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

I am saddened to learn of the introduction of Ordinance 230092, calling for the removal of bike lanes on Truman Road. I am asking you to oppose this ordinance. The Truman Road protected bike lanes deserve to be preserved and completed.

The ordinance calls for a waste of taxpayer dollars. The lanes must be reduced on Truman Road, so it's not like drivers will get a lane back. Having to infill an extra lane with cement would make for an ugly, unwelcoming street, and it's way more expensive than completing the proposed improvements to the existing bike lane.

Furthermore, this ordinance is premature. The city addressed the concerns of business owners along Truman Road, and the proposed improvements haven't even been implemented yet. The people who oppose these bike lanes didn't lose parking, haven't even seen any improvements implemented, won't see an extra lane of traffic added, and yet continue to oppose bike lanes at all costs. This tells me that some folks are simply fundamentally opposed to bike lanes bar nothing, and will always oppose bike lanes. I would argue that this is not coming to the table in good faith to figure out a way to make our streets welcoming, safe, and complete for all users, not just motorists.

Lastly, Kansas City, like the rest of the US, has invested almost exclusively in the automobile for over a century. But streets weren't always just for cars, and they weren't always as dangerous as they are now. People who don't drive cars deserve to have a way to navigate Kansas City just like those who own cars. This would result in a more inclusive city, a more walkable city, and a more liveable city. I would like to see Kansas City take a step forward, not a step back. Please oppose Ordinance 230092.

Regards,
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