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Comments:

I fully support the BRT on Broadway. A few weeks ago I saw an elderly man cross the Broadway bridge from downtown. He had a walker, and moved slowly. About an hour later he walked back with his groceries. I was amazed at the distance he walked, even just down Broadway Ave, I wondered how far from downtown he had come. While this time of year is easier to walk, I worried about this man, thinking what does he do in winter, and how many other people do the same. With the food desert downtown, and more condo's being built, I can't imagine a better place to have the BRT than down Broadway Ave. It's important to think about everyone, and their abilities.

Issues of added pollution have been expressed and there is a simple technological fix, and that is electric or hydrogen buses. The city can work towards that, but this is still the best route. Not everything in life revolves around driving and parking cars. One can hope that a positive outcome from the BRT on Broadway would be that the consistent bus service would make it more convenient to bus to Broadway than to drive, which would ease the congestion that already exists.

In regards to the bike lines, I fully agree with Administration, and highly encourage Council to adopt Option 1, and establish the Downtown Active Transportation Network along 3rd Avenue, 19th Street, and 23rd Street. As a pedestrian and a biker, I know there is value in moving forward with the protected cycling network downtown. I have never felt safer biking than I do on the few raised blocks of protected bike lanes down Victoria Ave. The permanency of bike lanes will also bring more awareness to drivers that we are a city that shares the road with other modes of transportation. This should also improve bike safety.

As our city continues to grow, it's important that our Active Transportation grow with it. We need to give affordable options to our diverse residents, and having the BRT and protected bike lanes downtown would be a positive step forward.

Meghan Mickelson - Walking Saskatoon

Attachments:

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