

October 11, 2022

Dear Mayor Jones,

We are incredibly heartened to see your letter in the Riverfront Times on Wednesday, October 5th, and to hear from your staff at the public meeting held on Monday, October 3rd. What we heard was a clear acknowledgement that our current system is not working and is risking the lives and wellbeing of residents and visitors to St. Louis. What we heard was an acknowledgement that we must shift gears as a city. What we heard was a commitment to lead: by proposing funding, fostering collaboration, and mandating accountability. We are reminded that this commitment is urgent, particularly by the tragic death of a woman on Gravois at Spring on Sunday evening, and the many others injured and killed by traffic violence in St. Louis.

The experience of safely biking, walking, rolling, or scooting is in the details: the angle of the curb, the shade of the trees, or the separation from automobiles. Similarly, the fulfillment of your commitments will be in the details. As Chief of Staff Boyd said on Monday, we believe that the city can run and chew gum at the same time. We can develop a long-term, sustainable plan that comprehensively addresses our transportation network, while also addressing the urgent and immediate crisis on our streets, utilizing the relevant and existing plans and studies that have been conducted over many years, such as the [Downtown St. Louis Transportation Study](#). We can address infrastructure, while also expanding education and advancing equitable enforcement. For this effort to be a success, we expect to see full implementation of this plan, including consistent, long-term funding, evaluation, and maintenance.

We look forward to working with your staff in Streets, the Board of Public Service, Planning and Urban Design, the Office for the Disabled, and your own team over the months and years ahead. Please call on us, and all the residents of St. Louis, to inform your next steps.

Thank you,

*The Voting Members of the Community Mobility Committee*

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