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I understand that the proposed Bikeway project does not include an underpass connecting Niwot to the bikeway and I would urge you to reconsider this from a safety standpoint.

Personally, I feel that an underpass or tunnel should be on both sides of the Diagonal so cyclists that are crossing the Diagonal can do so safely.

I had an incident myself where I was traveling east on Niwot Rd; was stopped at the south bound intersection of the Diagonal. Once the lights had changed, I went to push off on my bicycle but I lost my chain and I fell. As I laid on the ground, I saw a car speed pass me traveling south. Had I not lost my chain I am certain I would not be here to write this email.

As a driver, I use the Diagonal almost every day and almost every day I see a car run the light at the Niwot Rd/ Diagonal intersection. It is so dangerous and that is noted statistically.

The bikeway project is so exciting. For us cyclists in Niwot it would be more exciting with a truly safe way to access it.

Thank you

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Comment for the March 15, 2023 Planning meeting on **Docket SI-22-0002: CO 119** Safety and Mobility and Bikeway Projects

Niwot brings one of the largest incomes to Boulder County for areas in Unincorporated Boulder County.

- This proposed design IGNORS easy and safe access to Niwot for transit, bikes, pedestrians. To shop, dine, grab a cup of coffee with a friend in Niwot you still need to drive to Niwot.

- There is no reason for residents in Boulder County Unincorporated areas to use the transit because you have to drive to Boulder or to Longmont to ride the other direction!

- The bicycle commuters or recreational riders do not have safe crossing underpass structures at NIwot.

- Yes, this project costs \$\$. It would have cost less if it had been constructed when tax payer \$\$ were collected for it! We paid into RTD for transit several years ago and the \$\$ collected specifically for this area was spent elsewhere with no benefit to those residents who paid. Why should there be trust with this project!? If it starts, will it ever be completed! What safety will it provide! What environmental benefits if area folks still have to drive!

I respect and appreciate so many projects that Boulder County provides residents.

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