

## Bryant, Shellie

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**From:** Jordan McCullum <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 24, 2019 10:03 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 - 10:03  
Submitted by anonymous user: 167.129.160.128  
Submitted values are:

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Jordan  
Last Name: McCullum  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED] 212 10th St E  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: Broadway BRT  
Meeting (if known):  
Comments:  
Good Morning,

I want city council to know I support having the BRT on Broadway Avenue.  
Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/303383>

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**From:** Romualdo Zwolinski <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2019 11:22 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Friday, April 26, 2019 - 11:22  
Submitted by anonymous user: 184.67.186.74  
Submitted values are:

Date: Friday, April 26, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Romualdo  
Last Name: Zwolinski  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED] 23rd St E  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: BRT & Downtown Active Transport Network  
Meeting (if known):  
Comments:  
To those whom serve our city,

I support the Downtown Active Transportation Network. Specifically Option 1 as it was detailed in the summary report. I'm partial to this option as I'm both a car commuter and a bike commuter and I also work near Circle North and live downtown. This option provides good cycle routing North via 3rd Ave crossing past 25th St.

Regarding Nutana BRT, I support Option 5 'Broadway Avenue Dedicated Lanes' as it was detailed in the summary report. I strongly believe that the changes outlined would make Broadway Avenue appear friendlier to pedestrians and increase the amount of foot traffic. I understand that there has been some concern from a few select Broadway businesses about this option however I think they are completely disregarding the amount of people who will use transit if good transit options are available.

Regarding Downtown BRT, I support Option 1 '1st Avenue BRT'.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,  
Romualdo Zwolinski  
Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/304069>

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**From:** Jesse Hagerman <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 26, 2019 5:27 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Friday, April 26, 2019 - 17:26  
Submitted by anonymous user: 216.197.220.247  
Submitted values are:

Date: Friday, April 26, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Jesse  
Last Name: Hagerman  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: Saskatoon BRT  
Meeting (if known): April 29th - Bus Rapid Transit  
Comments:

Hi,

I am a constituent living in the Mayfair neighbourhood who is entirely in support for the implementation of a Bus Rapid Transit that has dedicated bus lanes Broadway and either 1st or 3rd Avenue. I believe this BRT routing option is necessary for creating a capable transit system in Saskatoon. Bus Rapid Transit is the way of ensuring high frequency service that can be relied on by the population of Saskatoon which is forced to commute by car. It's vital that we put in these bus lanes, even if it causes the loss of a few out of the thousands of parking spaces downtown. I hope you consider my view of the situation as there a lot of commuters like myself who don't want to have to rely on cars to get around.

-Jess

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/304177>

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**From:** Julia Boughner <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 27, 2019 12:02 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 12:01  
Submitted by anonymous user: 174.2.18.11  
Submitted values are:

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Julia  
Last Name: Boughner  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): choose title  
Subject: Sustainable public transit in Saskatoon  
Meeting (if known):  
Comments:

I'm writing in support of Saskatoon City plans to lower our collective carbon emissions, including and especially with transportation. I enthusiastically encourage city council to support a more extensive city Bike Lane network, and a Bus Rapid Transit corridor on Broadway Avenue. Extensive safe cycling routes are integral for families to commute to work and to school by bike, and feel confident and comfortable doing so for as much of the year as possible.

Also, I love the "baby buses" (e.g., from Broadway to the USask) that decrease wait times and make taking the city transit system that much more of a no-brainer. Frequent buses are key to higher ridership, I agree, and please continue in this progressive direction!

