



***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?***

Walking is not just important for the health of our residents but also for the health and livability of our neighborhoods. To improve the walkability of our neighborhoods, we need to ensure our neighborhoods have sidewalks that are in working condition. The city needs to make it a budget priority to develop sidewalks in neighborhoods that do not presently have them, and the City needs an overall strategy to increase funding for neighborhood services and infrastructure repair for our streets, sidewalks, curbs and crosswalks. This is a top priority for me, and I want to serve on the Council to be part of developing this strategy.

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

Yes. Active transportation options are extremely important to improving the mobility and quality of life of our citizens. These options need to be prioritized due to the increasing cost of driving and the associated benefits to one's health and the environment. Increasingly, our younger residents and families expect that these transportation options will be available, and they seek out neighborhoods where they are accessible. As a result, there is a tangible economic benefit that results to all residents and their property value when these options are made a priority.

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

Yes, absolutely. As stated above, the cost of driving continues to rise, and owning a car is often a luxury that many residents simply cannot afford. Our residents need to be able to get to where they need to go, and walking and biking must be made an important component of our overall regional transit plan.

***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?***

A good first step toward implementation would be to develop and adopt livable street design guidelines so we have clear, detailed standards to implement. A "livable streets" policy should provide a framework through which our city's infrastructure can be made more accessible to

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bikes and pedestrians. By linking multi-modal transportation options, we can improve the health, safety and connectivity of our residents and neighborhoods.

***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?***

Yes. I would work with our council, city staff and community leaders to develop a list of streets that are eligible for this program so that these updates can be made when those streets are resurfaced. This process should be seamless so we both save taxpayers money during the resurfacing process and accomplish the intended goal of that resolution.

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

With input of city staff and the community groups like BikeWalkKC, a short-term step is to consider the addition of bike lanes when eligible streets are resurfaced and to advocate for additional funding when appropriate for other immediate needs. However, we need to develop a long-term, sustainable strategy to connect our network of on-street bike lines and trail routes not just throughout the city but also regionally. This will require coordination and collaboration with state, county and regional partners as well, and I want to be a part of developing that strategy with the input of these other stakeholders.