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I do not intend to speak. My attached written submission is intended for the SPCOT-meeting on 1 February 2021, but I hope that my submission will also go to Council if this agenda item goes there as well.
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Submission to the regular meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation on 1 February 2021 and subsequently to City Council with regard to item 7.2.1 on the SPCOT-agenda: Saskatoon Transportation Master Plan (dated January 1, 2021)

Your Worship and Councillors, my name is Peter Gallén:

I am pleased to see that the City of Saskatoon has developed a *Transportation Master Plan*, because without a plan there will be no clear goals nor will there be a concerted effort to achieve them. I presume that the intent of this Plan is to provide that direction for many years to come.

However, if the Plan before you today is indeed the long-term direction for our entire transportation system then I am disappointed.

This Plan tries to be scrupulously neutral between the various modes of transportation, such as private vehicles, public transit, and active transportation. The reality is that all modes of transportation are *not* equally beneficial and some modes can do harm. For example:

- Some modes of transportation regularly kill or injure innocent participants in the public space, while others do not.
- Some modes of transportation facilitate mobility for children and youth, who constitute at least one-third of the population, while others actually limit their mobility.
- Some modes of transportation create greenhouse gases that drive the Climate Catastrophe, while others do not.

At least one-third of the greenhouse gases that drive the Climate Catastrophe are generated by our current transportation systems (the other two-thirds being power generation, industry and the heating of buildings). Also, Canada is committed to reducing current greenhouse gases by one-third before the year 2030. This deadline is just around the corner. Given these facts, I suggest that Climate Change needs to be the real driver behind Saskatoon's new *Transportation Master Plan*. Unfortunately in the report before you today, I do not see a strong enough commitment to making the fundamental changes needed in our transportation system.

It is my great hope that Council will request a more ambitious Transportation Plan for Saskatoon. I would also remind you that the City's *Triple Bottom Line Policy* is an excellent tool for evaluating strategies and projects.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

P.S. For an excellent book written in layman's terms on the drivers behind Climate Change, I recommend James Hansen's ***Storms of My Grandchildren: The Truth About the Coming Climate Catastrophe And Our Last Chance to Save Humanity***. Dr. Hansen is the respected American Climate Scientist who back in the 1980s alerted us to this problem. More importantly, James Hansen is also the very scientist who showed us the mechanisms for how and why climate change happens. After implementing the required technologies and conducting the measurements he provided the proof for the current Climate Change. By comparing the current situation to half-a-million years of recorded data, he also outlined our dire future. In his retirement James Hansen has placed himself in situations where he was arrested for continuing to peacefully but publicly protest against further Climate Change.