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Dear Mayor Jones,

We write to you this week with heavy hearts, thinking about the horrific crash last weekend that left Janae Edmondson maimed — her future forever changed by a reckless driver. We are heartbroken thinking of the four people killed at Forest Park Parkway and Grand, the driver killed in Bevo, and the many other travelers injured or killed on St. Louis streets and sidewalks, including the 20 people walking and biking killed in 2022. **As we've written to you in the past: this change cannot wait.**

We commend the work of your office and the Board of Alderman to commit to funding a Mobility & Transportation Plan, as well as to support traffic calming, ADA improvements, and sidewalk replacements across the City. This funding is a first step towards changing our culture and systems to create a safe, equitable transportation network: we are eager to see your proposals and movement towards new approaches to enforcement and education.

To create a safe, equitable and reliable transportation network, residents and visitors should have choices in travel options beyond a car and infrastructure that supports safe travel and arrival for all users, regardless of age, ability or mode of travel. **We want to applaud the recent work of the City of St. Louis to get micromobility devices operating within every neighborhood of the City.**

The Community Mobility Committee was formed in 2019 as an outgrowth of the St. Louis Bike Share Working Group (2017 - 2019). The Bike Share Working Group is responsible for bringing micromobility devices to St. Louis, after a robust engagement process and thorough permit development and company review. After several options for micromobility options were reviewed, dockless mobility was determined to be the best possible option for St. Louis, and primarily meant to serve as a connection for the critical first-mile/last-mile transit gap that far too many members of our community are burdened with. St. Louis used a model for how to develop a permit that benefitted City residents, with strict equity requirements that are monitored on a regular basis.

We understand the growth pains that accompany new transportation technologies, trends, and business relations. We commend the City for taking a step back to review the existing micromobility permit, and updating standards and operating practices that better align with community goals and needs, including safety and accessibility. We expect that in the near future, the City of St. Louis will identify an appropriate program manager to lead these efforts. Under this future leadership, dockless micromobility solutions can play a key role in delivering more transportation options to St. Louis residents and visitors, making jobs and destinations more accessible and safer to access. We also recognize that for micromobility to be safe and accessible in St. Louis, there must be spaces for people to use scooters and bikes separated from both automobiles in the street and people walking on the sidewalk. We expect to see these spaces, from protected bike lanes to greenways, across the City soon.

We know we have a long way to go, but your commitment to supporting innovative transportation options is a critical part of creating a network where residents and visitors to our city can safely and joyfully travel across our city.

Thank you,

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