105).</p> <p>I did not know this project was being considered when we recently spent ~\$1M on our new house which would only be ~1 block from the new expressway. If we had known this project was even in consideration, we would not have invested in living in the Old North End anywhere near the project. I have wanted nothing more than to be back down in the O.N.E. since moving in 2018. This neighborhood is such a Colorado Springs landmark, and to ruin it with an expressway that is not necessary is abdominal.</p> <p>I oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * I love this historic neighborhood, and can't imagine it being ruined with a forced in expressway to basically nowhere. * I used to live in the neighborhood that would be connected (Audubon) and was never in need of a faster way to the highway, there is already 2 outlets to get to I-25 currently in place. * Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from I-25, Fillmore, Nevada, Uintah and other busy residential streets. Constructing an expressway adjacent to my home will dramatically exacerbate the noise pollution. * Losing upwards of 10% of my homes value, while already seeing a reduction since our purchase, due to the looming recession, while then making us want to move due to the noise <p>* I am concerned that by ramming this expressway through the proposed route, it will fracture our historic neighborhoods and remove the walkability from the O.N.E to several of the new businesses in the Lincoln Center and beyond; I lived through the MLK bypass expansion and watched the shopping centers and local restaurants on Fountain suffer due to that expressway</p> <p>*The expressway will be just steps from several of our local neighborhood schools.</p> <p>*The city should have considered traffic congestion as it continued and still continues to expand east away from I-25 as it was building those neighborhoods; making the older neighborhoods suffer for the new is not the right way to handle the traffic situation – building a circular bypass out east to connect the east to I-25 instead</p> <p>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 outweighs the project benefits. I urge you to direct staff to remove this project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>I encourage staff to focus on improvements to existing roadways to enhance east – west traffic flows and creative multi-modal opportunities versus pouring more asphalt in our historic</p>

101	1/17/2023	Comment	<p>The ONEN Board has voted to approve the attached position statement on the extension of Constitution to I-25.</p> <p>The vote was not unanimous.</p> <p>Old North End Neighborhood Position Statement</p> <p>The Old North End Neighborhood Board of Directors stands in opposition to the proposed extension of Constitution Ave between Union Blvd. and I-25.</p> <p>The ONEN Board supports the conduct of a comprehensive East-West Corridor Study examining the feasibility of optimizing and improving all existing and potential East-West Corridors between Woodmen Road and the MLK Bypass.</p> <p>The East-West Mobility Corridor Study will be constrained by the following design guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.All corridors will be evaluated for optimized traffic handling. The corridors will not consider forced acquisition of property (residential, school, park). 2.All corridors will be evaluated in terms of impacts to existing residential homes. 3.Designs will minimize the environmental impact of noise and air pollution. 4.Constitution, if extended, should not have more than a combined total of 4 traffic and transit lanes, and would not have any off/on ramps or connect with any other roadways between I-25 and Union Blvd. 5.The surrounding neighborhoods will be granted an active participation at all stages of the Corridor Study. <p>Further, the City's Major Thoroughfare Plan Map, as presented in ConnectCOS, should not, at this time, show any extension of Constitution Avenue between Union and I-25.</p>
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103	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>Dear City Leader,</p> <p>I want to strongly express my opposition to this project proposal and the negative impact it will have to the quality of life to my historic neighborhood. I oppose this project due to these primary reasons:</p> <p>**The close proximity to several local schools. This expressway will be extremely close to an Elementary School and a Middle School that will endanger our local children.</p> <p>**The increase in noise pollution and exhaust fumes. I and my neighbors already experience this to the North of us with Fillmore and with a Constitution Expressway we would then be "sandwiched" in between two major access roads adding to our overall environment and health concerns.</p> <p>**Studies have shown that I can expect to experience a reduction in my property value due to an expressway being constructed close to my home. This is threatening to me since my home is a major source of income security for my retirement.</p> <p>**By squeezing this expressway into the proposed route will cause additional traffic to "bleed" into the local neighborhoods as drivers get creative in creating "short cuts" to their destinations. Overall, this would mean an increase to traffic in our historic neighborhoods instead of a decrease.</p> <p>**As a Senior Citizen this would cause me concerned about my ongoing ability to safely navigate my neighborhood, whether walking or driving, to access my local amenities. 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 outweighs the project benefits. I urge you to direct staff to remove this Project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>I encourage staff to focus on improvements to existing roadways to enhance east – west traffic flows and creative multi-modal opportunities versus pouring more asphalt in our historic Neighborhoods.</p> <p>**Please forward my email to the CTAB and the Planning commission.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>
