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City of Saskatoon Transportation Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to submit recommendations regarding the Bicycle Bylaw.

We appreciate that the City is aligning its bylaws with other Canadian municipalities making it legal for people under 14 to ride on sidewalks. In our submission to Council our group supported this amendment as well as providing the following additional recommendations:

**Remove the blanket prohibition against cycling on sidewalks and replace this with:**

- **area restrictions as to where and how cycling on sidewalks can be safely conducted; and**
- **allow people to ride bikes on sidewalks at pedestrian speed if the street is or has become hazardous**

We have reviewed the BID consultation documentation provided to the COS Transportation Committee. **We recommend that the bylaw restrict under 14 years of age cycling only on the commercial or business areas of the identified streets.**

Significant sections of 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, Broadway Avenue and Central Avenue are residential, family-oriented and include multiple unit housing. Additionally, many lower income families live on these streets and are often reliant on riding bikes for activities of daily living, such as getting to school, libraries, and other youth-oriented activities.

We appreciate there is a need to consider the needs of pedestrians; like other citizens we are firstly pedestrians and then cyclists. We consider it a high priority to ensure the safety of both groups in the City's Active Transportation planning efforts. Our group recommends that the next stage of consultation in implementing the Bicycle Bylaw be a focus on streets that are unsafe for bike riding, including, for example, significant portions of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Street West and Clarence Avenue. Portions of these sidewalks, as well as others that may be identified, should be considered for designation as shared use pathways for people of all ages.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Board of Directors, Saskatoon Cycles