

Endi Montalvo-Martinez (At-Large Candidate) 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?

I would support pausing projects that only expand car travel, like widening roads, if they don't also improve safety and create more options for people to walk, bike, or ride transit.

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

Keeping existing infrastructure safe is important, and new investments should move us closer to a city where people don't have to rely on a car for every trip. By balancing basic maintenance with forward-looking investments, Des Moines can build a transportation system that works for everyone.