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104	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>Hello Mr. Roberts,</p> <p>It is my understanding that the City is considering expanding Constitution Avenue into an expressway from Union Boulevard to I-25 in the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>As a resident of the neighborhoods that will be adjacent to the proposed expressway, I would like to express my significant opposition to this ill-conceived project (project #105).</p> <p>I was surprised and very disappointed to learn this project is still being considered given the opposition that was recently expressed this past summer and it being removed from the proposed 2025 – 2034 Pikes Pike Rural Transportation Authority (PPRTA) list of capital projects and once again.</p> <p>I oppose the inclusion of this project in the Transportation Plan based on the following:</p> <p>Our area currently suffers from significant noise pollution from I-25, Fillmore, Nevada, Uintah and other busy residential streets. Constructing an expressway adjacent to my home will dramatically exacerbate the noise pollution.</p> <p>Coupled with an increase in noise pollution, I will also be impacted by exhaust fumes and other environmental impacts.</p> <p>I will incur a reduction in my property values if the expressway is constructed adjacent to my home.</p> <p>I am concerned that by ramming this expressway through the proposed route, it will fracture our historic neighborhoods.</p> <p>The expressway will be just steps from several of our local neighborhood schools.</p> <p>It is my understanding that the proposed route cannot directly impact Monument Valley Park due to legal constraints. However, the proximity of the expressway will negatively impact the enjoyment of the park, trails, and wildlife.</p> <p>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 outweighs the project benefits. I urge you to direct staff to remove this project from the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan.</p> <p>I encourage staff to focus on improvements to existing roadways to enhance east – west traffic flows and creative multi-modal opportunities versus pouring more asphalt in our historic neighborhoods. I also respectfully request that you forward this email to the CTAB and the planning commission.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>
105	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>I have lived here all my life, and a my family lives here. We have been awesome contributors to this community for 60 years. From award winning teachers, award winning developers and realtors, to non-profit workers to better this city, we have worked tirelessly for this city.</p> <p>Now my own family and I continue to contribute to this city.</p> <p>My husband and chose Bonnyville to live in because it is historical, quiet and established. I don't think it is ethical for the city to disturb a group of historic neighbors that are quiet and established for the "betterment and safer roads" for "all" citizens. It is not our fault that the city allowed irresponsible urban sprawl out East, the people using this road don't care about the neighborhoods here, won't watch their speed or street racing, don't care about downtown, the history here.</p> <p>They don't care about the schools or the noise and pollution. No Matter what you propose for this, sound walls, digging down, 35 miles per hour, etc. it will ruin our neighborhoods and you know it will.</p> <p>We have fought this twice over the past 22 years and I am sick of it. Figure something else out.</p> <p>Also calling this low income housing over here is ridiculous. Per square foot there is more value than many places.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, ***</p>

106	12/6/2022	Comment	<p>City Council</p> <p>Attached please find my letter reacting to ConnectCos intent to construct Constitution extension through our neighborhoods. thank you</p> <p>***</p>
107	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>I live in the 2400 Wood Avenue townhomes and would like to know why city planners are willing to destroy the peace of mind and property values of so many people to study something that is not a viable solution. I am referring to the feasibility study for the Constitution Expressway (project #105 in the ConnectCOS Transportation Plan), which, if approved, would ram a four lane expressway to I-25 through several historic neighborhoods, substantially decreasing home values, increasing noise and exhaust pollution, and negatively impacting already stressed wildlife.</p> <p>If we've been paying attention at all to our experience, or, in the case of city planners, to studies in your own field of expertise, everyone knows that building yet another road, destroying several historic neighborhoods in the process, with the promise it will ease congestion on existing roads DOES NOT WORK! It is not a cure for congestion! Everyone knows that within a very short period of time the new road becomes just as congested as the roads it was supposed to help ease, and, to top it off, now ALL of the roads are as congested as ever. As you all know, adding more and/or bigger roads does not equal less traffic. It has been proven over and over again that adding and widening roads CREATES more driving, therefore, more congestion; witness the 26 lane Katy Freeway in Houston, the poster child for Induced Demand.</p> <p>It is a vicious cycle of predict and provide and fail. City planners fail to make any difference to what is intended, but succeed at negatively impacting people's homes, neighborhoods, and quality of life.</p> <p>And the people whose lives are impacted with these futile decisions deserve serious consideration. People, like my mom, who now has to live with the looming worry that the value of the home she and my father worked so hard to afford, serving this city, by the way, as a hospital worker and fire fighter, will be significantly reduced. And the neighborhood they strived to live in destroyed. And for what? Another road that will not do what it will be promoted and promised to do. It's not surprising. City planners did the same thing to my parents' first home and neighborhood over 40 years ago. It's heartbreaking.</p> <p>Everyone also knows the definition of insanity. Repeating the same thing over and over again, expecting different results. I am asking city planners to stop the insanity for the sake of the residents not only in the neighborhoods that would be affected in this case, but for all of Colorado Springs.</p> <p>I know there is pressure to do something. I'm begging city planners to have the courage to do something different. I am begging you to BE something different. BE creative and imaginative, BE leaders and innovators in your field. Make plans and decisions for this city that improve the quality of life of its residents, instead of destroying our neighborhoods. Explore alternatives to easing traffic congestion besides the same worn out, overused, ineffective choice. For example, re-engineering existing congested roads at busy intersections, like N. Nevada and Fillmore and N. Nevada and Uintah, with multi-lane roundabouts that keep traffic flowing in all directions, perhaps in conjunction with congestion pricing to discourage unnecessary travel during high traffic volume times. Create alternatives to driving that are more efficient, available and attractive. Incentivize employers to stagger in and out times for employees, and offer hybrid schedules if possible, so people don't have to drive into work 5 days a week.</p> <p>As you know, planning a city is not only a science, but also an art form. PLEASE, as city planners for Colorado Springs, be the artists that explore ideas to beautify our city, instead of destroying the beauty that still exists.</p> <p>Sincerely</p>

