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Cc: <u>Transportation Commission</u>; <u>Mayor</u>; <u>Matt Krueger</u>

Subject: Deep Disappointment in Midvale Blvd Decision and Disregard for Public Input

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To Alders Vidaver and Tishler cc Transportation Commission cc Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway

We are writing to express our profound frustration and disappointment with the decision made today regarding the Midvale Blvd project. The choice to move forward in the face of overwhelming public input to the contrary is a blatant disregard for the voices of your constituents and the public you serve.

The public survey on this project saw an enormous and unprecedented response — a clear indication of how much this issue matters to our community. The city put out variable message boards for a month to solicit public feedback. Residents took time to offer thoughtful, sincere, feedback. It is deeply troubling that, despite this outpouring of public concern with the safety of a bike lane on Midvale Blvd, the Transportation Commission appeared to treat this engagement as a formality rather than a meaningful component of the decision-making process.

What message does this send to the people you represent? That no amount of public input — no matter how large or unified — will make a difference when decisions have already been made behind closed doors? The Transportation Commission should be ashamed of their decision disregarding the public's input. This undermines trust in our local government and casts serious doubt on the integrity of the public engagement process.

As residents of District 5, we expect our voices to matter. The community expects transparency, accountability, and a genuine willingness to listen — not just performative gestures of public outreach.

To both alders - I want to thank you both for speaking on behalf of your constituents at the meeting. I felt both of your comments were well thought out and meaningful. Thank you Alder Tishler for saying you felt that going against the profound public input was disrespectful.

What are the next steps? How can we continue to fight this disregard of public outpouring and build a solution that the public desires?

Thank you, Linda & Matt Krueger 41 South Midvale Blvd