

FW: Public Testimony in Support of Ordinance #240533

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Hello,

I'm writing to express my full support for Councilman Bunch's Ordinance #240533, which institutes pedestrian signal policies and standards. I ask that the Transportation, Infrastructure, and Operations committee advance this ordinance, without amendment, with a recommendation of Advance, Do Pass.

I'm a 4th district resident who lives car-free, so I'm a frequent pedestrian, and I've experienced confusion and annoyance at a number of different intersections throughout the city where pedestrian signals are provided, simply because they aren't activated automatically, and I was either late to push the beg button, or simply forgot to. I know that this ordinance will be a tremendous help to active transportation users by lowering the bar for the City to turn more of these "manual" pedestrian signals into "automatic" signals, thereby making our streets, sidewalks, and trails less stressful and easier to navigate for newcomers, visitors, and long-time residents alike.

Some intersections that I have encountered that I believe would benefit from automated pedestrian signaling include:

- 31st St and Broadway Blvd, where I frequently catch the Main MAX.
- 55th St and Brookside Blvd, along the Trolley Track Trail.
- Sni-a-Bar Rd and Blue Ridge Cutoff, where I would often catch the 28, 29, and 47 buses when I lived out there.
- N Oak Tfwy and NE Englewood Rd, along the 201 bus route prior to entering Gladstone.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Anthony Cunningham
KCMO 4th District Resident