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109	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>Mr. Roberts,</p> <p>I am a resident of the Kitty Hawk neighborhood and reside very close to the proposed Constitution Ave expressway extension. I am writing to express my serious concern and opposition to this project, as I feel it would bring an unsafe amount of traffic to our quiet neighborhood. As a new parent, I have a keen interest in ensuring that our neighborhood is as safe as possible. I already have concerns about residing close to a street as busy as Templeton Gap, and adding an expressway that runs right through our neighborhood would bring a troubling amount of traffic through our neighborhood. I also have serious concerns about how close this expressway would be to Mann Middle School and Stratton Elementary as plenty of children walk to and from school in the neighborhood. Furthermore, this project would devalue the surrounding homes by a substantial margin (most estimates are around a staggering 10%) and would add a significant amount of noise pollution. My vote is a resounding NO on the Constitution expressway.</p> <p>Please forward this email to the members of the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board.</p> <p>Sincerely, ***</p>
110	1/15/2023	Comment	<p>1/15/23</p> <p>Mr. Roberts,</p> <p>I am writing in opposition to the express way for numerous reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I live on Paseo Road. The noise levels now are high at rush hours times. I can't imagine the increase it will be with the new proposal. 2. I fear my house value will go down significantly, I am close to retirement and had this as part of my retirement plan. 3. There are a lot of deer and skunks in the area. As it is, in the fall and spring there have been several times traffic had to stop in fear of hitting them. As you may be aware, this is the area they rut in the fall. 4. I live on the corner of Paseo and Constitution. Every year there are accidents at that intersection. Even if you turn the road there, people that are coming from downtown or the other way late at night miss that turn and end up in the school yard. What would happen if they were driving fast? Kids walk right there. I was out walking my dog one night and just happened to look to see if the person driving would slow down or stop, as it was, it went flying through that corner. I was lucky enough to know to look,, what if it had been children? 5. How would members of the board like a busy road being built on their street? We didn't buy into this area thinking a busy road were going to be put in. <p>I am asking for a different option. The people in this area didn't ask for this, nor should we be penalized in every way just to make it easier on East bound traffic.</p> <p>***</p>

111	1/5/2023	Comment	<p>Tim and Elena</p> <p>Thanks for your time to read my email. I am writing in support of the constitution ave extension plans. It's rare that a growth proposal can achieve its goals with minimal disruption.</p> <p>As a nearby resident I would like to express my approval for the proposed plan to extend constitution to I-25. This is an elegant proposal to improve the East-West travel and improve flow to and from the downtown area which is growing as desired. There are few good routes to connect I-25 and Powers which have become the main economic hubs of the city.</p> <p>The proposed plan only impacts a non-used railroad line and makes no route impact to the surrounding neighborhoods. The congestion on Uintah and Filmore are getting worse and worse every year, this should help take the burden off those overcrowded intersections.</p> <p>This city suffers from prior planners and city councils not planning big enough in combination with a minority of whiny citizens blocking efforts to grow smart because they don't want any change, denying the needs of a growing city. The result is a city with pent up needs for upgrades and rebuilding. Unfortunately, this usually requires areas to decay severely before there is an opportunity to improve without political opposition.</p> <p>Woodman and Austin Bluffs are not reasonable alternatives, the alternatives are just keep pushing more cars on Filmore which is already overburdened and turns ambiguously into Circle then Constitution. Or Uintah which is already overburdened and is very narrow at times. It also dead ends at Circle which you then have to traverse over to Constitution. Basically we are waiting till traffic is so bad that we implement the proposed Constitution route that should already be in place by now.</p> <p>The road doesn't go through any historic neighborhoods and is of no impact to them. This argument is dead on arrival. The traffic currently going through Fontanero-Constitution is already more impactful to the families on that route than the proposal would impact the people of the Wood Avenue Condos.</p> <p>Opponents are not proposing alternate options because there are no better alternative options. Any alternative will be more likely to incite imminent domain with the destruction of "historic " houses, cause more noise and pollution issues to a larger population base. And in all likelihood push negative effects toward a more disadvantaged population base, (this is the more well-to-do pushing externalities on to less well-to-do who are also less likely to be represented in the discussion of where additional traffic capacity should be placed.)</p> <p>Please forward this email to the members of CTAB and the Planning Commission.</p> <p>Thanks ***</p>
112	1/3/2023	Comment	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am one of the 2 owners of the building at ***, 80907. This proposed expressway would run immediately next to my property. This property purchase and renovation in 2019 was a large investment in this area of Colorado springs which is going through a revitalization. Not only did the purchase and renovation of this property help move the neighborhood forward (it had fallen into disrepair and the building itself was a drug den), but I also run my financial planning business at this location. If this expressway were to be installed, it would run adjacent to my conference room, where I have my client appointments. I would never have made this investment if there had been an expressway adjacent. This would also potentially damage my ability to continue to lease the 4 other units in my building – directly effecting my livelihood.</p> <p>Additionally, I am a homeowner in the old north end – *** - and can't imagine the negative noise and traffic impact this would have to the area.</p> <p>Please forward my email and the attached letter to the members of CTAB and the Planning Commission.</p> <p>***</p>
