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Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

Date: Thursday, March 23, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: vicki

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Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 0-BED-koff

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Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council meeting Wed. March 29, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 17th street extension

Comments:

I live at the corner of 17th street and J-S. I urge Council to pause the proposed 17th street extension until the planning documents for this area are updated. These neighbourhoods are evolving in an environmentally-friendly way. The City set a positive tone for attracting some of us newer residents by creating the lovely bike lanes and wider walking area along 17th street to Spadina Crescent. Since I moved here in 2015, other residential "villages" have been planted: Element, Radiance co-op, Wolf Willow seniors co-housing, the CUMFI Elders residence, and others. Many homes are being upgraded, built and populated by younger families choosing to live close to the river, biking and walking trails, and close to new little shops and services on 20th street west. We have been attracted by the eco-vision of biking, walking, skiing, and playing near the river and Meewasin Trail. Residents from all around the city are coming to the re-vitalized Meewasin trail. But a 17th street extension would bring heavier traffic volumes into our neighbourhoods, directly clashing with our intentions for safe, beautiful, environmentally evolving living. Already, since avenue H was closed off at 11th street, there are more big trucks coming along 17th, creating air pollution, noise, and safety concerns. Several big semis have parked and idled along 17th street, creating traffic hazards. A 17th street extension would make this even worse. Recent studies show that the 17th street extension is not even necessary from a strictly "traffic" lens, as vehicles could travel along 22nd to downtown, for example. There is an opportunity for the King George school site to be re-purposed in a community-friendly way, adding to the evolving vibrancy of these neighbourhoods and the safety of families with young children. Planning needs to be updated to take account of the influx of new residents into these neighbourhoods, the efforts underway to re-locate industry (such as the scrap metal at P and 17th) and hopefully others, such that these west-side, equity-seeking neighbourhoods can flourish and re-vitalize the west end residential core. Please support this evolving residential reality and pause an unnecessary traffic project increasing air pollution hazardous to human health, increased noise, and safety risk to Elders, children, walkers and bikers. A vision for safe, environmentally-friendly, appealing core neighbourhoods is only fair for our equity-seeking neighbourhoods. Sincerely, Vicki Obedkoff (retired United Church)

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