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I sat in my office at Second and State for years. (Maybe 30 years) Then one day we lost a traffic and parking lane outside our windows. I waited a month before seeing one cyclist use the bike lane which had been a parking lane for cars, many were our cars saving us parking costs. The use of the lane has increased since then but not by much, very few per day. And some people on bikes still use the sidewalks. Those parking lanes were also used by customers to the stores downtown. Not much anymore. And the cost had to be high with new lights and signs and street painting and hardware to make lanes. Well, we'll talk to the mayor about the problem. That was a waste of time through three or four of them while in office. We were somewhat lucky because we could rent a spot to park across the street in the Cleary lot, and still do. If a shopper wants to buy from a store, it's not easy to find a close spot, almost anywhere downtown with the decreasing number of convenient spots. And still hardly any bikes using the bike lanes.

What a mess! What a slap from city hall! La Crosse is the best city I've ever lived in and I want to be able to say that until I croak.

Please help!

Dick Record