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Dear La Crosse Common Council Members,

Please support adding protected bike lanes on 3rd and 4th Streets. I visit downtown occasionally to shop and eat and play with my family, but I would much more with the addition of protected bike lanes. Frankly, the criticism that existing bike lanes are not used is incorrect, but their usage would increase substantially if it were safe to get to them from other paths and streets - many of the bike routes are broken and disconnected. No wonder they are not used to their full potential.

This project is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make our downtown safer, more connected, and ready for the future. Adding protected bike lanes will make it easier for people to move through downtown — whether they drive, walk, or bike — without taking any options away.

Downtown already has more than 3,000 parking spaces in surplus, so we can afford to make space for people. Cities that have made this kind of investment have seen it support local business and create more vibrant, welcoming streets.

Please choose the option that reflects the future I want for La Crosse — a city built around connection, choice, and people.

Thank you for your time and for considering this important decision.

Sincerely,
Zach Brown