

DATE: August 28, 2025

TO: **City of Golden**
Laura Weinberg, Mayor
Scott Vargo, City Manager
Anne Beierle, Public Works Director
The Golden City Council

Colorado School of Mines
Jason Slowinski, AVP of Operations

FROM: Residents of Ward 2, Beverly Heights Neighborhood

RE: Our Request for a Collaborative, Joint Meeting

Dear Ms. Beierle,

Thank you for your email sent in response to our formal request for a collaborative meeting on the 19th Street corridor. The timing of your response, however, was surreal. Your email arrived at 3:47 p.m. on August 27th. Earlier that morning, a closure on I-70 led to the exact traffic bottleneck at Moly Road that residents have predicted for years. This real-world failure proved the validity of our primary concern: that the City is ignoring the on-the-ground wisdom of the very neighbors it is supposed to serve. And this is the predictable result when the City ignores its residents.

The list of pre-determined actions sent in the email is not a substitute for the dialogue we requested. It is a tone-deaf response that serves as a stunning example of the disconnect between City Hall and the on-the-ground reality in our neighborhoods.

The "solutions" listed for Moly Road and Tangent—developed without any substantive resident input—are not just incomplete and poorly executed; they are a collection of disjointed, check-the-box items that are impractical and disconnected from reality. A simple flashing light is a token gesture that fails to address the dangerous "complex convergence" at Moly Road, proving that these decisions were made without truly understanding the problem.

The City's approach to the future Elm Street crossing is even more concerning. A plan to conduct a traffic study *after* the new dorm is occupied and the intersection is completed is malpractice in city planning. It is a reactive, wait-for-disaster approach. By deferring any meaningful action until 2026 and ignoring practical solutions that could be implemented immediately—like a crossing guard—the City is accepting a known safety risk for our community for the next two years.

After residents invested the time to host a workshop and deliver a professional memo with specific, actionable ideas, your response was a dismissive email that bypassed our request for a meeting entirely. This is a perfect example of the broken, top-down process that has created a

crisis of trust in our community. Residents are not simply a group to be "managed" with emails; we are partners who deserve a seat at the table.

Therefore, we respectfully reiterate our original request. We are calling for a joint meeting with the city and the Colorado School of Mines within the next 30 days to engage in the productive, collaborative dialogue our community deserves to address the short and long-term issues of traffic and safety along the 19th Street corridor.

We look forward to hearing from you to schedule this important conversation.

Sincerely,

Dan Sung Coordinator, Ward 2 Neighborhood Effort