

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.

A major priority for this city in the immediate future is transit. We must develop regional transit to get individuals to jobs. That must include safe trails, rail, bus, and safe roads. A collaborative effort with surrounding municipalities at the table, pulling together resources to bring this vision to fruition is a must.

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?

I think that as the use of these scooters grows, we need to incorporate them into the cycle lanes and not with cars in the middle of the street.

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 has never tied the two together, and currently lack a true housing plan. We have found ourselves facing this dilemma on housing. We have to develop a comprehensive plan that encompasses both and creative funding mechanisms to keep affordable rates for the residents of the city.

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?

I need to take a comprehensive look at the new plan, and determine the feasibility of the plan with the residents of each district that it impacts. There has been a considerable amount of backlash with the redesign of Armour Boulevard that I have encountered. There has to be a significant amount of public input before these plans are implemented. If the neighborhood supports the plan, I will work effortlessly to ensure that all dollars are focused towards making it a reality.

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?

As a member of the council I will push my colleagues to host with me, and develop the regional plans with all subject matter experts.

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?

I will use my bully pulpit as a member of the council to shed light on what has taken place and what process has been used. It will be a major priority of mine to have sidewalks repaired and built on the Eastside. My district is one that lacks sidewalks and curbs in most of the neighborhoods. We must receive a significant amount of the Go Bonds to ensure we can start building them.

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

Expansion of the public bus system into the area of the 5th District, and potential rail or streetcar.