113	1/2/2023	Comment	<p>This Constitution expansion is clearly a knuckle headed idea that will decimate an adjacent healthy neighborhood as well as impact the north end. It really serves no purpose other than to create the illusion of faster connection to i25 for suburbia. It will only increase speeding, collision and fatalities. I want you to forward these coments to the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board (CTAB). Instead of redoing/expanding tired old 1950s car culture road works, Colorado Springs needs to work on innovative transit solutions that people may actually use. Thanks. ***</p>

114	1/13/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Mr. Roberts,</p> <p>In June of 2022, the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority proposed a feasibility study for an extension of Constitution Avenue from its current dead-end at Paseo Road to I-25. After significant pushback from people around the city, this study was removed from the PPRTA. We were told at the time it was removed completely and we thought that was the end of it. However we have learned that when removed from the PPRTA, it was moved to the ConnectCOS project list - from a regional transportation project to a City one. This is sneaky.</p> <p>The route proposed cuts through schools, historic neighborhoods, and the Rock Island Trail which is part of the Legacy Loop Trail System.</p> <p>In the ConnectCOS project list, this project is described as a "limited access, multi-modal roadway" that would "[minimize] neighborhood and school impact." But a few columns to the right of that description, the list describes the extent of the impact of this project as High. Another document from their ConnectCOS planning work describes this as a "Principal Arterial" thoroughfare. Even a four-lane roadway with no median would significantly increase noise and pollution for the neighborhood residents, businesses, and reduce the property value of nearby homes by an estimated 10% - a significant loss of wealth for Colorado Springs.</p> <p>It would increase noise and pollution at Stratton Elementary and Horace Mann Middle Schools. It would put a major thoroughway right in front of the place where young schoolchildren should be able to safely play outside during their recess periods.</p> <p>The project list document also states that the "Primary Associated Critical Corridor" with this project is Fillmore Street. If Fillmore Street is the "critical corridor," why is Constitution Ave the focus of this project, rather than working to improve and extend Fillmore?</p> <p>While we have been told that no homes will be removed due to this project, this seems not to be very feasible, unless the road takes the place of the Rock Island Trail/green space or the railroad tracks, which are used daily. The Rock Island Trail/green space is part of the Legacy Loop that, according to the city government itself was "inspired by the legacy and vision of Colorado Springs' founder General William Jackson Palmer. Palmer's dream was of a vibrant, livable city where the essential functions of mobility and access are linked to our parks, open space and trails."</p> <p>This plan would prioritize the citizens of eastern El Paso County, developers, and "convenience" (for a few) over well established neighborhoods and older homes. Shorter commutes to downtown or I-25 do not justify potentially eliminating historic homes and/or important green space. The plan has also not included informing or soliciting feedback from any residents who might be impacted or even lose their homes - rather, it was quietly placed into the ConnectCOS project in hopes that our neighbors would not see it or once again protest it until it was too late.</p> <p>By including these projects in ConnectCOS, the City will encourage further eastern county development rather than exploring and engaging in the process of in-filling many areas of our existing city. This would simply add the need (and excuse) for other east-west byways to be built, and subsequently, further requests to be annexed. This seems at odds with recent changes to conserve water by slowing development.</p> <p>Please permanently remove projects 105 and 106 from ConnectCOS.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>***</p>
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115	1/26/2023	Response	<p>Hi, Tim R. - Thank you for reaching out. The HNP has not voted on or published a formal position on the E-W Mobility Feasibility Study. So, the below email does not accurately represent the HNP's position. Thank you for asking.</p> <p>ONEN has voted on and published a formal position and they support an East-West Mobility study, but oppose the extension of Constitution. ONEN is one of the HNP Board members. So, that may be what caused the confusion relayed in the below email from the Alliance.</p> <p>Let me know if you have any further questions. I have added *** to this email. ***</p> <p>Hi ***, Does this e-mail accurately represent HNPs position for the E-W Mobility Feasibility Study?</p> <p>Tim Roberts, Transportation Planning Manager tim.roberts@coloradosprings.gov 719/385-5481</p> <p>Dear Mr. Roberts: I am the President of the Historic Preservation Alliance of Colorado Springs. We are a twenty-four year old non-profit advocating and educating our fellow citizens on the value of historic preservation. We joined others including the new Historic Neighborhoods Partnership in opposing the Constitution Ave. planning and construction items on the Pikes Peak Regional Transportation public meetings. The advocacy was successful as Mr. Williams made the motion to remove the items along with street changes to Boulder and Platte. We are amazed and completely shocked to see these projects put back onto a proposed slate of transportation initiatives by the City. This feels completely defiant on the part of the City and ignores the already evident public opposition to the study and the funding of said project.</p> <p>The reasons are both environmental as well as degrading existing historic neighborhoods. Bonneyville's northern border would be forever changed for the worse. Noise is the primary concern as well as air quality. Monument Valley Park is affected and the character of Historic Old North End is destined to be degraded further by traffic and noise. Our organization strenuously opposes these items and will advocate for the preservation of these threatened neighborhoods.</p> <p>We appreciate and understand that cars are a part of everyone's daily experience. However, existing homeowners are not given enough support when projects like this come along. It's not been demonstrated that this project warrants support from a transportation standpoint. Were there overwhelming evidence to the need, it should still be denied as the harm to existing property owners is too great. In closing, please forward our letter to the Citizen Transportation Advisory Board. Thank you for your kind assistance.</p> <p>Most sincerely, ***</p>
116	1/26/2023	Response	<p>Thanks so much! Could you also add that this will negatively affect 5 historic neighborhoods. That's a lot of breaking down community. FIVE neighborhoods! I don't think there is anywhere else in this city that would Approve of that!</p>

