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Leveraging Opportunities for Complete Streets

Safe Routes to School National Partnership – January 31 2019

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BikeWalkKC Mission:

*To redefine our streets as places
for people to build a culture of
active living.*





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Our Work
Advocacy and Public Policy



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Congregation and Community Engagement



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Our Work
Education and Encouragement

Leveraging Opportunity

How a proposed General Obligation bond turned into complete overhaul of Kansas City's active transportation policy.



BikeWalkKC Policies & Framework
Prepared for Kansas City, Mo.
City Council Candidates
Spring 2015

Educate elected officials

We got to know elected officials BEFORE they were elected



2015 KCMO CITY COUNCIL
CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

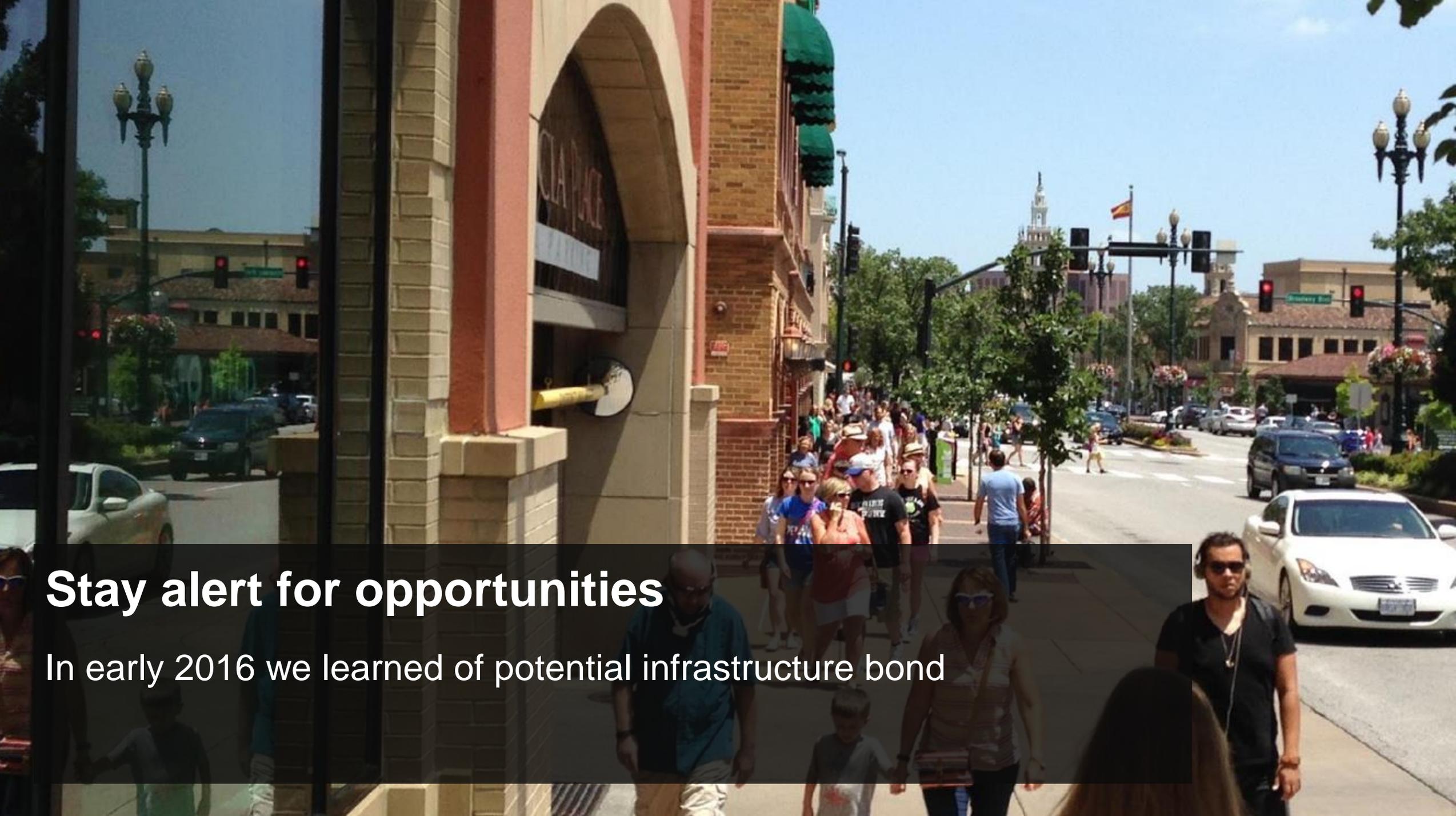
Dan Fowler
2nd District

Many of the city's adopted and draft area plans place significant emphasis on increasing walkability. What is your idea of a more walkable KCMO? Why do you feel it is important to have a more walkable KCMO, council district?

I firmly believe that walkable neighborhoods are a must for all areas of Kansas City. They improve overall health, neighborhood connectivity and reduce crime because people have the opportunity to know each other and are outside seeing what is happening in their neighborhoods. The most expedient way to increase walkability is to keep sidewalks in good repair and to put sidewalks in those areas where they are lacking.

Do you believe that active transportation should be part of a larger strategy to increase mobility in Kansas City? Why or why not?

Yes. We need as many alternative forms of transportation as possible, including bicycle and walking. It improves individual health and reduces the stress on roads and the resulting infrastructure cost of vehicular transportation.



