



Dear TI&O Committee Members,

KC4SafeStreets is writing in opposition to ordinance 210966 and its call to remove all existing bicycle lanes installed within the last twelve months, as well as the complete withdrawal from the KCMO Complete Streets ordinance as defined in Chapter 64, Article II, Code of Ordinances. We understand the Third district has unique challenges and that the city has historically disinvested in this district for generations. We fully support the continued investment in the district and the prioritization of safe routes to schools including walkability, however, safe routes should also include safe routes to bicycle or use micro-mobility to get to school.

KCMO passed Vision Zero as an initiative to reduce and end traffic injuries and fatalities by 2030. More than one in five households in the Third District have no access to a car, yet the Third District experiences one of the highest rates of automobile crashes in the metro. Exempting the Third District from Complete Streets ordinances sets a bad example and directly contradicts the city's stated Vision Zero goals while doing nothing to provide safe infrastructure to those who use bicycles as transportation or recreation.

By directing the City Manager to remove all bicycle lanes installed within the last twelve months, the Third District is working to undue investments made by the city. These are investments made in the district with no case being made that these lanes pose a safety hazard or were improperly designed or installed. Rather the case being made is that they were not directly approved by both Third District Councilmembers, nor was there written approval given by the neighborhood associations. This places undue restrictions and demands on a specific infrastructure that no other form of infrastructure is required to have.

We ask that you oppose Ordinance No. 210966 by voting no.

Thank you
KC 4 Safe Streets.



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