



KANSAS CITY
REGIONAL TRANSIT ALLIANCE

February 13, 2021

Mayor Quinton Lucas and
Members of the City Council
KCMO City Hall
414 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of the City Council:

The Kansas City Regional Transit Alliance (KCRTA) wishes to submit the following letter in **support** of the proposed legislation to decriminalize walking and biking in Kansas City.

We support this measure as a step to limit the over-policing of Black and Brown people in Kansas City. The measures targeted in this legislation, including jaywalking, dirty tires, and bike inspection, do nothing to actually make our streets safer for people who walk or bike. It doesn't make sense for us to allow these measures to remain in place, especially if there is no evidence they protect the people who fall under their scope.

Kansas City, Missouri is often a leader in the region on equity and mobility, including innovative ideas like zero-fare transit. A core part of the KCRTA's mission is to help make transit's complementary modes like walking, biking, and rolling safer and more enjoyable. By taking these steps, Kansas City, Missouri will correct unjust laws while supporting sustainable and healthy mobility choices.

In conclusion, KCRTA supports the adoption of this measure and asks the City Council to do the same.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Staub", is written over a light gray horizontal line.

Matt Staub
KCRTA Chair