Thanks for taking the time to read my letter and consider my thoughts. And thanks for all your positive actions towards supporting low-emissions and high-sustainability lifestyles on our city.  
Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/304446>

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**From:** Meghan Mickelson <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 27, 2019 8:45 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 20:45  
Submitted by anonymous user: 71.17.233.235  
Submitted values are:

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Meghan  
Last Name: Mickelson  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Walking Saskatoon  
Subject: Letter of support for BRT on Broadway Ave & protected bike lanes downtown  
Meeting (if known): CITY COUNCIL AGENDA - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**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:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/304648>

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**From:** Tracey Mitchell <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 27, 2019 11:10 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 11:09  
Submitted by anonymous user: 71.17.212.9  
Submitted values are:

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Tracey  
Last Name: Mitchell  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED] Lansdowne Ave. [REDACTED]  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: Bike Lane Network and Bus Rapid Transit  
Meeting (if known):  
Comments:

I strongly support a network of well-maintained bike lanes and the introduction of Bus Rapid Transit in Saskatoon. The more people that are out of cars, the faster traffic moves for everyone. Sustainable transportation is also important for decreasing wear and tear on roads and decreasing our greenhouse gas emissions.

For the bike lane network, I support Option 1 or 2. The lack of bike lane network is the main obstacle to increasing active transportation in the City. Please remove that barrier by approving one of the two options.

For Bus Rapid Transit, I strongly support a corridor on Broadway Avenue. There is a lot of population density around Broadway and it is also a destination for many users throughout the city. A BRT corridor on Broadway has the most potential to increase ridership and really make BRT work as it's meant to.

Please know that there is widespread support for both initiatives in the city including among many marginalized and disenfranchised folks that rely on buses and aren't in a position to speak up as loudly as some of the business leaders have been. These are your constituents too. Thank you for your time.

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/304395>

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**From:** Rangji Jeerakathil <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> on behalf of Rangji Jeerakathil <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 27, 2019 10:33 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 10:33  
Submitted by anonymous user: 71.17.146.204  
Submitted values are:

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Rangji  
Last Name: Jeerakathil  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: Broadway  
Meeting (if known): Transportation  
Comments:

I don't think it is a great idea to have dedicated bus lanes down Broadway. I would prefer a tram, if there needs to something on Broadway. I know this is more expensive, but compared to the amount we spend on roads it is probably reasonable. I might be convinced if there were examples of other cities where BRT was located on similar streets. Examples might be: 124st in Edmonton, George Street in St. John's, market square Ottawa, 17th street in Calgary. Although, Broadway is quieter than many of these locations.

I also think it is the wrong decision to have a marijuana shop so close to Victoria school. There should be at least a 1 km setback from a school ground for these types of "merchants". Marijuana is not a harmless herb in my view and why would we normalize its use with school children.

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/304371>



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**From:** Judy Montgomery <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 27, 2019 4:44 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 16:43 Submitted by anonymous user: 142.165.85.23 Submitted values are:

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name: Judy Last Name: Montgomery

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):

Subject: Rapid Transit

Meeting (if known):

Comments:

Broadway Avenue from the Broadway Bridge to 8th Street has become one of the most inviting and friendly streets in Saskatoon if not Saskatchewan. The trees, the slow pace of traffic and the friendly shop owners and shoppers all add to this ambiance. The presence of two schools on this street should also make it obvious that increasing the traffic on this street would be detrimental. The Rapid transit should not be on Broadway. Idywyld Drive and Circle Drive are the obvious choices for this route. Please consider this option as the rational choice. Thanks for your consideration.

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/304569>

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**From:** Jenny Ryan <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> on behalf of Jenny Ryan <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 27, 2019 3:55 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Saturday, April 27, 2019 - 15:54  
Submitted by anonymous user: 204.83.76.75  
Submitted values are:

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Jenny  
Last Name: Ryan  
Email:  
Address: [REDACTED] Ave I North  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: Bike Lanes and BRT  
Meeting (if known):  
Comments:

Please approve a bike lane network and a Bus Rapid Transit corridor on Broadway Avenue. The more people are in buses and on bikes the better that traffic flows for everyone, the less wear and tear on roads, and the better for the planet/reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you.

