

Good evening members of Council and city staff,

My name is Kate Cavazza and I am the Bicycle Program Manager at Sustain Charlotte.

Tonight, we want to thank you for beginning the process of instituting transportation choices for our City in 2018.

- Earlier this year, you allocated full funding for the Bicycle Program
- Doubled funding for the pedestrian program
- Launched and funded a program to create a Vision Zero action plan by the end of the year
- Created a plan for transit oriented development districts
- Successfully pioneered a permitting process for dockless bike share and scooters
- And passed update to the neighborhood traffic calming policy

We have made progress, but we still have a long way to go. 2018 has been the most dangerous year ever for pedestrians in Charlotte with 28 people killed on our streets.

We urge you to make bold decisions on infrastructure projects and enforcement in 2019 that protect our most vulnerable street users who walk, bike, take transit, and choose e-mobility options. Together, let's work to prioritize people in our public spaces.

It's not just Sustain Charlotte advocating for safer streets. Tonight we bring to you the support of over 2,100 area residents who signed our Get There CLT statement of support, which you've been given a copy of.

Their voices join ours in asking you to support ongoing funding to implement:

- The Charlotte WALKS Pedestrian Plan, with more crossing opportunities and sidewalks on our busiest streets.
- The Charlotte BIKES Bicycle Plan including more protected infrastructure and implementation of a bicycle network map.
- Charlotte's commitment to Vision Zero, including implementation of the action plan.
- CATS' Envision My Ride initiative to increase frequency of service on key bus routes.
- Completion of the projects in the 2030 Transit Corridor System Plan.

Thank you for your time and we all look forward to working with you in 2019.