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Hello La Crosse city council members,

I am a City La Crosse resident and regular bike commuter who uses the lane on 2nd street downtown to access local businesses and events. For example, tonight I rode from the UWL campus, to Turtle Stack brewery (owned by my partner), and then on to the Pump House for an event, then home to the south side of La Crosse. I am in favor of accepting the grant funding and putting in a fully protected bike lane with cement barriers to protect cyclists.

The 2nd Street bike corridor provides an easy and accessible way for people to move through and to the downtown area, reducing congestion in our parking ramps and streets, and providing a healthy and environmentally friendly way for people to access small businesses. Investing in bike infrastructure like these more permanent protections will make cyclists feel safer in the bike lane and may discourage cars from "accidentally" or intentionally turning into the bike area.

While this improvement for cyclists has already decreased the width of vehicle traffic lanes on 2nd street, which can make the road feel more congested, I suggest a solution is encouraging the diversion of semi traffic away from 2nd street whenever possible. Although controversial, I see the bike lane as an effort for the city of La Crosse to provide infrastructure comparable to larger communities like Madison, WI, where I was a cyclist for years. I always felt safe on the roads and trails in Madison; La Crosse is much less friendly to cyclists, despite our smaller community size over all. Please support a fully-protected bike lane on 2nd street.

Thanks for your consideration,  
-Heather Walder

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