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To: Public Testimony
Subject: Please Oppose Ordinance #230092
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Dear City Council City Council,

I am asking you to oppose Ordinance 230092. The Truman Road protected bike lanes deserve to be preserved and completed.

As a resident and someone that works on Truman and someone that is currently using the lanes I find this proposition disturbing. A real project to address the high speeds and accessibility problems that face our community being removed is many steps back. Since the pan stripping has gone down I have seen numerous users casual cyclists from our neighborhoods, elderly in mobility chairs the in homeless and even riders from other communities in out city.

Looking forward I also see our students from Lincoln being able to use them for their training and PE classes. As of right now because of the lack of safe spaces our children often goto Gilham Park to train. I know my please is David vs Goliath, the east side is often ignored, and right now our community interests are being pitted against business interests.

In the dead of winter people are coming out and using this, before it's complete, while it's being actively blocked by businesses and before it was even announced. How do you think this project will evolve once it's warmer and people understand what they can do with it?

And please don't underestimate its effect on traffic calming, the avg speed has dropped from 55 to 40 at the curve by cemetery the project is working but it's full effectiveness is being hampered by a project put on hold halfway through.

I wish I could be there for the meeting but my work demands I be elsewhere.

Regards,
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