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/304548>

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**From:** Nancy Allan <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 28, 2019 6:31 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Sunday, April 28, 2019 - 18:31  
Submitted by anonymous user: 216.197.220.60  
Submitted values are:

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Nancy  
Last Name: Allan  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: BRT proposal  
Meeting (if known): I support the BRT route on Broadway Avenue  
Comments:

Dear Mayor Clark and Members of Council,  
I support the proposal for BRT along Broadway Avenue. It makes sense to have the bus routes where people go, and they go to Broadway. Frequent bus service would mean fewer people would have to drive their cars, leading to less-congested roadways and more space for those who do have to drive.  
Please don't think you have to try to please everyone: you can't. This is an opportunity to approve a proposal that would lead to better bus service and more options for citizens. It would put some heft behind the City's stated desire to support active transportation.  
Best wishes.  
Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/304954>

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**From:** Amy Kirk <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> on behalf of Amy Kirk <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 28, 2019 9:43 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Sunday, April 28, 2019 - 21:43 Submitted by anonymous user: 198.245.114.184 Submitted values are:

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name: Amy Last Name: Kirk

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] ave F north

City: saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): n/a

Subject: Support for BRT route on Broadway avenue Meeting (if known): April 29 Regular Business – Bus Rapid Transit Route and Configuration for Downtown

Comments:

I am writing to voice my support for dedicated lanes for BRT routes on Broadway avenue, and either 1st or 3rd ave downtown.

As person with an invisible disability, and as a person who works with socially and economically disadvantaged people, many of whom also have disabilities, I see on a daily basis, the impact that lack of access to a personal vehicle can have, within the context of urban life in a city that centers many of it's decisions around motorists. I myself had to purchase a vehicle and stop using city transit a few years ago following an injury and the worsening of my invisible disability. I was lucky to be able to do so, and I know many people don't have that option. I have used public transit in other provinces and countries and had far fewer issues meeting my needs with that form of transportation, but in Saskatoon I was finding it impossible to get to appointments, therapies, and get all my errands done using city transit. I truly believe moving towards more BRT routes and investments in public transportation would allow me and many other people to lead healthier lives, and would also transform the city in positive ways.

This is a human rights issues, and to consult with "business owners" on the proposed BRT routes and to suggest that they have equal say in this matter is also ableist and unjust. To limit or alter routes, in the interest of business owners and motorists, is to place the importance of business and capitalism over the importance of each community member's attempts at upward mobility, health, and connection to community. The impact of proposed BRT route options on business owners and the impact on community members is not symmetrical and should not be treated as such. Safe mobility is a human right. Owning a business is not.

Not only do I think that city council should oppose options 2 and 3 (mixed lanes/no change). You should also take an active and progressive approach toward engaging and calling in opponents, de-polarize the issue using whatever access you have to different media.

Thank you,  
Amy

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/305034>

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**From:** Jared Stephenson <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 28, 2019 11:09 PM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Sunday, April 28, 2019 - 23:09  
Submitted by anonymous user: 71.17.232.251  
Submitted values are:

Date: Sunday, April 28, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Jared  
Last Name: Stephenson  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED] Temperance Street  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: Proposed permanent downtown separate cycle network and BRT  
Meeting (if known):  
Comments:  
His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council:

First and foremost, I want to acknowledge that the decisions before you are not inconsequential and appreciate that their weight must be a heavy burden to bear.

I wish to express my support for the implementation of the BRT and strongly support the 1st Ave and Broadway routing. Beyond the lack of consensus regarding the final routing, the merits of the BRT are muted in comparison to the separated downtown bike lanes. Should the dedicated bike lanes go forward, my preferred option of the N-S spine of the bike network would be 3rd Ave for reasons of best connectivity and options for expansion at either end. The rest of this letter addresses the bike lanes.

