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Subject: Email - Request to Speak - Gordon Holtslander - Neighbourhood Bikeways 30km-hr Speed Limit Policy - TS2023-1203

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Submitted on Friday, December 1, 2023 - 09:00

Submitted by user: Anonymous

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Friday, December 01, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Province: Saskatchewan

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

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, December 5, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.3 Neighbourhood Bikeways 30km/hr Speed Limit Policy

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

Saskatoon Cycles is firmly in support of the motion to reduce vehicle speed to 30 kms on roads designated as neighborhood Bikeways. We feel that reduced speed is a significant factor in reducing harm to active transportation participants, like cyclists, by:

discouraging high volume and speed of vehicular traffic
creating a more welcoming and inviting environment for cyclists
giving all parties more time to react to the unexpected,
allowing all parties to see each other well in advance, and
mitigating, in the worst case scenario of a collision, the severity and extent of injury.

SGI President and CEO Penny McCune is quoted on the SGI website: "The faster you speed, the less time you have to react. And if a collision does happen, higher speeds equal more damage and a greater risk of injury and death."

We believe that along with proper enforcement and appropriate traffic calming measures, a 30km speed limit on Bikeways will contribute to rider comfort, increased active transportation use, and overall better safety outcomes.

We strongly endorse this proposal, and would be happy to advocate on its behalf at any future point of consideration.

Thank you,

Gord Holtslander
Ward 6
Saskatoon Cycles Board of Directors

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