Stay alert for opportunities

In early 2016 we learned of potential infrastructure bond

SidewalksKC
FINAL REPORT



Mobilize the community

BikeWalkKC convened stakeholders and residents to develop sidewalk policy guidance

Performance Audit Bike KC Inadequate to Achieve City Goals

December 2016



Office of the City Auditor

City of Kansas City, Missouri

15-2016

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Inter-Departmental Communication Office of the City Manager

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CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Date: December 9, 2016

To: Douglas Jones, City Auditor

From: Troy M. Schulte, City Manager

Subject: Response to Performance Audit: *Bike KC Inadequate to Achieve City Goals*

Agree. In response to this audit, I have directed the City Planning and Development Department to begin the process of rewriting the City's Bike KC Plan. Simply put the current plan does not assist the City in achieving the objective of making Kansas City a platinum-level city for bicycle mobility. Since the initial drafting of the Bike KC plan, the primary goal of bicycling in the community has shifted from a purely recreational goal to a broader goal of cycling as a critical component of a multi-modal transportation system. The plan must be rewritten to achieve the modern goals of the community. It is apparent that the City will not achieve platinum status as a Bicycle friendly community by 2020. A new date must be set as a result of this planning process where this platinum-level standard can be achieved.

Update your plans

In December of 2016 City Auditor reported that existing bike plan was insufficient; new plan announced



Pull yourself up to the table

We lobbied to include complete streets and sidewalks in GO Bond



Set the expectation

Council passed a resolution calling for sidewalks policy overhaul and a complete streets ordinance



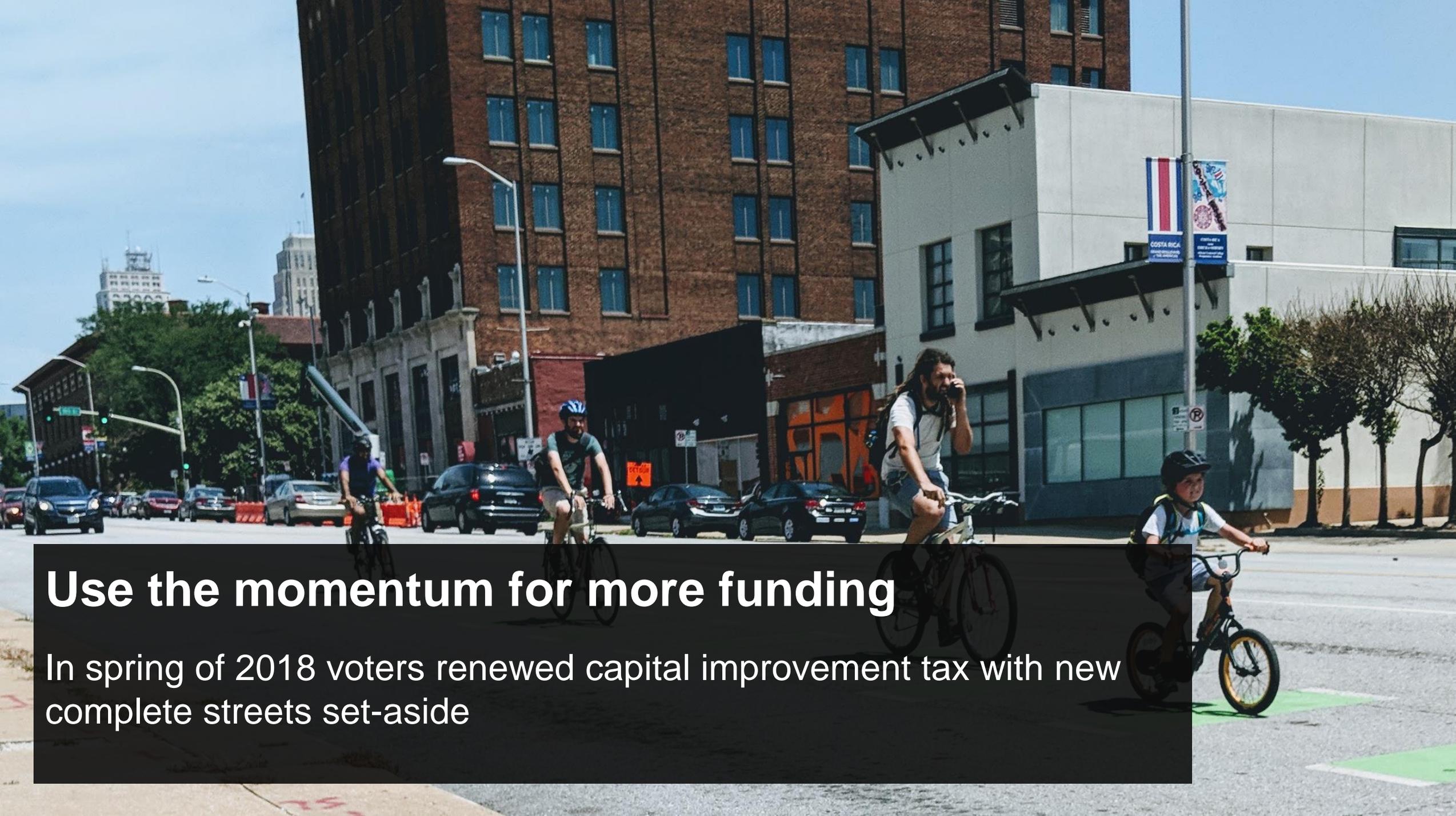
Change your policy

City removed property owner financial responsibility for sidewalks



Change your policy, continued

City adopted a Complete Streets ordinance in December 2017



Use the momentum for more funding

In spring of 2018 voters renewed capital improvement tax with new complete streets set-aside



Follow up

We have to continue advocating for annual appropriations and that sidewalk policy continues to evolve



Thank you!

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