



Dear Honorable Mayor and TI&O Committee,

Today we write to you asking you to vote NO on Ordinance 230992. A few facts we would like to identify

1. Truman Rd has been studied since 2018 for Complete Streets treatment.
2. Truman Rd. has been identified as one of the high injury crash networks under the Vision Zero plan.
3. Truman was identified as a 3rd District priority in Ord 210966.

Truman Rd. is a very unpleasant road to drive on even in a car, and downright inhospitable if you are a pedestrian, mobility device user or a user of a bicycle. The sidewalks are often blocked by cars while vehicular traffic often exceeds the posted speed limits. It's been stated that Truman is an industrial road so there is no need for bike lanes etc, but that isn't true. Truman is home to Grove Park, Kansas City MLB Urban Youth Academy, Guadalupe Center's Elementary School, Kansas City Girls Preparatory Academy, Gregg Klice Center, East High and housing all along the way are only a block off. Truman is a vital link in our city's transportation network that provides access to job opportunities, education, housing and recreation.

The Truman Rd road diet appears to be calming traffic, but we won't have good data until the project is complete. We understand parking has been an issue raised by area businesses. We do not support shared drive/parking lanes as they are dangerous to both drivers and parked cars. Shared lanes are a compromise and do not work well as either, so we were pleased to see Public Works put forth modifications to make one travel lane each way permanent parking or loading zones..

We know this economy hasn't been great for everyone and many people and families are struggling. The average car payment is now \$700 a month for 6 years. As the cost of driving continues to increase, more Kansas Citians are turning to using bicycles as part of their transportation needs. These users along with many pedestrians, mobility device users and families with strollers etc are turning to protected bike lanes as they are flatter, smoother and less often blocked by cars than sidewalks. We hear from mobility device users that they love the bike lanes as it makes their travels much safer, faster and with less wear and tear on their bodies and devices. In the winter they also get cleaned by the city, while sidewalks do not. However we do

also hear about ADA access issues around protected lanes. The Curb stops can block access to vehicles with device ramps. We would like Public Works to look more at what can be done to eliminate these issues though adding more buffer space around disabled parking, removing curb stops and possibly narrowing the bike lanes slightly at those locations.

In summary, we ask that you vote no on 230092 as it does nothing but spend more money undoing years of work for no physical or policy gain and only opens the door to further loss of Federal funds.

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