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Hello Council members,

I am emailing in support of bike lanes in downtown La Crosse (Option 1). It is important that we support alternative methods of transportation that help keep more cars off the road and encourage people to safely ride their bikes or walk when practical and safe.

Bikes help lower our dependence on oil, pollute less, improve our quality of health, mitigate climate change, relieve stress, and contribute to a more healthy population.

The bike lanes in downtown La Crosse on Second Street are a noble first effort but fall into the category of "continuous improvement." They need design enhancements. They are confusing to both cyclists and motorists. In their present state, they divide us rather than unite us, and they are an accident waiting to happen, if it hasn't already happened. But I applaud the effort. Failure is an essential first step in successfully resolving a mission to share the roads.

Please let me know if I can help.

Sincerely,

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