Much of the discussion around the downtown bike lanes that I have personally engaged in, and have witnessed in the news and social media has revolved around the merits, pros and cons, of the options before you. Surprisingly though, what hasn't really seemed to be discussed is that these decisions have broader long-term implications and will dictate how we collectively decide to develop and move around our city going forward. This is indeed a watershed moment and I don't think that most seem to get beyond taking a self-interested perspective and get lost in the details of lost parking spaces, congestion, personal convenience, potential effects on business, name your talking point, etc. If we filter out all the noise, what is really being debated here is whether we are going to continue to let auto-orientated development continue to dictate just about every aspect of our civic daily lives (at the cost of everything else)? I encourage you as Council to look beyond the dissenting voices (though very numerous), and consider what is the most efficient, resilient, and cost-effective way to move forward. Research, history, common sense, and logic will confirm that it isn't single-occupant automobiles (including autonomous).

It should be apparent, but the pendulum has swung so far to one side on this matter that going back the other direction is sure to cause disruption in the businesses and lives of many; I'm sure many people have tried to make you aware of this in the last few years. I don't argue this, some concerns are likely valid, but most are blown out of proportion in a distorted market that rewards personal over-consumption of public goods, and are rooted primarily in the promotion of self-interest. But I have to ask based on this continued approach: Are

municipal finances improving? Infrastructure commitments and liabilities going down? Are municipal taxes going down and levels of service going up? Is there a perceived safe environment provided for all people who choose to cycle downtown? Is it current mode share environmentally efficient? Does it promote social equity? I could go on, but the answer to all is a resounding NO. Should we not then be taking a more aggressive and unconventional approach to try to improve these things?

I hesitate at even drawing attention to the immense importance of these decisions as there still seems to be a few of you who seem bent on maintaining the status quo to maintain favour amongst the majority of your ward residents (people talk and share your responses to their letters) and repeating the mistakes of the last 100 years when it comes to land use and transportation planning. I just don't get it and I fear bringing attention to what is truly at stake here because it sounds like some of you are going to choose wrong because the fear of change and backlash is too great. I don't build a case not to make a necessary change. Delaying or putting it off for a couple years until other aspects of the ATP are implemented, or when the "timing is better", is not good either. This is a flaming emergency that requires course correction now.

I implore Council, please LEAD on this matter. Many, if not all of you, have said at various times in the lead up to this decision, something along the lines of "this is what I am hearing from my residents"; or something similar. We did not elect you to simply execute the will of the majority of ward residents. Leading is different, and often the opposite of representing the majority public opinion. Very few will ask or support something that will change an aspect of their daily life, nevermind if they further perceive it to affect them for the worse - this is human nature. But that gets us nowhere and we will continue to amplify the same problems. We need Council to consider these decisions rationally and take a stand for what might not be popular and what might be challenging, and in all of our long-term best interest.

Relevant personal background:

- I have cycled year-round as a form of commuting starting in grade 6 (early 90s). I have yet to encounter conditions that were unmanageable in Saskatoon. Even though we can get deep cold, cold and dry makes for completely manageable conditions and is far better than wet or melt.
- Until recently worked downtown and commuted year-round by bicycle as it was the most efficient option with respect to time and costs.
- Used the 4th Ave bike lanes daily
- Comfortable riding in auto traffic; preferred them to the poorly implemented trial lanes.
- We manage with 1 household auto. Consciously choose to minimize use where possible, but do still drive.

Thank you for considering this letter. Please vote with your head, not with your ears.

Jared Stephenson

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/305044>

## Bryant, Shellie

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**From:** Kathrina Mazurik <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 29, 2019 8:38 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council  
**Attachments:** letter\_mazurik.docx

Submitted on Monday, April 29, 2019 - 08:37  
Submitted by anonymous user: 108.60.171.63  
Submitted values are:

Date: Monday, April 29, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Kathrina  
Last Name: Mazurik  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: Broadway BRT decision  
Meeting (if known): Monday council meeting  
Comments: I'm submitting a letter about the BRT line decision  
Attachments:  
letter\_mazurik.docx: [https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/webform/letter\\_mazurik.docx](https://www.saskatoon.ca/sites/default/files/webform/letter_mazurik.docx)

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/305090>



Hi,

I am writing to express my strong preference for a BRT route that goes along Broadway rather than the “bypass” option.

