

BikeWalkKC Candidate Questionnaire
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1. Please share your vision for the future of transportation mobility in KCMO and how walking/biking/public transit would be important strategies to achieving that vision.

To continue to progress as a City, we need to provide various options for mobility, that includes incorporation of bike lanes, adequate sidewalks, access to public transportation, and all forms of transportation. As we develop policies and programs, we must do so with a mind toward mobility and the transportation needs of our citizens. If we build affordable housing units, but do not provide adequate means of transportation and mobility, then our housing policy is flawed.

2. The arrival of scooters has shown now more than ever that there are many diverse and growing demands on limited public space for pedestrians, cyclists, and cars. How do you think the city should balance all of these needs to ensure safety and accessibility for everyone using public space?

The City should update the Walkability Plan and develop policies and ordinances, where appropriate, that integrate various modes of transportation.

3. Affordable housing and multimodal transportation are inextricably tied to one another. For many households, transportation is just as expensive, if not more, than housing. How should the City Council work to ensure an abundance of both without hindering one issue to make progress on the other?

The City should develop a Transit Oriented Development policy that not only reduces one's reliance on cars but also provides opportunities for access to affordable housing and more connectivity to jobs and other benefits.

4. KCMO recently updated its Bike Plan. It is both an ambitious and practical plan to connect the city, while supporting the City's goals for mobility, health, housing, equity, economic development, and sustainability. Residents are frustrated that previous plans have sat on the shelf due to lack of funding and prioritization, and the City has struggled to deliver funded projects. How would you align City budgets, policies, staff, and procedures to ensure the new bike plan hits the ground running with tangible, rapid results?

It is very frustrating for its residents when a City adopts a plan, such as the new Bike Plan, and then fails to adequately fund it and communicate the details. The Council, including the Mayor, City Manager, and the various Department Heads need to work together to ensure funding and staffing to implement the plans that are adopted.

5. Active transportation is increasingly important across the KC metro area and around the country to support goals for connectivity, public health, economic development, equity, quality of life, and climate protection. As the economic and cultural hub of our region, KCMO is key to all of these goals. How would you use the City's position to provide regional leadership on transportation and mobility for the entire metro area?

For an issue such as transportation and mobility in a City like Kansas City there must be regional cooperation and leadership. The City needs to work with other cities and our transportation partners, such as KCATA and MARC to continue the conversation on regional transportation options and solutions.

6. Since the passage of the GO Bond, Kansas City has worked to address the backlog of requests to fix broken sidewalks. However, the City has had issues with regards to transparency of this process and ensuring funds are used where they are needed most, especially on the East Side. If elected, how will you work to ensure greater transparency and a process that pushes more dollars into these underserved communities?

Diverting GO Bond funds for unintended purposes violates the trust of the voters. The Council must provide oversight, monitoring, transparency and accountability as we move forward in administering and funding the approved and designated projects to ensure that critical infrastructure investments, such as sidewalks, road and bridge repairs and expansions, are needed and consistent with what the voters approved.

7. With regards to multimodal transportation, what is one project you would like to see completed in your district?

Since my district is at-large and includes the entire City, I would choose the expansion of the Streetcar and ensure that existing transportation options are integrated into an expansion.