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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to express my enthusiasm and support of protected bike lanes in the KC metro area.

Until recently I was a resident in the Volker neighborhood of KCMO, living there without a car for about five years or so. I am an avid cyclist, and I have noted the events in my neighborhood during those years: the death of a bmx cyclist on Summit near 39th street; the death of community cycling organizer Pablo near there, and the near-death of a young employee at Tiki Tako on 39th street, hit by a car as she was delivering an order to a car, just to name a few.

I strongly recommend protected bike lanes, as they might provide a true and permanent solution for safe cycling. They are also the right choice in the face of, let's face it, minimal drivers' education and awareness and little or no distracted-driving laws and enforcement.

Most importantly, for me, ordinary "bike lanes" are not the answer. As a recent resident of the Portland Oregon suburbs, I have seen when bike lanes go wrong. They are mostly dangerous, hazardous (full of shards and trash, wet leaves, uneven grade, etc) and just plain uncomfortable for cyclists. The maximum speed that feels safe to share the road with cars is maybe 35 mph, but 30mph or less is preferable. Whatever you do, please do not create bike lanes at 45 mph or higher. I don't believe that any cyclist could like or enjoy them, even though they are often seen trudging along them with their tense body and stern expressions.

Unlike Oregon, the KC metro area has the benefit of plenty of quiet through streets, a wonderful advantage for calm, safe cycling. I am really excited to see this development as someone who is looking to reside in the KC/KCMO area in 2022 as we return to in-office work.

Thank you for reading my comments!

Sincerely,

Peter Adany