



Rob Barron – Ward 1 City Council Candidate Survey Responses

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?

Based on some of the thousands of conversations I've had with Ward 1 residents since the beginning of my campaign, I'm very worried that in terms of infrastructure the city is falling behind their expectations. Whether it is human needs funding or infrastructure expenditures, I will be pushing to ensure that the city is making meaningful investments in the lives of the taxpayers in all our neighborhoods.

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

I want to invest in modernizing our roadways to better serve pedestrians and bicyclists, but our priority has to be maintenance of existing roadways. The problem at the root of all of this is that the state has made it so much harder for cities and towns in Iowa to maintain infrastructure by restricting our use of property tax revenue