



Rob Barron – Ward 1 City Council Candidate Survey Responses

1. Personal Experience & Vision

How often do you personally walk, bike, or ride transit in Des Moines?

My family and I walk our neighborhood everyday. Whether it is walking the dog, walking to see friends, or walking to the Beavertdale shops. I also bike regularly to work and for pleasure.

Share an experience—whether as a driver, pedestrian, bicyclist, or transit rider—that shaped your views on transportation here.

Two years ago I crashed my bike on my way to the gym in the early morning. The crash was my fault for not going my typical route, but I have since reflected that I lacked a safe route to downtown that offered me consistent access to bike infrastructure. Even if it took longer to get there, I would have been safer riding on bike infrastructure that was connected, something we lack in present-day Des Moines.

In one sentence, describe your vision for what Des Moines should look like in 10 years for people who walk, bike, and ride transit.

Des Moines will have a commonsense, well-connected series of roads and trails, designed for walking, biking, and riding, that offer residents and visitors choice and convenience no matter which form of transportation they choose.