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I would ask these questions..

Who are the people that are supporting bike lanes on 3rd and 4th streets?

Are they residents of La Crosse? How many emails have you gotten from those who DO NOT live in La Crosse. Their voices shouldn't matter. I have paid property taxes on my home in La Crosse for 41 years.

Are they business owners or managers of businesses in downtown La Crosse?

These are the voices that should matter as those are the ones impacted by this decision. Those whose financial success depends on customers are the voices that should resonate with each of you.

Look in a mirror and ask yourself these questions. Honestly answer these questions and you will realize that bike lanes are not the correct decision.

Have you seen the redo of 6th Street from Cass to King Streets? Parking has been eliminated on one side of the street and there are two new bike lanes. The many members of the St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral Church now have lost more than a dozen parking spaces. Senior citizens being forced to walk further to attend Mass.

Your logic with continuing to add unused bike lanes is beyond common sense. I am very involved in numerous projects in La Crosse which keeps me on the move around town on a daily basis. The lanes on Jackson Street are fine but they are never used. The Second Street lanes are never used and make no sense given the high foot traffic on event days at the La Crosse Center.

One council member said in an email to me that bike lanes are "divisive". I would agree because people see they are rarely used. Why do we continue with this pattern of appeasing a small minority? It would be one thing if these lanes were used but they are not.

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I think of you in silence and often say your name. All we have are memories and pictures in frames.

You can support our efforts to shine a light on mental health and suicide issues by donating to the Joe Was Just Joe Foundation. Thank you!!!!