From: Nicoya Helm
To: Public Testimony
Subject: Oppose 210966
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Honorable Council Members,

I'm writing to voice my strong opposition to proposed Ordinance 210966. I oppose it for the same reasons that so many other KC residents already have, which is that the ordinance would result in:

- The removal of existing bike infrastructure
- Exclusion of those not represented by neighborhood associations but most impacted by limited options for transportation and physical activity (unhoused, immigrants, youth, etc.)
- Railure to address City Hall's lack of capacity and expertise to do the type of engagement and inclusion that all agree is greatly needed

As a downtown KC MO resident who mostly walks, bikes and buses to get around, I see this ordinance as exclusionary and contrary to the very same transportation innovation that President Joe Biden was just celebrating Kansas City for earlier this week. This ordinance represents several steps backwards; we need to move forward, and we can do better.

Sincerely,
Nicoya Helm