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(a Blueprint Denver “Area of Change”) to send a “vision message” to developers – and nothing will ratify that vision as effectively as the proposed Iliiff Bridge.

And now the screeching ... Overland Park straddles Santa Fe, which just a generation ago was a four-lane blacktop with stoplights and crosswalks, no worse than a countrified Broadway. Now it is a six-lane, limited access Expressway and as a result, Overland has lost population (1190 people –33%), houses (462), businesses, neighborhood character and connectivity.

Only a handful of us still walk to get across Santa Fe (on the Evans viaduct – harrowing, even in good weather), and there’s no Americans With Disabilities-compliant access. As far back as 1993, the City-adopted Overland Plan recommended the now way-overdue Iliiff Bridge. It will fix something, restore something, redress something, as well as connect for the future – a future that in turn promises new City revenue streams.

At the last of Mayor Hickenlooper’s six dialogues on Denver’s future, I was heartened to hear the City’s working definition of “urban sustainability,” the ultimate target of the Mayor’s Greenprint Denver initiative. Paraphrased, it is “an economy that actually benefits the environment in a way that’s socially just.” We want to breathe cleaner as we use less to prosper more. We want home to be in denser, safer, more walkable, sociable live-work-play neighborhoods. We want to save more energy over healthier, more active lives. And we want to do so equitably, in every part of Denver.

If you’d like to connect more safely to Light Rail or the Greenway – depending which side of the Santa Fe you live on – leave a message for the Mayor at 3-1-1, or drop an email to MileHighMayor@ci.denver.co.us.

We’re on a budget, kids. Yep, revenue is tight. But we do have a place at the table, and it’s not bad manners to ask when it’s your turn.