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Hello,

I am a KCMO resident and a pediatrician caring for children who live and play in the 3rd district. I would like to share some concerns regarding proposed ordinance 210966.

The recent construction of protected bike lanes in the city has provided me access to free and safe transportation and exercise that otherwise would not have been available in those areas. Because of these bike lanes, I can transport my toddler in a bike seat and not fear sharing a lane with fast moving traffic. Because of these bike lanes, I can avoid contributing to car traffic and avoid the headache of finding a parking spot at my destination.
Pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly policies make communities safer, decrease motor vehicle accidents, decrease traffic congestion and associated pollution, and are good for the community's health.

It is critical that the city improve its transportation infrastructure for people who do not own a private vehicle, which constitutes a sizeable proportion of KCMO residents including our most vulnerable neighbors.
It is also critical that the city engage the community members most affected by such an ordinance (namely those without access to a private vehicle for transportation and without safe options for outdoor recreation and exercise), prior to considering taking a resource away from these residents.
Another positive step would be to update the Complete Streets policy to reflect current national best practices, as these have changed since KCMO initially adopted the policy.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns and your work to make Kansas City a safe and healthy place to live, work, and play.

Best,
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