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Esteemed Council Members --

My name is Sam Wood, and I've been a resident of La Crosse for the past 16 years. I wholeheartedly support the addition of protected bike lanes on 3rd and 4th Streets. Moreover, I support (protected) bike lanes just about everywhere in town.

My family is a one-car household, so we do drive, but we own multiple bicycles, and it is our primary form of transportation for work, recreation, and volunteer activities.

While La Crosse has made steps toward improving bicycle infrastructure, it simply isn't enough. Owning and using an automobile is increasingly the provenience of the wealthy. Nearly everyone can afford and safely operate a bicycle; the same is increasingly rare for autos.

Additionally, there is a surfeit of parking downtown. Non-residents hurl hollow threats of avoiding downtown businesses if there isn't immediate and free parking. Nonsense. We have a vibrant downtown, and making it safer for pedestrians and cyclists will only add to that vibrancy.

Please, do the right thing: support non-motorist infrastructure. It's better for all stakeholders.

Sincerely,

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