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Interest: I am very interested in seeing that our city's infrastructure meets the demands of an ever growing bicycle and pedestrian community now and in the future. I believe there is a large demand for safer rights of way for pedestrians and bicyclists especially as population increases and automobile density increases. Awareness and respect for pedestrians and bicyclists needs a big boost. People do bike and walk. And they would do it even more if we provide safe access to them. There is a sense of us against them when you are not in a car and out in the city. But the fact is that we are all the same people. Walking down the road doesn't mean your indigent or disenfranchized. It may simply mean your not in your car - which is not such a bad thing. I want to see positive changes in my lifetime here in bloomington and I want do my part to see these changes happen.

Qualifications: I am a long term bloomington resident and a local business owner. I ride my bike to work or walk everyday even though I own a car. I have lived in many cities and have always been sensitive to the public infrastructure and policies that cities provide for it's citizens with regards to bikes and peds. Over the years I have found that all of the vibrant successful communities I have lived in or visited took care of the non-motorized portion on the population. I have also seen in these communities a direct reflection of how well the motorized community adapts and responds to a healthy bike and ped community. My direct, active experience has made me a real advocate for bicyclists and pedestrians. This advocacy has put me in touch with many people and caused me to look into the history and reasoning behind transportation in our community. Being a car owner and driver I am also aware of things on the other side and realize that we do have the ability to have things both ways. Very easily in fact. We can drive, walk and bike in our city safely and happily.

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