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KCMO Public Testimony,

My name is Anthony Cunningham and I live in the 4th District (Union Hill neighborhood). I am writing to express my support for Ordinance #251053, which would provide more funding to keep our current bus system running without substantial cuts. Thousands of Kansas Citians like me rely on our bus service, and we, nor the businesses and shops that we work and spend money at, can't afford to be left in the cold through substantial bus cuts.

I understand that this would use General Fund revenues, which is not a sustainable medium-term nor long-term solution. Going forward, it will become even more imperative that we maximize our Public Mass Transportation fund to retain bus service in future fiscal years, beginning with the 2026-27 KCMO Budget.

This fund, with recurring revenue via a 1/2-cent citywide sales tax, should no longer be raided by Public Works for road resurfacing, streetlights, and traffic signal projects, as it has in recent years, and instead directed toward operating our bus system, as well as select projects that allow for safer and more accessible paths to our bus network. I implore you to advocate for bus riders by maximizing our Public Mass Transportation fund to retain bus service going forward.

Thank you for your consideration,
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