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Certainly we can figure out a solution to the issue of bike lanes without removing them. Removing them will never allow us to reduce carbon emissions or make it safe for walkers and bicyclists. Removing the bike lanes would totally disrespect the needs of the people who can't afford a car or don't want to have one.

We are in a time of transition because of climate change. People will get used to changes but it takes time. City Hall being notoriously lacks the capacity and expertise to do the type of engagement and inclusion that we all agree is greatly needed. We need to:

1. **Update the Complete Streets policy.** In the years since KCMO adopted its policy, national best practices have been updated. BikeWalkKC has helped other communities develop policies with better community engagement, including consideration of unintended consequences like gentrification.

2. **Adopt the bike plan and its community engagement elements.** The bike plan includes language and guidance on how City Hall can engage residents on bike lanes and bike-related issues. The plan also calls for adequately staffing and resourcing the departments tasked with that important engagement.

People want to know what is going on and because they don't, this bad idea 210966 is happening. Frankly if we need neighborhood engagement to approve bike lanes, we need it to approve new roads, bridges and city financed parking lots.

Oppose 210966. Thank you!

Best regards,

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