



Midtown Design Development and Construction & Better Block KC

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Dear Councilmembers,

We are writing in full support of adopting Resolution 200019 and implementing a Vision Zero policy for Kansas City.

We believe that safe transportation is a human right. In 2019 alone, at least 85 people were killed on Kansas City, MO roadways and 16 of those were walking or bicycling. Humans on foot and on bike represent about 1% of all KCMO commuters, yet they make up nearly 20% of all roadway fatalities in the City.

The streets of Kansas City, MO, have typically been designed to move vehicles through the City as quickly as possible, rather than as places for people to safely travel, work, play, and congregate. By adopting a Vision Zero policy, our city leaders can exhibit their commitment to the safety of all KCMO citizens, regardless of travel mode. By redesigning our streets for safety, rather than speed, we can reduce or eliminate needless property loss, injury, and death on our streets.

Through our experience, we have learned and demonstrated that quick-build projects are effective, efficient methods for placemaking and calming streets. The City has excess vehicle lanes throughout its grid, spans of pavement that are costly to maintain- space that can be reclaimed to improve safety, walkability, and liveability. The citizens of KCMO deserve a city that endorses and creates a safe environment for all to move through.

We applaud you for taking this next crucial step toward making KCMO a truly great city.

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