



CeCe Ibson – 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?**
- **How should the City balance maintenance of existing roads and bridges with investments in other transportation options?**

Experts agree that the best strategies for creating and maintaining safe and inclusive urban areas are those that aim to reduce driving and prioritize public and other means of transportation including cycling and walking. We need safe bridges and streets for all modes of transport. But those projects should incorporate protected lanes, ideally with vertical buffers as we have on some of the downtown area bridges. We need to remember that these projects are often multi-jurisdictional so local voices are competing with those at the state and federal level. So I am not entirely sure that a City Council can unilaterally pause or cancel street and bridge projects. In areas within our exclusive control, we have broad discretion to require, for example, protected lanes as part of the bidding/contracting process and I would certainly support that.