



Josh Mandelbaum (Ward 3) running unopposed for re-election
City Council Candidate Survey Responses

1. Personal Experience & Vision

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

I walk regularly for recreation and transportation purposes. I work downtown and while I drive into work, I will walk to meetings and occasionally bike. I rarely take transit.

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

Several years ago, when my car was in the shop for repair, I decided to use it as an opportunity to live without a car. I was able to commute to work easily – I live just off of Ingersoll with regular transit. I had significantly less flexibility. I had to alter meeting locations and timing, and I was less available to help with the kids. The lesson: I could make life without a car work, but I couldn't make it convenient. We should be striving to make it convenient.

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

No matter how one travels, everyone should be able to get to the things you need to make life work (e.g. – job, health care, child care) and the things that make life great (e.g. restaurants, cultural amenities).