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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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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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 and 7.2.2 Connecting Avenue C

Comments:

I am writing to indicate my support for two items the committee will be hearing for consideration.

First, I am very much in favor of reducing the speed limit on designated bikeways in the city to 30km/h. I believe this simple and relatively inexpensive change to traffic regulations will have positive effects for cyclists and all other road users across the city:

- the bikeways will be safer
- through-traffic use of the bikeways by motor vehicles will be reduced
- active transportation will feel more welcoming
- more non-vehicular travels will reduce overall congestion
- the city's cycling baseline network becomes more "AAA" (all ages and abilities) very quickly

Please approve this proposal and forward to council.

Second, I support the approval of the Connecting Avenue C Functional Design Report. Having vital corridors made more accessible and safe for active transportation users is vital to a healthy city, and the current roster of completed bikeways is insufficient. The city needs more North/South avenues that are safe for ALL forms of traffic, especially in light of two cyclist deaths in 2023. A safer network for people without access to, or not choosing to use, motorized vehicles should be a primary goal for the city, and Avenue C could become a useful part of that network.

Please approve this proposal and forward to council.

Both of these measures help the city move to a lower emission transportation climate, also with relatively little expense. Both should be seen as win, win, and win.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jason

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