



These 2024 mobility questionnaire responses are not endorsements by the collaborating organizations. Rather, the questionnaire prompts candidates with issues that are significant to our members and clients and meant to educate the community on how candidates may address the issues if elected.

**Candidate Name:**

Andy Friederichs

**Candidacy:**

Ward 4 - City Councilor

**Questions & Responses:**

1. **What mode(s) of transportation do you most often use within Rochester and why?**  
Small truck. Carry tools for maintenance calls.
2. **Do you feel safe walking, using a motorized wheelchair or other mobility device (such as a scooter), or even bicycling to make short and medium-length trips within the community? Why or why not?**  
Depends on the area. But generally yes. The trails within Rochester I find nice.
3. **How could the city better promote and incentivize alternatives to driving, thereby increasing accessibility for people of all ages and abilities? This encompasses walking, bicycling, public transportation options, scooters, etc.**  
Continue to improve and implement what we have a good start on. Being bike lanes, trails, and the efforts between city, county, mayo, and private citizens.
4. **About 30% of the US population cannot or do not drive motor vehicles for a number of reasons. How could the city make it safer and more accessible for individuals to utilize alternative modes of transportation throughout Rochester and downtown?**  
Great question. I would listen to experts Also seek advice from similar sized cities that have had success with efforts. I am not an expert but I enjoy learning.

5. **What do you think the city's policy should be on shared micromobility devices such as electric scooters and bicycle fleets, including e-bikes?**

The lime scooters are left like litter in several spots often. How a company can store them on private property free of charge is beyond me. I use them. But I park them back in public areas where other people can use them. They are handy. That's another great question. Once again, ask people and our other cities what they have had success with.

6. **We often hear that neighbors feel unsafe walking, rolling and riding through their own neighborhoods. What can the City do to make streets safer?**

Slow down in residential. I believe we have lowered to 25 in town unless makes. Great progress. Go hard on cell phone use while driving. A healthy ticket gets the word out and makes people hang up. Talk and listen your neighbors. If we hear the same thing often enough, there is probably merit to it.

7. **What could the city of Rochester do to increase the number of parents who feel safe letting their children walk, bike or roll to school?**

Police presence in school areas. Well laid out crosswalks and biking areas. Ensure streets and sidewalks are lit well. Along with proper signage and street markings.

8. **How could the city improve access throughout the community year-round and especially during the winter months for people with disabilities who require the use of wheelchairs or other mobility devices, as well as for those who walk, bike or roll?**

Winter is tough one here in Minnesota!! Make sure our paths of travel clean and ice free as possible.

9. **What are your thoughts on creating a pedestrian (walk/roll) access bridge and multi-use trail connections under the bridge at Broadway near Silver Lake? See links for more**

information: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/61ce2d6bcd2442c1a3960b060695f98d&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1719358516520934&usg=AOvVaw2cgGfCjJ8kBZeenoZ0rChx>, <https://www.rochestermn.gov/government/departments/administration/city-projects/-item-11639/-seltag-20>

Sounds neat. It's important to look at all options and make a good choice based upon community consensus. I like anything that brings people out more to enjoy our city.

**10. What are your thoughts on the 6th Street Bridge options and their impact to improve human-scale connectivity while providing safe routes to travel?** See link for more information: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/398253201757432cacb97a22893fb8bc>

Looks like it improve a tired area. As well as add recreational amenities.