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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 ?: 9.2.1 Ave C Walking and Cycling Improvement Project

Comments:

Good evening Your Worship and City Councillors,

I'm writing to add my voice in supporting a multimodal connection between the city's core communities south of circle drive to the airport and north industrial areas of the city west of Idylwyld.

I drive a car, walk and cycle. I have attempted all three for work and leisure in the corridor area identified. I am also able-bodied, healthy and relatively young and realize that not all people would be prepared to take on the same level of risk to get from point a to point b along the corridor.

This is not a war on cars issue. This is an issue of equity and reality.

The reality is that the northwest corner of the city is not accessible to people who are not driving. It is a completely hostile environment, even to those driving cars. This is an area with many businesses that employ many people. These employees and customers don't have any other option but to drive a car to these locations. This is not equitable.

Some would suggest that this type of infrastructure is good, but just not on Ave C.... put it somewhere else.

Where else can it go? Ave C is the only street west of Idylwyld that actually connects neighbourhoods to the south across circle drive to the north. There is literally nowhere else that the city can provide access for other modes of transportation to access the businesses and airport without spending an exorbitant amount of money building an overpass elsewhere.

Could the design be improved across the entire route? Definitely. But perfection is the enemy of progress and Ave C is the only reasonable location for a multimodal corridor connecting Riversdale to industry in the north. I encourage you and your colleagues to support the project and in doing so support a more equitable city.

Thanks for your time and consideration on this item.

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