We need public transit that takes people where they want to go – not where they want to go PLUS a 20-minute walk. To reduce congestion, reduce our carbon footprint, and improve the livability of our cities, we need a transit system that is not a last resort (i.e., used only by students and the economically disadvantaged, by people who have no choice but to take a 35 minute bus ride somewhere they could drive to in 10 minutes); we need a transit system that is the preferred choice for everyone, regardless of age, race, class, ability, and gender.

Ask yourself why you and the people you know don't take the bus: which of these options best addresses the barriers stopping you from doing so?

Kathrina Mazurik

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**From:** Brett Hergott <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 29, 2019 9:44 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Monday, April 29, 2019 - 09:44 Submitted by anonymous user: 184.67.187.154 Submitted values are:

Date: Monday, April 29, 2019

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name: Brett Last Name: Hergott

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):

Subject: BRT Corridor

Meeting (if known): April 29 Regular Business Meeting

Comments: I support the BRT plan as proposed by HDR. Dedicated Bus lanes as proposed would be a great asset to the city.

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/305134>

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**From:** Elisabeth Baldo <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> on behalf of Elisabeth Baldo <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 29, 2019 9:52 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council

Submitted on Monday, April 29, 2019 - 09:52  
Submitted by anonymous user: 174.2.254.117  
Submitted values are:

Date: Monday, April 29, 2019  
To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council  
First Name: Elisabeth  
Last Name: Baldo  
Email: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: BRT on Broadway  
Meeting (if known): Council April 29, 2019  
Comments:  
Mayor Charlie Clark & City Councilors  
City of Saskatoon  
Saskatoon, SK

It saddens me that there is so little respect for public opinion in Saskatoon today. A vast majority of community, merchants and Nutana folks as well as former Saskatonians and tourists are aghast at the suggestion of a BRT corridor on Broadway Avenue. There is another BRT option which the majority agree would be favourable : Eighth Street, across Sid Buckwold Bridge to First Avenue. I am baffled that the mayor and City Council disregard this option and hold to Broadway as their choice despite a vast majority who oppose it. Joni Mitchell's lyrics 'you don't know what you've got till it's gone...' ring true for the majority of our tax payers and community at large. This disconnect between City Council and voters is disheartening. Saskatoon's strength and success is built on strong community sharing a common vision to do something remarkable. The Mayor refers to it as collaboration. In this case City Council has a vision which is clearly not shared by the majority. Collaboration cannot be expected. Associations, groups, businesses, merchants, community members have come forward through letters, petitions and presentations demonstrating clear evidence of their opposition to the BRT on Broadway. The Mayor and Council defy the majority. Our city is nothing without its members and its tax payers. This disconnect will weaken our Public Transit System, weaken The BRT that our ever increasing taxes are paying for and especially it will weaken the faith we have in true democratic representation which results in the collaborative spirit that has developed over many years. Many will not attend this Council meeting April 29, 2019 as it is seen as a mockery of community and democratic leadership to those who have spent time and energy only to witness this new reality in the governance of our city. It is difficult to endure this heart breaking reaction to the cry of a caring community. The outcome is already clearly decided by the city recommendations for the BRT.

Along with a vast majority of the community of Saskatoon, I support a BRT route across Sid Buckwold Bridge to First Avenue.

The majority of Saskatonians are hoping for a Mayor and City Council who believes in them and who works with them in a true collaborative effort.

Respectfully,

E. Baldo

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## Bryant, Shellie

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**From:** Jay Brown <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 29, 2019 8:39 AM  
**To:** City Council  
**Subject:** Form submission from: Write a Letter to Council  
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Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: Agenda Item 10.3.2 Bus Rapid Transit Route and Configuration for Nutana [File No. CK. 4110-2]  
Meeting (if known): Regular Council Meeting - Monday, April 29, 1:00pm  
Comments:

Please find attached a letter I would like added to the agenda concerning Agenda Item 10.3.2 Bus Rapid Transit Route and Configuration for Nutana [File No. CK. 4110-2] for today's Council Meeting.

