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Dear La Crosse Council Members,

I am writing to share my strong support for Alternative 1, the option that includes protected bike lanes on 3rd & 4th Streets.

This project is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make our downtown safer, more connected, and more vibrant. Adding protected bike lanes will make it easier for people to move through downtown (in any mode!).

I know some people are worried about parking - this seems to be largely based on misinformation, as I know we have more than 3,000 parking spaces in surplus currently. Perhaps we could explore making more parking ramp spaces easier to access or free in conjunction with the bike lane project to support all voices in this matter.

Other cities that have made this kind of investment have seen the return tenfold - it supports local business and creates more vibrant, welcoming streets.

PLEASE choose the option that supports the people living in La Crosse and the future of La Crosse we want to co-create.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important decision.

Sincerely,  
Christa Kiersch (*mother, neighbor, educator*)