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I support wholeheartedly what Dave Clements stated in his email to you earlier below. There have and will continue to be projects sacrificed for the sake of leaning heavily into bump outs, neighborhood traffic circles and a planned overabundance of bike lanes. Please strive to find balance.

Regards,

Brian Harris

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"I have lived in the City of La Crosse for 41 years, owning my home for all those years. Please understand that I love what has been done with the roundabouts on South Avenue and at 7<sup>th</sup> and Cass Streets. I believe in progress but I am also concerned about things that are not business friendly.

I traveled into downtown La Crosse twice on Saturday, November 8. Once in the early afternoon and once at 5:30. I drove all around the downtown area checking on the use of the street parking. Both 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets were full of vehicles in the entire downtown area. This was a Saturday which means these were consumers and not people working.

The removal of parking from Cass Street to La Crosse Street on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> is a terrible idea and will have an absolutely negative impact on food, beverage and retail business in this area.

There is no logical reason to remove parking from these streets and if you have not spent time in this area reviewing the use of these parking spots you are not doing your job.

Since I have your attention, I would also point out that the city spent over \$42 million to upgrade one of the City's largest investments, the La Crosse Center. I am in downtown La Crosse multiple days a week and I can tell you in the last five years I have seen less than 25 people using these bike lanes.

It's ridiculous that these lanes impact the access to the La Crosse Center. I also question the legality of bike lanes going against traffic with the current design on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The changes made to Cass Street from West Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Street are a joke. Fire trucks cannot make turns at any of these corners. Additionally, the forcing of sidewalks to the 28<sup>th</sup> Street area between Cass and Main Streets is an egregious waste of taxpayer dollars and the residents in this area were definitely opposed to their installation.

I am guessing most of you have not driven in this area to view what was done to a neighborhood that doesn't want people walking so close to their homes that they can easily view into their living rooms. Plus, now they have sidewalks to shovel all winter long. You could keep the northside library open if this ridiculous change had not happened.

## The City Planning Department is totally out of control.

We are the silent majority who continue to pay our property taxes but are constantly being ignored because we are not vocal.

Removing parking from downtown streets is a terrible mistake! I would welcome your email at [clements.djc@gmail](mailto:clements.djc@gmail.com) or a phone call to my cell phone at 608-397-3336.

David J. Clements"

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