Taking on Traffic Laws: A How-To Guide for Decriminalizing Mobility
Safe Routes Partnership and BikeWalkKC
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The mission of the Safe Routes Partnership is to advance safe walking and rolling to and from schools and in everyday life, improving the health and well-being of people of all races, income levels, and abilities, and building healthy, thriving communities for everyone.
Our mission is to redefine our streets as places for people to build a culture of active living.
Opening presentation is being recorded
Please participate in the chat!
Agenda

• Opening framing – Safe Routes Partnership
• BikeWalkKC Presentation
• Q&A
• Breakout Group Discussion
• Wrap-Up
Poll
Where is your organization/community in the process of working toward repealing or modifying traffic laws related to walking and bicycling?
• Removed Enforcement from 6 E’s Framework of Safe Routes to School and invested in building out tools and resources to support communities to do the same
• Collaboration with BikeWalkKC is a result of that investment
• Focus today on Evaluation, Engagement, and Equity as we re-imagine and work toward safer, more connected, and equitable places
• If our goal is to keep people safe*, we need to evaluate what’s working and what’s not
• We evaluate engineering countermeasures and educational curricula; we need to apply the same openness to learning and change to enforcement

*Safety means
• Not injured or killed as a result of traffic violence
• Not bullied or harassed
• Not victim to physical violence, threats, or intimidation

People can move throughout communities in their full expression of selves.
Research shows that Black people are most often stopped for traffic violations related to walking and biking.

'Biking while black': Chicago minority areas see the most bike tickets.

**Race and ethnicity of Minneapolis residents in 2014**

- White: 61%
- Black: 18%
- Hispanic or Latino: 10%
- Asian: 6%
- Mixed / other: 4%
- American Indian: 1%

**Race and ethnicity of people in bike-related CAPRS reports 2009-2015**

- White: 35%
- Black: 48%
- Other: 13%
- Mixed or unknown: 13%
- American Indian: 3%
- Asian: 3%

Source: Bicycle Citations and Related Arrests in Minneapolis 2009-2015

People of color bear a disproportionate burden of traffic violations.
There is a relationship between lack of supportive infrastructure and police enforcement.

Individuals are being cited and fined for the public sector’s failure to create safe places for people to move throughout their communities.

Biking where Black: Connecting transportation planning and infrastructure to disproportionate policing

Jesus M. Barajas
Bicycle and pedestrian traffic stops can escalate with deadly consequences

An Alleged Bike Violation Brings on a Police Shooting of a Black Man

The killing of Dijon Kizzee by Los Angeles Sheriff’s deputies has sparked protests and outrage over how traffic safety policies can fuel police violence.


A deputy fatally shot a Black homeless man during a jaywalking stop. He won’t face charges.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2023/02/13/kurt-reinhold-orange-county-homeless/
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Michael Kelley
Discussion Breakouts

- Please feel free to come off video, share by speaking, or by using the chat.
- This is deeply personal work – there is no pressure to share personal experiences.
- This is a learning space – we acknowledge that there can be fear about saying the wrong thing and encourage everyone to create discussion spaces that enable people to learn from and with one another.

https://tinyurl.com/45d2scy6
• You will automatically be placed in a breakout room for a small group discussions.
• The chat function will work for your breakout group. If you have a question, you can press the “Ask for Help” button.
• If you get kicked out of the group, you will return to the main meeting room. A facilitator can place you back in your group.
• We will broadcast time reminders and give a one-minute warning to wrap up conversations.
• Breakout rooms will close automatically and you will return to the main meeting room.