



# City and County of Denver

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Michael Hancock, Mayor  
Mayor's Office  
1437 Bannock Street  
Denver, CO 80202

Dear Mayor Hancock:

I am withholding my signature on the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Colorado Department of Transportation regarding the rebuilding of I-70. This agreement commits the City and County of Denver to expend funds on a project that has not only has not yet been approved and may not be approved but as outlined in the IGA, may never see the light of day. There are serious legal and other questions about this project that may prevent it from moving forward in anything like its current proposed form. This is an imprudent, unnecessary and ill-advised agreement. I cannot in good conscience and with my obligation to protect the interests of Denver taxpayers, sign it.

Some of the Wastewater and flood issues noted in the agreement certainly need to be addressed, but they can and should be addressed without tying them to the I-70 project. Frankly, it is a cynical maneuver, which almost amounts to subterfuge to slip I-70 funding under the umbrella of necessary wastewater issues. It is an affront to the taxpayers of Denver.

Sincerely,

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cc: All members of Denver City Council