

Obey traffic laws on your bicycle? You may not be in the majority in La Crosse.

City council president Audrey Kader this week expressed a little frustration that bicyclists were more often than not ignoring traffic laws. Police sergeant Kirk Flatten concedes more enforcement of bicycle rules could help that problem. He says, when there's more enforcement of traffic laws with cars and trucks, the compliance rates for those traffic laws increases. And the same is probably true for bicyclists as well. But Flatten says education also helps to get those on bikes more inclined to obey the rules of the road.

Kader's rip on bicyclists comes at the same time the city council is poised to adopt new rules that mandate at least a consideration of adding things like bike lanes when planning road construction projects