



**Resolution adopted by vote of the Democratic Party of Denver Executive Committee
October 17, 2017**

WHEREAS the Democratic Party of Denver's core values include social and environmental justice; and

WHEREAS the choice to cut I-70 through north Denver in the 1960's has imposed a significant social and environmental injustice on predominantly low-income and Latino neighborhoods for decades, created adverse health outcomes, and represents outdated urban planning; and

WHEREAS the Colorado Department of Transportation's ("CDOT") current plan to expand I-70 through north Denver will create irreparable harm by worsening these social and environmental injustices, exposing Denver residents to Superfund soils, and greatly depleting resources for useful projects elsewhere; and

WHEREAS re-routing I-70 around north Denver via I-270 and I-76 avoids many of the harms inherent in the present plan (approximately twenty-five times fewer people live within 1000 feet of the re-route), presents positive social and financial opportunities for the entire north Metro Denver area, permits the reunification of Globeville, Elyria and Swansea with the city, but has never been seriously considered; and

WHEREAS the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, which represents neighborhoods all over Denver, recently condemned the present I-70 expansion plan through north Denver; and

WHEREAS by Resolution on April 18, 2017, the Democratic Party of Denver's Executive Committee opposed the expensive and destructive P2PH drainage projects that are principally driven by the present I-70 expansion proposal; and

WHEREAS the Democratic Party of Denver will not remain silent in the face of a clear and present danger to our residents and our state coffers;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Denver is opposed to CDOT's present plan to expand I-70 through north Denver; and
2. The Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Denver urges serious consideration of the I-270 and I-76 re-route; and

3. That the Chair of the Democratic Party of Denver shall send a copy of this resolution to the Governor, all Democratic candidates for Governor, CDOT's Executive Director, Denver's Mayor, Denver's City Council, and Denver-area State legislators.