



DISTRICT 5 NEWS

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NEIGHBORHOOD
NOTIFICATION

RISE GO Bond Proposal Will Be on the November 2021 Ballot

Dear Neighbors,

You may have heard that during last night's City Council Meeting, Council voted to refer the full RISE Denver Bond package - totaling \$450M - to the voters on the November 2021 ballot. Our office has heard from community members who both support and oppose the package. As an elected official, I am not allowed to advocate for or against any measure that will be voted on by the people. However, **I think it is important for you to understand the package, and why I voted to refer all of the measures to the ballot.**

TABOR requires that each vote pertain to a single subject. So when you look at your ballot this November, you will see six votes related to the RISE Denver bond proposal. The votes will pertain to:

- Facilities Improvements (not including the National Western buildings)
- Parks Improvements
- Transportation and Mobility Improvements
- Shelter and Housing
- National Western Arena & 1909 Buildings
- A companion ordinance listing all the RISE Bond projects and funding amounts for each project

Here is the list of bond projects included in the proposal:

2021 RISE General Obligation Bond Program Project List

						Total Bond Projects	\$ 435,030,000
						Purpose Contingency	\$ 15,000,000
						Total 2021 GO Bond Estimated Bond Package	\$ 450,030,000
Date: July 26, 2021							
Bond Purpose	Project Name	City Council District	Jobs Provided*	Wages Provided*	Economic Output*	Estimated Project Cost	
Denver Facilities	ADA Improvements in City Facilities (Department of Justice mandated)	9,Mtn	537	\$ 33,774,424	\$ 72,400,000	\$ 14,230,000	
	Bonfils Complex Deferred Maintenance	9	44	\$ 2,960,035	\$ 6,200,000	\$ 3,100,000	
	Buell Theater Backstage Renovation	9	16	\$ 950,927	\$ 950,927	\$ 1,050,000	
	Denver Botanic Gardens Deferred Maintenance	10	44	\$ 2,687,666	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	
	Denver Museum of Nature and Science Deferred Maintenance	9	45	\$ 2,738,480	\$ 2,738,480	\$ 3,000,000	
	Historic 1909 Building Renovation (Public Market)	9	409	\$ 27,421,575	\$ 60,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	
	Globeville Branch Library Construction	9	159	\$ 10,269,508	\$ 24,000,000	\$ 12,000,000	
	Hampden Branch Library Expansion	4	49	\$ 3,159,318	\$ 6,880,000	\$ 3,440,000	
	May Bonfils Stanton Theater at Loretto Heights Campus Renovation	2	632	\$ 38,322,394	\$ 84,500,000	\$ 30,000,000	
	National Western Center Arena Construction	9	3058	\$ 198,144,729	\$ 430,000,000	\$ 160,000,000	
	Westwood Branch Library Construction	3	176	\$ 12,148,165	\$ 27,760,000	\$ 13,880,000	
	Youth Empowerment Center Improvements	7	90	\$ 6,357,165	\$ 13,980,000	\$ 6,990,000	
	Denver Zoo Deferred Maintenance	9	41	\$ 2,886,215	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 3,000,000	
Denver Facilities Total			5,299	\$341,820,603	\$741,409,408	\$283,690,000	
Purpose Contingency						\$ 10,350,000	
Bond Purpose	Project Name	City Council District	Jobs Provided*	Wages Provided*	Economic Output*	Estimated Project Cost	
Housing and Sheltering	48th Avenue Shelter Purchase	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 7,400,000	
	Shelter Facility Acquisition, Conversion and/or Construction	TBD	457	\$ 26,100,000	\$ 60,000,000	\$ 30,000,000	
Housing and Sheltering Total			457	\$26,100,000	\$60,000,000	\$37,400,000	
Purpose Contingency						\$ 1,200,000	
Bond Purpose	Project Name	City Council District	Jobs Provided*	Wages Provided*	Economic Output*	Estimated Project Cost	
Transportation	5280 Trail Development	10	104	\$ 6,354,877	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	
	Bike Infrastructure Implementation	7,9,10	151	\$ 9,397,208	\$ 20,200,000	\$ 10,100,000	
	Morrison Road Reconstruction	3	187	\$ 11,605,854	\$ 26,020,000	\$ 13,010,000	
	Neighborhood Transportation Safety and Pedestrian Improvements	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	191	\$ 11,424,444	\$ 25,900,000	\$ 12,950,000	
	Peoria Multimodal Improvements	8,11	96	\$ 6,003,314	\$ 12,320,000	\$ 6,160,000	
	Sidewalk Construction	3, 5,7, 8,10	148	\$ 9,960,390	\$ 24,000,000	\$ 12,000,000	
Transportation Total			877	\$54,746,088	\$122,440,000	\$61,220,000	
Purpose Contingency						\$ 2,100,000	
Bond Purpose	Project Name	City Council District	Jobs Provided*	Wages Provided*	Economic Output*	Estimated Project Cost	
Parks and Recreation	47th and Walden Park Construction (Phase 1)	11	75	\$ 4,543,224	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	
	Community Park Playground Replacements	2,5,7	82	\$ 5,190,309	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 5,500,000	
	Mestizo-Curtis Pool Reconstruction	9	161	\$ 10,123,393	\$ 22,100,000	\$ 6,050,000	
	Outdoor Recreation Athletic Field and Court Replacements	1,4,5,6,7,11	69	\$ 4,665,745	\$ 9,480,000	\$ 4,740,000	
	Park Maintenance Facilities Construction	1, 11	346	\$ 21,736,713	\$ 31,600,000	\$ 15,800,000	
	Restroom Facilities Improvements and Construction	4,7,9,11	47	\$ 2,831,488	\$ 6,280,000	\$ 3,140,000	
	Sloans Lake Boat House Renovation	1	91	\$ 5,950,000	\$ 14,000,000	\$ 7,000,000	
	University Hills Park Construction	4	75	\$ 5,034,698	\$ 10,980,000	\$ 5,490,000	
Parks and Recreation Total			947	\$60,075,571	\$115,440,000	\$52,720,000	
Purpose Contingency						\$ 1,350,000	
TOTAL			7,580	482,742,261	1,039,289,408	\$ 450,030,000	
*Job and wage figures are estimates produced by an economic model based on the anticipated full cost of project where additional funding sources have been identified to complete project.							
**Cost estimates are based on best available information							

