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Email - Communication - Kelsey Olson - Motion to Increase Speed Limits Near the Northeast Swale - CK 6320-1

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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject Motion to increase speed limits near the Northeast Swale

Meeting (if known)

Comments

I am writing to voice my concerns about the motion to raise the speed limits near the Northeast Swale. I do not support the motion and would like them to remain at 50 kph.

Why I'm concerned:

- The Northeast Swale is an important diverse ecosystem and we need to respect that through action and proper protection
- If they are enforced and respected, lower speed limits save animals lives and reduce animal-vehicle collisions
- 50 kph was chosen based on the 2012 Northeast Swale development guidelines which states "Posted maximum speed should be 50 kph to reduce wildlife interactions."
- The sections of road at 60 kph & 70 kph have seen animal mortality while the 50 kph zone has not, showing both the effectiveness of a lower speed limit and the presence of wildlife
- If Council approves the speed limit change, it will be yet another decision about the Swale based on politics rather than science.