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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject Saskatoon Freeway Update (item 7.2.2)

Meeting (if known) SPC on Transportation and Council

Comments

I understand there are many in the city who will be disappointed that the provincial government has decided to terminate plans for the Saskatoon Freeway, but I hope Council will also look on the bright side.

Not building 55 kilometres of four-lane highway will save taxpayers billions of dollars. Even more importantly it will save some of our city's precious wetlands and native grasslands, rare intact ecosystems that can help us handle climate change and our own mental health. Now is the time to re-wild, not further destroy nature.

And it looks like the world is at a turning point. COP26 will usher in enormous change as the world pledges to go carbon neutral. Trucks may well be replaced by trains, a more efficient way to move cargo. And building car-dependent suburbs is probably a losing strategy as young people may prefer to invest in mobile homes to escape extreme weather events (hopefully solar powered!)

It's probably time to pause and see which way the wind blows, not to let ourselves be locked into massive debt and an obsolete transportation system.

I urge Council to congratulate the provincial government on its wise decision to stop spending money on the Saskatoon Freeway. It was a project for the 20th, not the 21st, century.

Attachments

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No

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