Thank you

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## Bryant, Shellie

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**From:** Kristina Clouthier <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
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Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: Bus Rapid Transit Route and Configuration for Nutana  
Meeting (if known): City Council Regular Business Meeting  
Comments:

I have been a resident of Saskatoon for over ten years and for the past four years I have had the pleasure of residing in Nutana. I moved to Saskatoon in order to attend the university and ever since have been reliant on the transit system to take me from the many different areas I have previously lived in to the university campus. Like many university students, I've had my fair share of difficulties with the quality of our transit system with regards to the limited bus schedule. I am thrilled to learn about the possibility of introducing Bus Rapid Transit for this reason. Today, I would like to extend my support for the implementation of dedicated bus lanes on Broadway avenue. First I would like to point out the challenges that the Broadway area faces with vehicle congestion and parking issues. Most parking is only available in residential areas making it problematic for local residents to find parking on their own streets. The parking found directly on Broadway is also minimal, allowing for only a couple of parking spots allotted per business. Therefore, I believe that making transit more accessible via BRT and dedicated bus lanes will encourage more people to visit the Broadway area by public transit considering it will remove the worry about finding parking while also resolving the issue of having to wait for the next bus to return home. Second, introducing the dedicated bus lanes to Broadway ave specifically is necessary in that people will be more likely to take the bus if they can arrive as close as possible to the places of business they wish to visit. Which brings me to my final point. I felt personally victimized by many of comments I heard from local business owners on Broadway. The opposition toward BRT appears to be stemming from a place of privilege and prejudice. Many of us are unable to afford vehicles, but would still love to be able to visit Broadway for ethically sourced hand made goods from underdeveloped regions or to enjoy the aromas of fresh roasted coffee beans. To assume that the only people who are supporting local businesses are those who are driving in from the suburbs is flawed. Many low income earners, university students or and people who want to safely enjoy a few drinks on Broadway with a guaranteed safe ride home are also supporting those businesses. Finally, I would like to encourage you to consider those who this decision is going to affect the most. It is those who are reliant on the transit system for accessibility within our city. Those who have vehicles are already at an advantage. Today, I ask you to vote in favour of dedicated bus lanes on Broadway avenue to ease the struggle for those who are at a disadvantage in our city.

Thank you for your time.  
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## Bryant, Shellie

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**From:** Linda Epstein <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca> on behalf of Linda Epstein <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 29, 2019 12:47 AM  
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Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: BRT  
Meeting (if known): Council on BRT - April 29, 2019  
Comments:

Obviously, Council has not been listening to the area businesses and/or the citizens of Saskatoon regarding the BRT route. They are also misleading those who have not been following as closely as many of us have, the travesty that is BRT on Broadway.

To be clear, I am not against the BRT. In fact, I do feel it would help in the future as we grow, to have a well-placed system. Having it on Broadway, however, will actually “bypass” the businesses as riders make their way back from work to their suburban homes. There is no need to remove regular bus traffic on Broadway (why would you?), so access is still available to the business district. You will not be “bypassing” Broadway as you misleadingly suggest.

Having read the options and noting that there are two options that have not had proper public engagement – both of which seem to indicate that Council and its administration really have no idea of best outcomes – I would suggest a deferred decision-making process until the two options are properly and publicly explained and discussed.

I also see by your update that Council has not addressed “business, culture or the environment – all vital to the preservation of this historic area”. The BRT is not an underground system and will create a dangerous mess in an area where there are two school zones as well as Nutana School (not to mention an increasing elderly population who have remained in the area precisely because it is a nice place to walk with all of the amenities). Placing BRT on Broadway (whether with dedicated lanes, or not) will also have a dampening effect on this pedestrian traffic and will result in special events moving away from Broadway, not to Broadway.

This is not a small decision as the Broadway route would still destroy the walkability and culture of the area. I also question the numbers against vs the numbers for a Broadway selection (“an engagement event” is not ALL engagement events and does not include the recent poll in which more than 75% of respondents voted against a Broadway option).