117	1/30/2023	Comment	<p>ConnectCOS Project Team</p> <p>Regarding the Constitution Avenue Extension I have been a resident of Colorado Springs for over 35 years. One of the things that brought me here was the biking and outdoor activities it provides. The city forefathers did a nice job preserving some spaces for parks and open spaces which become increasingly critical as the city expands. Some of the jewels of Colorado Springs are the Pikes Peak Greenway trail, The Rock Island Trail (especially going West from Templeton gap), and the Cottonwood Creek Trail. What makes these trails special for walking, running, or biking is that they are not next to automobile traffic and the resultant pollution and hazards. Connecting the Rock Island trail to the Pikes Peak Greenway trail would enhance the vision and charm of Colorado Springs as being a great place to work, raise a family, and play. Extending Constitution Avenue would detract from our open spaces and all of the above. Some ideas to improve East west traffic flow would be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To properly time the traffic signals on Fillmore and Uintah for East and West bound traffic. 2. Putting overpasses on Austin Bluffs at Nevada Ave. and Academy Blvd. 3. Making Pikes Peak Ave One Way East bound and Platte Ave one way West Bound. <p>Re Regards, ***</p>
118	1/30/2023	Comment	<p>Good morning Nancy, I hope you are having a wonderful day today. I would like the following email forwarded to all other Council members too please. My name is ***, and I am a teacher at *** and a resident of the Bonnieville neighborhood off of North Wahsatch, less than one tenth of a mile from the constitution extension that is being proposed.</p> <p>I don't believe the answer is more roads and more cars, but I don't think something needs to be done about Fillmore. I don't believe that it a "East/West mobility concern" concern either. I read recent study that said that 82% of Colorado Springs residents have a vehicle for primary transportation. Isn't another road eventually just going to become congested like the other roads? We have a bus system that is lacking and no rail system at all. Would a more feasible study be to research improving those areas before adding more roads to a city that has plenty? I have lived off North Wasatch Avenue for 14 months. I moved here from Eatonton, Georgia where the total population is less than 6,500. I know traffic when I see it because I'm from a place that has very few traffic lights. I commute on Unitah every single day and Fillmore weekly. I have never once thought Unitah was constrained. I do notice that Fillmore can be congested, but I feel that could be relieved if Fillmore had a continuous access to I-25 both North and South without all the traffic lights at the Fillmore and I-25 exchange.</p> <p>Please, let's keep the greenway space and better connect our trial systems of rock island, shooks run and the trail to America the beautiful park. The parks and recreation in my area, bike paths and trails are specific reasons why I bought my home, and why I paid more price per square foot. When I look at a map, I see that we have wonderful east west mobility routes already in place that include major roads such as I 25 to 24, Unitah, filmore, Austin bluffs parkway, Woodman, and to an certain extent, N. Academy. As well as research parkway and Briargate. Should we reasearch turning some of those 5 and six lane roads into a railway system? The proposed feasibility study is going to cost the city 2-3 million dollars. The question I ask is is the Constitution Avenue extension feasible? Is it in a state that is easily and conveniently done? Not just right of way purchase but for the residents and homes of the neighborhoods affected? Is it truly a feasible way to solve our transportation needs in the city? Or is it just easy because the city already owns the land?</p> <p>And would it actually be more feasible to use that 2-3 million dollars to improve our already amazing east to west mobility routes, reasearch adding a railway to our city and not disturb historic neighborhoods. Today is the day for this purposed project of Constitution Avenue extension be permanently terminated. Let's look at more responsible ways to handle our citizens moving around more effectively and efficiently, not continuing the trend set before us.</p> <p>Kindly, ***</p>

119	1/24/2023	Comment	<p>Ms. Henjum,</p> <p>My name is*** and I live at ***--have done so for 33 years. Prior to that, *** from 1982 to 1989. I'm what you call a semi-native. Thank you for the town hall meeting. I was one of the participants that moved over to Horace Mann Auditorium to listen to the presentations and question and answers. I, like the majority that attended, am opposed to spending money on the feasibility study-thought this was a dead issue. I can see the appeal to a planner when you look at a map. And now with Centennial extended to the Fontanero exit at I25 -boy, wouldn't it be nice.</p> <p>I'm glad Centennial is extended as it gives another possible path out of Garden of the Gods area in the event of an emergency. It also was built through undeveloped land. I drove it on Saturday after the Town Hall. One thing that struck me, was a 35mph speed limit. All I can say to that is "Good luck". In Colorado Springs it seems speed limits are a guide. Union is 45mph--more like 50 to 60. Presently on Constitution 35mph turns into 45mph and higher. I can see the same issue with an extended Constitution.</p> <p>The City officials in their presentation mentioned that accidents are occurring due to the further congestion--is this a correlation of congestion/ growth, or is it caused by congestion/ lack of East-West thoroughfare. I think that was an "off the cuff remark" with no sounding. He also mentioned that he was trying to look twenty years into the future. If so, leave the rail right of way for perhaps in twenty years light rail might be a feasible link from the East to West. We need to learn from mistakes made in the build more roads as an answer to a problem. I came to Colorado Springs after the Burn's Theater was razed in the name of progress. I am lucky enough to see projects like Phantom Canon preserve the character of Colorado Springs.</p> <p>Please don't spend 2 to three million dollars on this study. Better to spend it on Union Blvd. maintenance or possibly a study on building houses in the empty Rustic Hills shopping area.</p> <p>When is this item for funds on the City council agenda, as I would like to polity voice my opposition to it.</p> <p>Thanks,</p> <p>***</p> <p>PS Noticed that you received your Masters from Loyola in Chicago. My Dad was born and raised in Englewood prior to World War II. This house he was raised in was removed for the Dan Ryan expressway. The church his family attended, St. Martins, still stands overlooking the Dan Ryan. I was raised on Long Island, so I have seem what progress can do.</p>
