



Many of the city's adopted and draft area plans place significant emphasis on increasing walkability. What is your idea of a more walkable KCMO? Why do you feel it is important to have a more walkable KCMO, council district?

A more walkable KCMO would include improving pedestrian paths to make them more direct, continuous and accessible, with an abundance of convenient street crossings and attention to security issues such as maintenance and lighting.

A more walkable KCMO is important because it will result in improved public health, increased access to economic activity and vital services, a more environmentally sustainable city, and a better quality of life for all citizens.

Do you believe that active transportation should be part of a larger strategy to increase mobility in Kansas City? Why or why not?

Active transportation should be an essential component of a larger multi-modal transportation strategy that also includes better public transit and improved roadways. An increase in residents using active transportation is necessary to improve public health, the environment, and quality of life in Kansas City.

Do you believe that investing in walking and biking infrastructure is a way to create more equitable transportation options. Why or why not?

Investing in walking and biking infrastructure is a great way to create more equitable transportation options. Walking and biking infrastructure provides equal access to people and families who do not have the financial means, ability and/or desire to own and maintain an automobile.

KCMO currently has a Livable Streets resolution that acknowledges the benefits of active transportation investment but has no path toward implementation. What steps would you take to improve this policy? What do you feel a Livable Streets policy should accomplish?

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It is my understanding that the necessary next step toward implementation of the Livable Streets resolution is the adoption of design guidelines. To that end, I would like to meet with all community stakeholders and determine what obstacles currently stand in the way of that goal. A Livable Streets policy should promote safe, convenient and affordable transportation for all citizens.

City Council recently adopted a “Road Diet” resolution that evaluated of all of the city’s multi-lane streets to pilot one or more lane reductions. This is a proven method by which cities can significantly increase safety for all road users and make room for bike lanes at minimal cost above routine street resurfacing – Would you support expanding this program? What steps would you take in making this part of KCMO transportation policy?

The Road Diet Analysis from March 2015 is an excellent start and I support expanding it. As with all policy matters, I make my decisions based on all available data and input from all stakeholders. I am in favor of expansion, but I would have to see the specific proposal before I could make my final decision.

What would be your next step in implementing and/or improving the city’s existing bike plan?

My next step in implementing and/or improving the city’s existing bike plan is to work with existing plans, resolutions, ordinances, policies, development tools, neighborhood leaders and advocacy groups to prioritize needs and strategically implement the changes that bring the largest return on our investment.