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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: Thursday, November 30, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: SPC - Transportation

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

Comments:

Please find a letter of support for Reduced Speed Limits for Neighbourhood Bikeways from the Saskatoon Medical Health Officer, Saskatoon Emergency Medicine Lead, and the Provincial Department Head of Emergency Medicine

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



November 30, 2023

His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
Office of the City Clerk
222 3rd Avenue North
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 0J5

Dear His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council,

We are writing you in support of a proposed Neighbourhood Bikeways Speed Limit policy. From our perspective, the approval and implementation of this policy to reduce vehicle speeds along Neighbourhood Bikeways has many realizable health benefits.

Severe injuries and death are devastating outcomes of collisions that involve vulnerable road users, such as people cycling. Reduced vehicular speeds, in places of dedicated cycling infrastructure such as Neighbourhood Bikeways, and where there is the promotion and expectation of people using cycling as a mode of transportation, reduces the overall risk of a collision involving a vehicle as well as greatly reduces the likelihood of severe injury or fatalities to the person cycling.

The building the City of Saskatoon's All Ages and Abilities (AAA) cycling network, of which bikeways is a component, will increase the number of people cycling as a mode of transportation. Such an approach to urban planning helps our citizens become more active, and physical activity is beneficial at both preventing and managing many chronic diseases. Notably, such infrastructure has the additional benefit of supporting Saskatoon's residents who are without a vehicle, be it due to age, not having a license, choice, or necessity, to use cycling as a mode of transportation to get to such things as employment, education, accessing to food and social supports. Increasing access and reducing barriers to accessing these determinants of health reduces the overall burden of disease in our community.

We can ask people to leave the vehicle at home and choose other transportation modes, however, it is the infrastructure, design, and policies that will encourage the shift to a more person centered and healthy community.

Thank you for considering the health, safety, and well-being of Saskatoon residents as you make this policy decision.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jasmine Hasselback
Saskatoon Medical Health
Officer

Dr. James Stempien
Provincial Department Head
Emergency Medicine

Dr. Joanna Smith
Saskatoon Emergency
Medicine Lead

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