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Hello,

I would like to speak to the attached letter from Walking Saskatoon.

Thanks in advance,

Warrick

Attachments

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## **Walking Saskatoon Society Inc.**

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November 26, 2021

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
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Dear Mayor and Members of City Council,

We are writing today with regard to the funding of capital projects that support active transportation. Of the four pedestrian-oriented projects in Budget 2022/23 up for deliberation, we are advocating for funding of the Meewasin Trail upgrades and the Dudley Street Corridor. Investments in active transportation corridors are needed to increase the mode share for active transportation. Having more people using active transportation improves the overall health and well-being of residents, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Meewasin Valley Trail system is a highlight of the river valley, and contributes significantly to the quality of life of many residents in Saskatoon. Funding for this project will help improve the trail system across the City, including River Heights, Kinsmen Park, and along Circle Drive south by the Gordie Howe Bridge. Wider pathways in high traffic areas of the trail will make conditions safer for pedestrians and cyclists, and other accessibility improvements will allow more people to enjoy the river valley and trail system. Investing in these upgrades represents an acknowledgement by Council of the benefits that the trail system brings to residents and visitors alike, and signals an on-going commitment to supporting active transportation.

With respect to the Dudley Street Corridor, people need a place to walk. Not only does this project include much-needed sidewalk infill, but additional design features also improve the accessibility and safety of pedestrian pathways and crossings. The Dudley Street Corridor will provide west side neighbourhoods such as Fairhaven, Holiday Park, King George, and Pacific Heights a safe attractive connection to the Gordie Howe Sports Complex, St. John School, the river valley and Meewasin trail system, and to the rest of the City.

We also want to voice our support for both the 14<sup>th</sup> Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Street Corridor improvements. Our choice to speak in favour of Dudley Street is more a matter of pragmatism than favouritism. Given that roadwork will be undertaken on Dudley Street, funding the project in this budget will provide for efficiencies and cost savings, beyond the wider societal benefits provided by active transportation investments relative to their costs.

On behalf of Walking Saskatoon, I thank you for your attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us on social media or via email.

Regards,

Warrick Bajjijus  
Walking Saskatoon