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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.

As a resident of the downtown Kansas City, Missouri community---I would like to submit my public support for Ordinance 230613 & 230618. The succeeding phases of the Mobility plan will allow countless individuals to utilize bicycles as a mode of transportation, rather than just recreation. Considering the cost of automobiles has skyrocketed, not to mention the cost of maintaining, and the unreliable state of our transit system, it is not only short-sighted to continue to rely on car centric design---but classist to expect everyone to rely on private vehicles for transportation.

The number of pedestrian and traffic deaths we've seen in this city should warrant expedited support for road diets. These show an up to 47% decrease in crashes (according to the FHWA). The least expensive way to implement a road diet is through bike lanes. Road diets are shown to make roads safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. 148 pedestrians and cyclists have died in the last ten years and it is a direct result of prioritizing cars over people.

But the Council must be steadfast in their support for this plan. Folks who use bicycles are more than accustomed to the aggression some show to them on the roads. The City Council needs to show that same resolve when they inevitably receive pushback from businesses and residents who failed to oppose the plan when it was originally presented.

I encourage the Council to join us in pedaling forward towards a safer and healthier KC.

Regards,
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