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Hello,

I've been following both this agenda item and the one regarding the partial vacation of 12th Street.

My concern is that the discussion has been overly focused on parking, with little to no recognition of other modes of transportation. I haven't heard transit mentioned once—despite the fact that not one, but *two* transit lines run directly adjacent to this property and the area impacted by the proposed street vacation.

From a sustainability standpoint, this project offers significant merit. Its density, proximity to destinations, transit-oriented development potential, and mixed-use component all align with strategies to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions—the largest single source of emissions in the City of La Crosse.

While the street vacation adds a layer I don't fully understand, I hope future development discussions will treat transit as a legitimate, accessible mode of transportation. I'll also add: density and transit are a match made in heaven.

Thank you,
Andrew Ericson
Non-driver