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

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed dismantling of the existing bike lanes on Truman Road. As a resident of the area who frequently commutes to work on my bicycle, I have experienced firsthand the importance of these lanes for the safety and well-being of bicyclists like myself.

I have ridden my bicycle on Truman Road dozens of times, but I have stopped because it is unsafe and I was afraid. The lack of an appropriate designated lane also resulted in damage to my bike several times. I understand that I am not alone in this experience, and many others have had similar experiences.

Not only are bike lanes important for safety reasons but they also have a significant impact on public health. Biking is an excellent form of exercise that can help combat the obesity epidemic that is currently plaguing our country. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, obesity affects more than 40% of adults in the United States. By providing infrastructure that encourages and supports this form of physical activity, we can help combat this issue.

I understand that the bike lanes were already paid for and were the cheapest way to address the dangerous status of the road and the traffic flow issues. Ripping up the lanes would not only be a waste of resources but could also impact future federal funding for improvement projects.

As someone who lives and works in the area, I urge you to consider the importance of maintaining the existing bike lanes on Truman Road. Not only for the safety of the cyclist but also for the health benefits it can bring to the community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
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