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To whom it may concern,

I am a KC resident and cyclist. Though I mainly bike for pleasure and exercise, I will say that I might do it more for transportation if there were a better network of safe bike routes around town. The network is improving, but it's a real patchwork. I see CityCycles placed all over town now. Electric scooters have been a presence for a while. Where is one supposed to ride these things? There will be a bike lane for a few blocks and then it will just end. Even the bike lane on Gillham which is so contentious is way too short to provide much utility for commuting. The bike lane along Grand is nice, but there aren't many east-west options. I use the Paseo sometimes as it's a really wide boulevard but an actual bike lane there would be nice. God help you around the plaza and UMKC area. One has to be VERY strategic about biking around there. The Brush Creek path has limited access and really isn't ideal for bike commuting.

Building bike infrastructure is less sexy than trains, but also wayyy less expensive and provides point to point transportation. I am much more likely to use my bike to get somewhere than the train. The train I have to drive to get close to the line, ride it at a blindingly slow speed, and then likely take a long walk once I get off. It's not practical, and it's way expensive.

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