Here are the projects specific to District 5:

Council District 5*	\$	9,050,000
Transportation		
Neighborhood Transportation Safety and Pedestrian Improvements		
<i>E Alameda & Forest St Intersection Improvements</i>	\$	1,500,000
<i>E Fairmont & S Valentia Intersection Improvements</i>	\$	100,000
Sidewalk Construction		
<i>East Colfax Connectivity and East 14th Avenue</i>	\$	5,800,000
Parks and Recreation		
Community Park Playground Replacements		
<i>Crestmoor Park</i>	\$	1,500,000
Outdoor Recreation Athletic Field and Court Replacements		
<i>Denison Park (Basketball Court)</i>	\$	150,000

I believe that the community deserves to have a conversation about each of these proposals, and the National Western project in particular, and that is why I voted to refer this bond proposal to the ballot. I appreciate that the bond language was changed so that **residents will be able to vote on the National Western projects separately from the other projects listed in the Facilities Improvements**. This adds transparency to the process, and allows the community to have a conversation about where we see Denver heading in the future. When I ran for office, I did so to bring the voice of the people back to our local government, and I believe that having you - the voters - decide whether to approve this bond funding is the right way to accomplish that.

Please read below for more information and resources about the RISE Bond projects. As always, feel free to reach out to our office if there is anything we can do to assist you. Thank you for being among the most engaged communities in Colorado!

Gratefully,

Councilwoman Amanda Sawyer
District 5

Rebuilding for an Inclusive and Sustainable Economy (RISE) is Mayor Hancock's plan to move Denver's economy from the rescue to the recovery phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. The plan focuses on the economy, our unhoused and unsheltered neighbors, and overall community safety. The \$450 million GO (General Obligation) bond infrastructure package is a key component of the City's financial plan for economic recovery.

Resources:

- ### 2021 GO Bond Projects
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- Legend:**
- Transportation & Mobility (Orange circle)
 - Parks & Recreation (Green triangle)
 - Library Facilities (Blue square)
 - City & Cultural Facilities (Black square)
 - City Council District (Purple outline)
 - Parkland (Green area)
 - Major Street (Black line)
- *Includes project locations as requested by departments and cultural partners.
- Map Labels:**
- Streets: N Sheridan Blvd, N Federal Blvd, W Colfax Ave, W 6th Ave, W Alameda Ave, S Federal Blvd, S Santa Fe Dr, S Colfax Ave, S University, S Hampden Ave, E 40th Ave, E 1st Ave, E 6th Ave, E Colfax Ave, E Alameda Ave, E Hampden Ave, E Bellevue Ave, N Tower Rd, N Chambers, N Havana St, S Parker Rd, S Tamarac Dr, S Broadway, S University, S Colfax Ave, S Hampden Ave, E 40th Ave, E 1st Ave, E 6th Ave, E Colfax Ave, E Alameda Ave, E Hampden Ave, E Bellevue Ave.
 - Highways: Interstate 70, Interstate 270, Interstate 225.
 - Other: Parkland, City Council District.