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120	1/22/2023	Comment	<p>Hello Nancy,</p> <p>As someone who arrived too late to be admitted to Stratton Elementary School this Saturday for the meeting with City Planners regarding the Constitution Avenue proposed extension study, let me inform you that the negative sentiment was shared among those in attendance watching the Live Streamed Stratton meeting. There were cheers and applause for one after another intelligent and thoughtful comment AGAINST spending money for this unnecessary "study."</p> <p>I will not repeat the excellent salient points that were made on Saturday AGAINST the Constitution Avenue extension idea—yet again—here it comes up like whack a mole! What can we do to bury this idea once and for all?! In your opinion, were the city planners listening to those in attendance? What is your take on the future of this study? Do we really need 400 MORE people in attendance to say, once again at yet another neighborhood meeting, how and why the extension is a BAD idea?! And PLEASE PLEASE tell me that you would NOT recommend to the City to undertake any more studies (wasted taxpayer money) of the BAD IDEA to extend Constitution Avenue.</p> <p>PLEASE, PLEASE represent your district and spread the word for all of us that the Constitution Avenue extension is a BAD IDEA for about 400 intelligent reasons!</p> <p>Thank YOU!</p> <p>My best to you, ***</p>
121	1/16/2023	Comment	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I live on Lafayette Rd in Colorado Springs. I live and work here. I moved to this neighborhood in 2021.</p> <p>I am completely against Projects 105 & 106 on the connect COS project list.</p> <p>The expansion and extension of Constitution Avenue would be detrimental to my neighborhood and myself.</p> <p>It will bring a significant increase in noise, pollution, and safety hazards. There are already too many cars on Constitution that drive way too fast. It is dangerous for our neighbors, children, and pets. Additionally, I do not want to lose our beloved and highly utilized Rock Island Trail nor see neighbors living along the trail loose their homes. Both Constitution Avenue and the Rock Island Trail are used daily by walkers, runners, and bikers of all ages, from young children to the elderly.</p> <p>Additionally, this would significantly impact the children and educators at Stratton Elementary and Mann Middle School. Children should not have to play outside near a busy thoroughfare loaded with noisy cars and exhaust.</p> <p>STOP Projects 105 & 106!</p> <p>-- ***</p>

122	1/24/2023, 1/25/2023, 1/26/2023	Comment	<p>Evening Mr. Roberts -</p> <p>We would appreciate your thoughts on the inquiries in this email string as soon as possible.</p> <p>Thx - ***</p> <p>Morning Mr. Roberts –</p> <p>We look forward to your confirmation of the meeting information below.</p> <p>We would also appreciate your thoughts on the specific action that staff will ask CTAB to consider and / or approve regarding the expressway project at their February 7 meeting.</p> <p>We would appreciate a response back today if feasible.</p> <p>Thanks – ***</p> <p>Good morning Mr. Roberts –</p> <p>I would appreciate if you can confirm the details below regarding the next CTAB meeting that will address the proposed Constitution Expressway project:</p> <p>CTAB Tuesday, February 7 5pm City Hall</p> <p>Thanks! ***</p>
123	1/31/2023	Response	<p>Thanks Mr. Roberts for responding back to my emails.</p> <p>Your proposed ConnectCOS Transportation on the City's website includes the following for project 105:</p> <p>“Conduct study to determine the feasibility to extend Constitution Avenue from Union Boulevard to I-25 as a limited access multi-modal roadway while minimizing neighborhood and school impacts”.</p> <p>If this is no longer accurate, I encourage you to make the change on your website. ***</p>
124	2/1/2023	Response	<p>Appreciate it, thanks. Regards, ***</p>

125	1/29/2023	Comment	Please stop the proposed expressway. *** I live in the old North end neighborhood.
126	1/29/2023	Comment	<p>Tim,</p> <p>My property is immediately adjacent to the proposed Constitution extension. Naturally, I am opposed to the project for all the same reasons given by the speakers at the January 21st meeting. I shouldn't need to iterate them again. This is my retirement home that I have the bulk of my retirement savings invested in and I don't care to have my property value compromised or the thought of moving.</p> <p>There are a number of questions I have that weren't addressed at the meeting.</p> <p>One of the first is that it appears the city has already decided to go forward with the project as work crews have bulldozed down most of the trees in the proposed right-a-way. Is that indicate the city's decision? Additionally there is a house North and West of Penrose near the Cascade bridge in the proposed extension that has recently been raised to the ground. Does that likewise signal an intent on the part of the city? I don't believe I understood what the intent would be concerning cross streets such as Templeton Gap, North Nevada, Cascade and the numerous intersecting streets East and West of Union and East of Circle?</p> <p>Further more it seems questionable to add more traffic to an already crowded I-25 just blocks from existing on and off ramps. It would seem to me that streamlining the existing ramps of Uintah and Fillmore might be a better overall approach. Further more, that double cross chicane solution at Fillmore and I-25 hopefully isn't one of the commission's better ideas.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that the Constitution extension dilemma can be resolved in an equitable fashion that doesn't compromise the surrounding property values.</p> <p>Regards, ***</p>
127	1/30/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Mr. Roberts,</p> <p>I have sent the email below to my City Council representative, Nancy Henjum. Please forward this email to the Transportation Advisory Board.</p> <p>As someone who arrived too late to be admitted to Stratton Elementary School this Saturday for the meeting with City Planners regarding the Constitution Avenue proposed extension study, let me inform you that the negative sentiment was shared among those in attendance watching the Live Streamed Stratton meeting. There were cheers and applause for one after another intelligent and thoughtful comment AGAINST spending money for this unnecessary "study."</p> <p>I will not repeat the excellent salient points that were made on Saturday AGAINST the Constitution Avenue extension idea—yet again—here it comes up like whack a mole! What can we do to bury this idea once and for all?! In your opinion, were the city planners listening to those in attendance? What is your take on the future of this study? Do we really need 400 MORE people in attendance to say, once again at yet another neighborhood meeting, how and why the extension is a BAD idea?! And PLEASE PLEASE tell me that you would NOT recommend to the City to undertake any more studies (wasted taxpayer money) of the BAD IDEA to extend Constitution Avenue.</p> <p>PLEASE, PLEASE represent your district and spread the word for all of us that the Constitution Avenue extension is a BAD IDEA for about 400 intelligent reasons!</p> <p>Thank you, ***</p>

