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Hello!

My name is Mary Kulas and I teach at Leithold Music downtown.

I wanted to say removing parking on 3rd and 4th will be a huge detriment to downtown businesses. At all hours of the weekday those parking spots are full, I know because many a student has been late to lessons due to not being able to park anywhere near the building, sometime ls even at 8pm at night. If their grandparents are bringing them or a couple parents are somewhat disabled, it's even harder if they need to park farther away to try and get to the building. Also, I haven't seen hardly any bikes using the designated bike lanes in front of the Center so why would removing the convenience of street parking in favor of bikes be helpful? It would not. Also in winter it is often hard downtown to walk on the sidewalks because they are slippery or not yet shoveled because the snow happened that day, so to make people walk from parking ramps farther away and make it potentially more dangerous to come to lessons or come to shop is just silly. More inconvenience due to bike lanes that likely won't be used and highly likely won't be used half of the year from November-April or May due to snow and ice is just asinine.

It was also ridiculous to remove parking from half of 6th Street so now older people have a hard time getting to church and now you're going to discourage people from shopping or eating downtown and businesses will be forced to close because a very few number of people would like to bike through downtown on two of the busiest streets there when they could easily go a block north to 5th with less traffic or a block south to a bike lane already installed and rarely utilized. It is a ridiculous plan. Please vote to keep parking on the streets to let people come downtown and easily enjoy all it has to offer.

Thank you for reading!

Mary Kulas