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Subject: RE: 21st Street "Bicycle Facilities"

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Friends:

I have lived at 1720 West 20th Street for 26 years and have driven on or crossed 21st Street many days each week during different times of the day. It has been my observation that very few bicycles use the streets in this general area, and very few travel along 21st Street. I have yet to see excessive vehicular speeding along 21st Street, and the only time there seems to be undue traffic there has been during repairs on 19th or 23rd Streets; this subsided when the road construction on each of these streets was finished.

I have also used the public sidewalks between Naismith and Steward Avenue numerous times. At best, they are in poor condition, with many dislodged squares of concrete that are dangerous to young and old alike. While others in the district are not as bad, there are places that are in need of repair. Also, there are NO sidewalks along 20th, 21st, and 22nd Streets between Louisiana and Tennessee (19th and 23rd Streets offer the only safe pedestrian traffic-way for students headed east from Lawrence High School). The public sidewalk along Naismith between 19th and 21st is also in very bad shape.

With this in mind, I suggest that the \$350,000 allocated for the "Bicycle Facilities" would be much better used for sidewalk maintenance and construction for the safety and well-being of our neighborhood than the proposed "Bicycle Facilities," which would service only a very small group of people and address a "problem" that is minimal at most. I would ask that each of you please drive, walk and/or bicycle along the 21st Street corridor several times to see for yourself what the real needs are for the residents of the entire neighborhood before you make a decision.

Thank you.

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