From:	Dayna Meyer
To:	Public Testimony
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Hi,

My name is Dayna Meyer and I am a resident of Kansas City. I do not drive, and rely on cycling, walking, and public transportation as my primary forms of transportation. A connected system of protected bike lanes is vital to creating a city where everyone can access work, run errands, and spend their leisure time without having to rely on a car.

Bike lanes make it so more people can ride their bikes in the city; the safety provided from car traffic makes it easier for new cyclists, children, and inexperienced cyclists to give commuting by bike a shot. Bike lanes also provide safer routes for those of us who already ride for transportation, many of whom do so because they cannot afford the financial burdens of car ownership. Not only are personal vehicles costly and dangerous to pedestrians and cyclists, but they are disastrous for the environment. Creating more opportunities for folks to drive less and bike or walk more helps create a safer, more equitable Kansas City, and shows that KC is serious about tackling climate change.

The improvements you have already made to the city's bike system – the installation of the bikeway on Gillham and the bike lanes on Armour and Grand – have already made a major impact on my life, and the lives of my neighbors, and I hope you keep up the good work and pass Ordinance 220318, allowing for the Year One Bicycle Implementation Plan to be implemented and more bike lanes to be installed.

Thank you so much,

Dayna Meyer (they/them or she/her)