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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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

Comments:

To the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation,
I am writing in support of the report recommendation to approve a policy for all neighbourhood bikeways in Saskatoon to have a posted speed limit of 30 km/h.

As a consistent urban bike rider for over 40 years I feel well positioned to comment on this item as I know that that a reduced speed limit on these corridors will increase safety, reduce accidents and injury, and generally create a more welcoming environment for all users.

The dominant mindset within the community, throughout my life, has been that cars should share the road with cyclists, but in practice, we have struggled to do so, often creating dangerous and often inflammatory encounters between bikes and cars.

The number of times cars have honked at me, trying to aggressively pass, as I travel down University Drive is too large to count. "Pull over", "Get off the street", "Learn to drive" and considerably worse are all comments I have heard as I ride down a narrow street with parked vehicles immediately to my right. And yes I do pullover to let the vehicles pass when there is space to do so. I suspect most of the drivers are not people within the neighborhood but others taking a shortcut from Clarence to Broadway who are too impatient to wait for the slower vehicle in front of them.

The over-arching concept of creating specific roads which cater first to the cyclist (and possibly pedestrian) is an excellent idea as it sends a clear message to the motorist that this road is not designed for them as the primary user and they must reduce speed if they wish to use the specific road.

I would prefer to see a complementary message sent to cyclists where sensible cyclists should choose to use the provided, speed controlled pathways and stay away from the regular, faster roads. For example, I think it is far safer for a cyclist to use the cycle pathways on Victoria rather than the psuedo-bike lanes (do they still exist) on Broadway.

I strongly encourage this committee to forward this recommendation to City Council. It is a low-investment decision with very high returns.

Thank you for your consideration,
Nick Lloyd
Buena Vista

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