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Please attach to the share-drive, then to the ordinance. Thanks

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BikeWalkKC is submitting the following testimony in **support** of the adoption of Ordinance #200421 by the Finance, Governance, and Public Safety Committee.

We regularly partner with the KCATA on efforts to improve multimodal transportation infrastructure and choice for residents throughout the city. As much as possible, we collaborate on projects and initiatives that allow us to engage with and serve black and brown communities as well as low-income communities. Most recently, this included work to identify potential transportation improvements in the Woodland Plaza portion of the Historic Northeast.

In order to ensure KCATA can both serve users with its existing resources and continue to innovate in both infrastructure and delivery, we need to ensure that they have the financial support to do so. This ordinance will help to make that a reality.

We have seen in the past what happens when transportation funds are used as a band aid for another ailing facet of daily life. It doesn't cure the issue at hand and ends up hindering transportation policy even more. Simply put, it isn't a good approach.

We **support** this measure because it is a fiscally responsible piece of legislation that ensures that transportation *dollars* are used for transportation *endeavors*. To do otherwise could cause further harm to parts of the community with existing limits to transportation choice and hobble our ability to fully recover from the COVID-19 pandemic.

In conclusion, we ask the members of this committee to vote in **favor** of this ordinance.

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