From:	Jamie Schwendinger-Schreck
To:	Public Testimony
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Hello,

I am writing to oppose Ordinance No. 210966. While I agree with the spirit of the proposal—namely the importance of prioritizing pedestrian safety and neighborhood engagement—I am concerned that the ordinance sets the bar too high for any future cycling improvements in the third district. I also mourn the waste of removing bicycle infrastructure that has only recently been installed. I think a better use for those funds would be improving the sidewalks and crosswalk identification along existing bicycle routes in the third district.

I believe the requirement for written approval from both third district council members and all neighborhood associations, and renovation of all sidewalks/crosswalks in a 1-mile radius from any proposed bike lane creates undue burden for the implementation of new bike lanes. Is it possible to allocate funds for community engagement, sidewalk resurfacing, and automatic bulky item pickup near schools without holding bike lanes hostage? I agree that the city manager must weigh these priorities, but I hope we could have some of each, without excluding an entire district from the Complete Streets policy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jamie Schwendinger-Schreck (4th district resident)