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Mr. Jack Hilbert
Chair, Regional Transportation Committee
Denver Regional Council of Governments
1299 Broadway, Suite 700
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Hilbert:

I understand that you will be voting to 'Commit in Principal' up to \$50 Million in DRCOG controlled federal funds to CDOT for the reconstruction of I-70 East. As you do that, I want you to be aware, that while I am supportive of the need to reconstruct I-70, I am adamantly opposed to any reconstruction plan that involves widening the highway to ten lanes. I do not believe that CDOT has made a credible case for the need to widen the highway to ten lanes and is basing that preference on outdated and inaccurate data and information.

So, I encourage you, as stewards of some of those limited resources to be certain as you authorize the expenditure of those funds that the plan upon which those funds will be expended is appropriate, necessary and actually grounded in fact not fantasy.

You should also know that I am not alone in my concern about what CDOT has termed the 'Preferred Alternative'. As others, from across the Metro area, are learning of my strong opposition they are joining me in that opposition.

Sincerely,

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cc: Michael Hancock, Mayor
Members of Denver City Council

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