128	1/30/2023	Comment	<p>Greetings,</p> <p>While I appreciate the desire to enhance east to west movement in the city I must express very strong opposition to the notion of connecting Constitution Avenue through long established residential neighborhoods to I-25.</p> <p>This will damage and destroy some of the older and nicest neighborhoods in the city. The remaining remnants of these neighborhoods will experience an unfair burden mostly for the benefit of people who are not residents of these neighborhoods.</p> <p>Noise and crime are both extremely like to increase. Property values will unfairly suffer. This will bring a heightened level of pollution into these areas.</p> <p>This will simply and unfairly cause irreversible harm to these neighborhoods and the people who live there.</p> <p>Additionally, the idea of expanding Fillmore Street seems farfetched. The only way to widen Fillmore will be to push the boundaries of the road right to the front door of many of the businesses between Union and I-25. This will also bring additional traffic into the old north end communities. There is already more than enough.</p> <p>The brilliant redesign of the Fillmore / I-25 overpass has already increased congestion. At certain times of the day the traffic using the metered northbound I-25 on ramp backs up a considerable distance on west bound Fillmore. This has the additional negative effect of clogging through traffic intended to climb the Fillmore hill.</p> <p>These are not the solutions this city needs.</p> <p>Regards. ***</p>
129	1/31/2023	Comment	<p>Enjoyed the update at last month's informal meeting. A couple items came to mind that I didn't see addressed as possible solutions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Safety is listed as a top consideration throughout the document and the word is used liberally throughout. I would recommend a section that talks specifically to what actions or desired attributes are considered to improve safety. 2.Distance is not the only criteria that I look at for means to go East-West in the city. Time is equally important. Most GPS navigation systems give both options in route determination and seldom is the shortest straight-line route the most expedient. Our destinations for work and pleasure are scattered around or in the city center. East-West connections might be best served by a "beltway" and spoke system. In addition, a beltway or bypass for I-25 might also alleviate center city congestion. 3.Technology solutions – Modern technology supports more than we have deployed. Fixed traffic signals and even traffic signals that shift based on time of day do not provide optimum timing to enhance traffic flow. Signal control systems have provided better solutions than we have implemented to date since the 1980s. Smart Street initiatives as implemented across the country have application here. With a forward-looking plan, I would anticipate existing and near-term technologies would play a larger role. 4.Bike and alternate forms of transportation are included as viable means of work commuting. This is highly seasonal in our area with trail and road conditions hardly safe during the winter months. Snow removal for bicycle trails and bike lanes are not mentioned and would come with a significant expense. <p>***</p>

130	2/2/203	Comment	<p>Good morning, Mr. Roberts. Please pass this email, with its pdf attachment, to CTAB members. Thank you!</p> <p>Project 105 of ConnectCOS reads, "Conduct study to determine the feasibility to extend Constitution Avenue from Union Boulevard to I-25 as a limited access multi-modal roadway while minimizing neighborhood and school impacts."</p> <p>While we favor seeking feasible and prudent ways to treat east-west traffic, a Constitution Avenue extension isn't one of them.</p> <p>Our reasoning doesn't focus on the usual objections such as excessive noise, air pollution and loss of home values, as important as these are. The most compelling case against the extension is that it would be ineffective (and very expensive). New roads attract more drivers. People take more trips and longer ones. They work and shop farther from home. And soon congestion returns. This has been the consistent finding of traffic research for decades. You can see for yourself by Googling on "induced demand."</p> <p>To ease congestion temporarily, a Constitution Avenue extension would fracture established neighborhoods permanently.</p> <p>"You can't build your way out of congestion," said Tom Maziarz, chief of planning at the Connecticut DOT. Entry 4 in the attached bibliography indicts cities that try: "It's irresponsible of governments to play on this very real frustration [traffic congestion] to get buy-in for something that won't, in fact, offer any lasting change."</p> <p>Colorado Springs should abandon naive 1960s thinking and put the extension's route to use as a greenway. The Legacy Loop bike trail now under construction along the extension's route would have room to breathe. Beside this higher-speed trail could be meandering paths for walkers and joggers and benches for residents and visitors to meet. The greenway would showcase Colorado Springs as a city that prizes neighborhoods over yet another road.</p> <p>Respectfully, ***</p>
131	2/4/2023	Questions	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I tried asking my questions online while viewing the town hall, but my internet isn't being cooperative. It seems that many people still aren't understanding the concepts being considered, and I did have three questions that resulted from the rumors being spread:</p> <p>What is the width of the proposed new section of Constitution going to be, compared to the older portions from Paseo east to Academy?</p> <p>What effect, if any, is the new portion of road going to have on students who walk to Stratton Elementary and Mann Middle School, considering that they're likely utilizing Van Buren street to access the schools?</p> <p>Are any portions of the existing Constitution Ave from Paseo to Union Blvd going to have their access to Constitution removed?</p> <p>Thank you, ***</p>
132	2/1/2023	Comment	<p>Hi, Connect COS folks,</p> <p>Is there a way to comment on the Constitution extension without attending a meeting? I was among those turned away at the previous meeting, and am out of town on Feb 4.</p> <p>Thanks, ***</p>

133	2/3/2023	Response	What does entered into the record mean? For example, Who looks at it? Where is it available? How does it compare to comments at the meetings?
