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To: [Public Testimony](#)
Subject: Vote YES - Ordinance 230613 and Resolution 230618
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Dear Members of the City Council,

Please vote in support of Ordinance 230613 and Resolution 230618.

Regarding Ordinance 230613, my family travels by bicycle on a frequent basis (to work, school, shop for groceries, etc) and we often utilize the existing bike infrastructure. However, the existing infrastructure does not connect very well, so that we often need to make our way from one section to another in ways that are dangerous and/or confusing. For example, when biking from our Hyde Park house to Brookside Park, we take the Gillham Cycletrack south, and then need to cross a number of extremely busy streets (Cleaver, MLK, Rockhill) without any crossings in order to reach the Trolley Trail. This is difficult but doable for adults, but we don't yet feel safe letting either of our daughter ride on their own along this route. Connecting these biking routes, as well as many others outlined in 230613, would be allow people to access a much wider swath of the city by bike.

Regarding Resolution 230618, there are many roads along which traffic moves way too fast, making it dangerous or impossible for people to cross. We cross both 39th and Troost on a near-daily basis, and in both cases it seems like we're taking our lives into our hands. These streets, and many others, would be much safer with a road diet that reduces the number of lanes as outlines in Resolution 230618.

Thanks for your time!

Regards,
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