

July 11, 2023

City of Kansas City, Missouri Councilmembers

Re: Support for **Ordinance No. 230579**-Transportation and Infrastructure Study

Dear City Councilmembers:

The Valentine Neighborhood Association board of directors supports approval of Ordinance No. 230579 to enable a comprehensive transportation and infrastructure plan for the Plaza and Westport areas, approximately north of 52nd Street, south of 39th St, State Line Road on the west to Troost Avenue on the east. Part of our neighborhood lies between 39th and 40th Streets from Broadway to Southwest Trafficway and has been subject to considerable development interest in the past several years.

When new projects are proposed within the study area, there are often concerns about the impact on traffic, storm sewers, and parking within our neighborhood. Yet we often find that developers are either not required to assess the impact or their consultants find there will be no impact upon transportation and infrastructure.

We work closely with the Westport Regional Business League and trust that organization's ability to make a nonbiased assessment that would help us plan for the future. This neighborhood is joining with other neighborhoods similarly impacted by increased density from multiple redevelopments in a concentrated area. We support the adoption of Ordinance No. 230579.

Please fund a comprehensive transportation and infrastructure plan for the Plaza and Westport area.

Valentine Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

By: 

Printed or Typed Name: Mary Jo Draper, secretary, VNA board on behalf of the board

Title: Secretary

cc: Michael Shaw- Director of Public Works Department
Jeffrey Williams, Director, City Planning and Development Department