From: Kiley Sutter
To: Public Testimony
Subject: Support Ordinance 220318
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Dear Councilmembers:

As a resident of the 6th district, I am writing in support of Ordinance 220318. Kansas City has been making excellent strides in creating space for everyone in the city to move safely through it regardless of their economic or social status. It is a work that I am proud to see and support in the metro. Each time I take my child to school by walking our neighborhood streets or by riding her to school on my bike, I see more and more folks doing the same as space becomes safer for them to do so.

The five year plan to implement a protected bike network as ordinance 220318 authorizes, is an even more worthwhile endeavor than what has already been accomplished in the past few years. Folks regularly use the Gillam bike lane for exercise and to get to places of business and work. I've commuted for 5 years from Waldo to NKC and would rarely see anyone on my hour long path through the city. That is not the case at present. It is because of the implementation of the safe bike network that I know see runners, walkers, bicyclists, and families safely making their way using the Gillam bike lane. Ordinance 220318 continues the progress that has been made. It is imperative the city creates space for people to move safely using a variety of modes of transportation. The health of the city, it's residents, and beyond will benefit by having better access to meaningful and well designed networks of bike lanes.

Sincerely,
Kiley Sutter