Currently, I see a council with no vision or concern for what really works for culture, community and tourism destinations and that makes a mockery of the concept of “collaboration”. The misinformation and disinformation, much of it perpetrated by Council itself (e.g., the suggestion that, if Broadway is “bypassed”, the downtown entertainment area of the future will take over...hogwash), does not help at all. It is an excuse to cover up poor decisions.

As you can see, I feel passionately about these changes precisely because, having lived in this area for 42 years, I have seen what a seemingly small change can do. I believe BRT on Broadway will change the area from charming to outright dangerous...or, at the very least a local business wasteland. It will lose its unique historic character that is so much a part of the history of Saskatoon itself.

I am saddened by this irresponsible decision-making process, and hope that Saskatoon’s City Council will give this misstep more thought.

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## Bryant, Shellie

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**From:** Margareth Peterson Peterson <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
**Sent:** April 29, 2019 8:48 AM  
**To:** City Council  
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City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: Various  
Meeting (if known):  
Comments:

I wish to express opposition to the plan for running the rapid transit system down Broadway. My preference is to run it down 8th Street and then across the Buckwold bridge. The Broadway Street area is a unique community that needs to be preserved as a meeting and walking area.

As the city grows, the need for safe cycling lanes becomes imperative. Even now, as a cyclist, I fear for my safety riding some streets in Saskatoon. When possible, I confine my riding to side streets. Never will I ride my bike on the street side crossing the river on either the Broadway Bridge or the University bridge. It seems to me, where bike lanes are not possible, sharing sidewalks with pedestrians is a much safer option. I have cycled in both Germany and Switzerland where this is in practice in some areas and seems to work quite well. Of course, it depends upon everyone understanding and obeying the rules in place for cyclists.

My third concern is the continuing encroachment of our green spaces here in Saskatoon. I was very disappointed when two high rises were built by Persephone theatre, and now I read that the Nuitrien Tower is to go in that same space. In the long run, this is very short sighted. We have a natural area for green space in Saskatoon along the river bank. We need to preserve that area not sell it to the highest bidder!

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## Bryant, Shellie

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**From:** Meghan Mickelson <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
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City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]  
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Walking Saskatoon  
Subject: Letter of support for BRT on Broadway Ave & protected bike lanes downtown  
Meeting (if known): CITY COUNCIL AGENDA - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**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

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## Medrano, Alda

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**From:** Jeremy Wawryk <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>  
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City: Saskatoon  
Province: Saskatchewan  
Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):  
Subject: Bus Rapid Transit route and configuration for Nutana  
Meeting (if known): City Council regular business

Comments: Today we are faced with some difficult decisions about the future of transportation in our city. As a longtime resident of Nutana and a taxpayer of this city, I have a particular interest in the proposed Bus Rapid Transit for our neighbourhood. I myself am an occasional Saskatoon Transit user. I live two blocks off Broadway and do most of my commuting on foot, only driving a car if I need to travel outside of the city or go somewhere that Transit doesn't serve conveniently. I am passionate about the future of BRT on Broadway. I know that the Administration has recommended an interim solution for the Broadway BRT route, and I feel that this would be an enormous mistake. We have an opportunity to redefine the way people move in this city. It is a big change, but we should be bold and make the progressive changes that are needed instead of pushing that decision five or ten years down the road, when we will face this exact same issue again. For that reason, I urge you to consider supporting dedicated bus lanes on Broadway. It will not destroy the character of the street. It will change it, yes. But change is happening constantly, all around us. It can be scary, but it can be incredibly positive too. We can decide to support those who do not want or perhaps cannot afford a car. We are not second class citizens. We are customers of Broadway businesses. This will bring more business to our neighbourhood, not drive people away. Broadway, Nutana, and the city of Saskatoon as a whole will see nothing but positive change from dedicated bus lanes on Broadway. In fact, without dedicated bus lanes, I would argue that we are not getting BRT at all. Let us leave behind the status quo, and move forward into the future. Thank you for your careful consideration of this issue.

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