



## Street Collective 2024 Des Moines City Council Candidate Survey

This questionnaire serves to educate and inform the Collective's members and the public. The Collective is an Iowa non-profit corporation and 501(c)(3) organization, **so it does not endorse candidates for office**. The Collective will, however, encourage all citizens to vote in the city elections held on Tuesday March 19.

### Instructions

The following questionnaire will be used for candidates to express their thoughts and ideas on topics related to improving walking, biking and transit. Answers may be as concise or lengthy as you desire, and we welcome your thoughts on how the Street Collective can better fulfill its mission in Des Moines.

Please note – because so many of these issues often come down to the ability to fund projects, we have included a separate funding question at the end as opposed to factoring it into every question.

Submit responses to [jeremy@dsmstreetcollective.org](mailto:jeremy@dsmstreetcollective.org) by Thursday, March 7.

The following week, the Collective will begin to post these responses online. All responses should be considered public, including a decision not to respond to a particular question or the questionnaire as a whole.

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name:

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Website:

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### Walkability:

The current budget plan aims to fill 180 miles of existing sidewalk gaps by 2040. Do you believe this timeline adequately prioritizes pedestrian safety on key streets? If not, what strategies would you propose to expedite this process?

### Public Transit:

Given the recent proposal by the City to allocate additional funding of 3.5 million in the next two years to aid DART, alongside the consideration of a 2.5% franchise fee for future transit expenses, what steps would you take to address DART's financial challenges and ensure its long-term? Do you support a fully funded franchise fee in conjunction with the general funds?

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## **Transportation Spending Priorities:**

There was significant interest at this week's budget hearings regarding increasing spending on building more sidewalks and implementing local traffic calming projects, how do you propose to capitalize on this momentum to enhance pedestrian safety and improve traffic conditions in our city? What specific strategies would you prioritize to ensure that these additional funds are effectively utilized to address the needs of our community?

## **Denser Development and Mixed-Use Areas:**

Encouraging denser development and mixed-use areas can enhance community walkability. Do you support initiatives to repurpose car-oriented infrastructure, like surface parking lots, in favor of mixed-use and multi-family developments along major streets?

## **Safety Measures for Bicyclists:**

To enhance bicyclist safety, do you endorse the installation of physical separators such as bollards, planters and curbs between street lanes and buffered bike lanes? How would you prioritize implementing such measures?

## **Vision Zero:**

Improving safety on our most hazardous roads may involve reallocating space and resources. Do you support redesigning our most dangerous roadways if this means eliminating some travel lanes and parking spaces for cars? For example, do you support the lane reductions and other traffic calming measures of Euclid Ave, Douglas Ave, and similar future similar projects?

## **Personal Travel Habits**

How do you typically commute to work? Describe your experience traveling in and around Des Moines and what you would do to improve it.