134	2/5/2023	Comment	<p>Re: 105</p> <p>This project benefits nobody living in this old and historic neighborhood.</p> <p>Prop 105 will in fact cause harm to our community and wildlife by dividing this area with a concrete river, which will increase noise and pollution. If approved, the project will attract people who drive too fast and run red lights, putting all residents at great risk.</p> <p>This project will devastate existing green space.</p> <p>The noise and pollution will destroy scarce and valuable water runoff area, trees, and brush, all of which are needed now more than ever. It will destroy the homes and feeding areas for winged and four-legged animals. It will render the Rock Island bike trail useless.</p> <p>This project will negatively impact the property value and “quiet enjoyment” of the people who live in these areas.</p> <p>What is the plan to compensate our community members for their loss?</p> <p>Please develop an alternate plan.</p> <p>The only people who will use this space will be those who do not live in this area. Why was an east/west corridor not built before permitting new construction requiring it? Prop 105 is a backwards and dangerous reaction rather than a forward-thinking plan.</p> <p>I respectfully urge you to not approve of this plan.</p> <p>Please forward this to all appropriate members of your organization</p>

135	2/6/2023	Comment	<p>Dear Maren, City Council,</p> <p>I biked the proposed expressway yesterday and I believe it is a waste of money to complete a study on something that will clearly ruin neighborhoods, schools and negatively impact Monument Valley Park. There is no way this project can be built on the current proposed path without eliminating some homes.</p> <p>The problems with the expressway have been raised, and they are numerous, none of which requires the expenditure of 2.5 million dollars to discover. Just a few to point out, there are many more:</p> <p>Unsafe travel for children walking to school(s) also the noise will impact both Horace Mann and Stratton, (Not to mention every underpass in this city has people using drugs or living there and that is where the children will be walking). Splits and devalues several neighborhoods, this is affordable housing and probably reflects some of the most diverse neighborhoods in the city.</p> <p>Pollution increase, to include noise, air and light pollution. Destroys quality of life for thousands of residents. Eliminates a portion of Rock Island Trail. Negatively impacts wildlife and the paths that they have used historically. Increased crime including but not limited to dangerous street racing.</p> <p>We need to repair the roads that we currently have before we create new roads. Our current roads are in terrible condition.</p> <p>Will not reduce those going through these neighborhoods to get downtown. Will add traffic to I-25 at a location that is already congested. Will have a negative effect on additional neighborhoods along Constitution as it will increase traffic all along the road.</p> <p>More than one engineer spoke and discussed induced demand and the fact that this is a known issue, thus meaning the new road, while destroying homes, will not ultimately help with traffic.</p> <p>I am curious if the rest of the city residents are aware of this proposal to spend this kind of money on a "study" that is not needed to show that this project is a terrible idea. Of course, being a terrible idea, with a terrible result rarely stops government fueled by money from developers. But, if indeed you intend to represent all of us in this city, hopefully you will take this opportunity to take a stand and not destroy over 1,300 homes and at least 2 schools in our community.</p> <p>Please remove the expressway idea from any study or any further proposals permanently. Sincerely, ***</p>
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136	2/7/2023	Comment	<p>I have refined my comments based on discussion over the past week.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1.Safety is listed as a top consideration throughout the document and the word is used liberally throughout. I would recommend a section that talks specifically to what actions or desired attributes are considered to improve safety. Colorado Springs CSPD reported safety statistics are a significant concern. What are the top safety deficiencies in today's transportation systems? What specific changes are being proposed/adopted to meaningfully improve safety?2.An offshoot to safety is the area of Emergency Evacuation. This area is currently addressed in the same text as Event Planning. Recommend addressing this in its own section. Local emergencies include Forest Fires, Prairie/Grass Fires, Flash Floods, Tornadoes, severe winter storms to name a few. The main evacuation or avoidance routes can be preplanned and assessed for accuracy in this document for the vulnerable areas. Local access to these main routes can then be executed tailored to the specific emergency in emergency planning center documents.3.Distance is not the only criteria that I look at for means to go East-West in the city. Time is equally important. Most GPS navigation systems give both options in route determination and seldom is the shortest straight-line route the most expedient. Our destinations for work and pleasure are scattered around or in the city center. New hub areas are being created outside the central city area. East-West connections might be best served by a "beltway" and spoke system. Current candidates for East-West flow require roadway modifications in older dense residential areas that surround the downtown center. These solutions will prove to be more expensive than building a "beltway" like the MLK Bypass in concept but applied to service more areas of the city. In addition, a beltway or bypass for I-25 might also be used to alleviate center city congestion.4.Technology solutions – Modern technology supports more than we have deployed. Fixed traffic signals and even traffic signals that shift based on time of day do not provide optimum timing to enhance traffic flow. Signal control systems have provided better solutions than we have implemented. The 1980s provided some viable improvements that have not been implemented here. Smart Street initiatives as implemented across the country have application here. With a forward-looking plan, I would suggest existing and near-term technologies should play a larger role.5.Bike and similar alternate forms of transportation are included as viable means of work commuting. This is highly seasonal in our area with trail and road conditions hardly safe during the winter months. Snow removal for bicycle trails and bike lanes are not mentioned and would come with a significant expense. Established bike lanes don't melt quickly and tend to collect gravel and sand from road treatment that makes travel in these lanes unsafe. <p>***</p>
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