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To:	Public Testimony
Subject:	Fwd: Please Vote Yes on 2021-2022 Bike Facility Implementation
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Good afternoon. I would like my email below to be included in the public testimony for Ordinance 220318. I would also like to participate in Wednesday's meeting via Zoom. If you would provide that, I would appreciate it.

Thanks and regards,

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From: **Matt Stephens** <mstephenscreative@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 11, 2022 at 4:22 PM
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Dear Ms. Shields and Mr. Bunch,

As a resident of the fourth district, I'm writing to request your support of several current initiatives that are essential to improving the safety, public health, and quality of life outcomes for the citizens of our district and throughout Kansas City:

1. First is the Public Works Dept's 2021–2022 Bike Facility Implementation plan that seeks to implement 30 miles of protected bike facilities by the end of 2022. This is part of a 5-year plan to "create a connected network that will allow riders of all ages and abilities to safely access nearly the entire city" (from the webpage).
2. Second is the KC Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan that is open for public comment through tomorrow, April 12.
3. Third is a refresh of the city's Walkability Plan (about 20 years out of date) and a commitment to fast-tracking the sidewalk replacement program to bring the city's sidewalks up to current safety standards within a few years rather than decades.
4. Finally, the Vision Zero initiative should continue to be advanced until a comprehensive action plan is developed and implemented in full.

Continued development of infrastructure needed to promote safe, convenient walking and cycling throughout the city are essential to improving public health, decreasing car-related fatalities, decreasing greenhouse emissions, and improving the quality of life for Kansas Citians. There are many other benefits, including economic and racial and socio-economic equity benefits, that would also be gained by a commitment to seeing these measures through to their effective completion.

I would be happy to speak with either of you in more detail. Likewise, you have my support as you advocate on behalf of these initiatives.

Thanks for listening.

Respectfully,

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