Understanding the How-To Guide for Decriminalizing Mobility

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Outline

- Using the identification process
- Messaging and responses
- Building an effective coalition
- Learning from our mistakes
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- Violently arrested for jaywalking
- Now suing the City of Independence, MO
- Wants the region to follow KCMO’s lead
Using the identification process
Making the steps work better for your organization and community
Why modify the process?

- Legal parameters differ
- Capacity and coalition considerations
- Different methods can still get similar results
Key Terms

- Terms related to mobility
- Length of the list
- Regional considerations
Using the process with others

- BikeWalkKC used staff only
- Possibility of expansion
- Create clear parameters
Messaging and responses
How to speak as you push for decriminalizing mobility
Discussing enforcement

- Funding isn’t part of the equation
- Use police elsewhere
Discussing safety

● “Jaywalking has had its chance”

● Complete Streets

● “Punishment can’t fix the pavement”
Building an effective coalition
Identifying and sustaining the right partnerships
Legal Support

- Transportation expertise
- Criminal defense
- Willingness to speak
Housing and Decriminalization
An opportunity to strengthen partnerships
Neighborhoods and Decriminalization

The question of access
Sustainability and Decriminalization
Shift in understanding multimodal importance
Learning from our mistakes
Avoiding the stumbles BikeWalkKC made
Leading with Data

● Confirm the source

● Exhaust the categories

● Consider corridors
Starting Position

- Decide early on proposed change
- Make sure your champion is on board
- Remain firm throughout
Effective Outreach

- Amplifying the message
- Finding stories
- Sharing with decision makers
Questions?