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2025 Des Moines City Council Candidate Survey

6. Street & Bridge Investments

Each year, millions in CIP funds are invested in street and bridge projects. Some of these improve safety and expand walking, biking, or transit options, while others primarily maintain car travel. Under what circumstances would you support pausing or canceling street and bridge projects that don't expand transportation choices beyond driving?

We live in the worst climate for maintenance of concrete, asphalt and steel. Our bridges aren't repaired soon enough. Our zoning ordinance correctly supports greater density along transit routes. The city is in the process of modifying the tax abatement schedule to focus financial incentives toward bus corridors.

How should the City balance maintenance of existing roads and bridges with investments in other transportation options?

See above. We already stopped/slowed maintenance of alleys.