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Dear La Crosse Common Council Members,

I want to express my support for Alternative 1, the option that includes protected bike lanes on 3rd and 4th Streets.

I bike to downtown La Crosse from Onalaska multiple times per week. I prefer to shop, dine and seek entertainment in La Crosse as there are more small business options than anywhere else in the surrounding communities. I stop and spend money at multiple places every time I come to town.

I avoid driving whenever possible. So bicycle infrastructure is very important to me. 3rd and 4th streets are where a majority of the places I frequent are located. Biking on these streets is a risky endeavor with the excess speeds cars travel at and the blind dogleg curve at Pearl Street.

La Crosse has made significant improvements in bicycle infrastructure over the last 10-15 years. I hope that trend continues. As an avid cyclist I feel I am taking risks anytime I ride on these two streets.

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 we want for La Crosse — a city built around connection, choice, and people.

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

Sincerely,
Jim Cavanaugh