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Hello council members,

I'm a city resident who bikes, walks and drives to get around La Crosse. I am writing with enthusiastic support for alternative 1 on the WI DOT corridor study which includes parking protected bicycle lanes.

I encourage you all to support this option despite the parking removal, because it increases options for transportation to and through downtown, including by the high proportion of non drivers (up to 40% of city). Unlike the other alternative that continues incentivizing personal automobiles, establishing protected lanes is consistent with our climate action plan.

The chance to put this type of infrastructure in place comes infrequently and I hope you can be forward thinking about the direction the city is heading. Young workers and families want to live in a place where they can walk and bike, both to work and for recreation. This option helps create that type of city in La Crosse.

I would also point out prior studies showing an abundance of parking as is downtown, the fact that alternative two also removes parking and does not add any bicycle facilities, and that there is research that can assure the business community that adding bicycle lanes at the expense of less car parking does not tend to harm revenues. It helps create the downtown we all want to linger in.

Thank you,

Jake Larkin