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Subject Speed limit on McOrmond Drive

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Comments

I am writing today in support of a consistent speed limit along McOrmond Drive, specifically to support an increased speed limit in the 50 kph zone through the Northeast Swale.

I am a commuter that drives this route every day to and from work. I understand that the 50 kph speed limit is out of concern for wildlife interactions in the area of the Northeast Swale. There is no data to support this lower speed limit. From my understanding, SGI does not provide pinpoint locations of wildlife collisions, so it would be difficult to determine how the speed limit is affecting collisions with wildlife. However, I have heard from proponents of the lower speed limit that having no wildlife collisions in the area is a mark of success. I would argue that the lower speed limit cannot definitively be attributed a low number of wildlife interactions/collisions in the area. I do not feel the low number of wildlife collisions is enough to warrant lower speeds. Certainly there are other areas of the city with the same amount or more wildlife in the area where nearby roads have speeds above 50 kph. A speed limit of 60 kph would keep a consistent speed along McOrmond all the way from College Drive past Central Avenue, where the speed increases to 70 kph as drivers approach the commuter bridge.

For the amount of capital funding that was spent on this project, I would think that the City of Saskatoon would like to encourage residents to utilize this route. The current speed limit and speed changes along McOrmond Drive are a deterrent for drivers. This road was built as a commuter pathway to move traffic in the North and Northeast areas of Saskatoon, and the slower speeds do not contribute to good traffic flow.

Please consider a consistent speed limit of 60 kph on McOrmond Drive for the high number of residents of the Northeast who utilize this route daily, and to encourage more drivers to use this route.

Thank you,

Amber Fusco Attachments

The results of this submission may be viewed at: