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To Whom it may concern,

As a downtown business owner, the decision to set aside space on Superior Street or not for bicycles is a perplexing one. Causing intrigue to consumers to travel downtown is so important for a vibrant and successful city, and having multiple ways for them to travel would be a good path to that goal. However, for our particular situation, our particular street dimensions, bike lanes simply do not work. There already is a huge parking problem and even though people can argue that automobiles are not advantageous to the environment, they are still the number 1 mode of transportation for the majority of Duluthians. Furthermore, I can not foresee a situation where a person on a bicycle can logistically travel downtown and purchase an item and physically bring it home with them. So in no way can bicycle traffic help the retail market downtown.

With that being said, Bicycling on Michigan Street is not the answer either. It is already a cluttered area for pedestrians, automobile traffic and shipping and receiving logistics. 1st Street is too cluttered as well. 2nd Street is the only alternative I see for a bicycle lane. I know that isn't ideal, it is the only thing that makes sense for great good our growing city.

Thank you