

# Pro Statement

Vote Yes on 2J, an extension of an existing tax to fund critical public infrastructure projects in Wheat Ridge.

The City of Wheat Ridge's journey toward a brighter future, hinges upon investments in capital improvement projects. These projects are not just about brick and mortar; they are the foundation upon which we will build the next chapter of Wheat Ridge's story. They are the catalysts for progress, rejuvenating our infrastructure, fueling economic growth, and elevating our quality of life to new heights.

Investing in bike lanes and sidewalk improvements is more than a mere convenience; it's about crafting a city where walkability is a way of life. It's about making our streets safer and more inviting, encouraging active lifestyles, and weaving a tapestry that connects our neighborhoods, schools, and businesses, bringing us closer as a community.

Stormwater and drainage improvements, though often overlooked, are the unsung heroes that will ensure that our next chapter is one of resilience. By investing in these projects, we can remove homes from the floodplain list, shielding our residences and properties from potential disaster. Moreover, this reduces the cost of homeowner insurance, offering tangible financial relief to our residents.

What sets this initiative apart is the profound connection it has with our residents. The project lists were determined by the people of the City of Wheat Ridge, not City staff. Through community outreach efforts like Let's Talk and the resident survey, resident voices resonated loud and clear. This is democracy in action, a testament to the city's commitment to making resident priorities city priorities.

The decision to seek an extension of the .5 cent sales tax was a direct response to resident feedback. Survey results left no room for doubt, with an astonishing 79% of voters expressing their resounding support for this effort. Voter endorsement is a testament to the shared vision the city holds for our community's future.

In conclusion, the extension of the .5 cent sales tax isn't just a financial matter; it's an unmissable opportunity for Wheat Ridge to script the next thrilling chapter in its history. It's an investment in a city where walkability, resilience, and community engagement reign supreme. It's a bold leap forward, powered by resident input and our shared vision for a city that shines brighter with each passing chapter.

Let's stand united and vote in favor of this extension, propelling the City of Wheat Ridge into the transformative chapter that awaits.

We can get all of these projects completed with NO TAX INCREASE, just an extension of an already existing tax. Vote YES ON 2J.

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