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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Robert Clipperton - Bus Riders of Saskatoon - Connecting Avenue C - Walking and Cycling Improvement Project - CK 6000-5

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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:** Saturday, December 16, 2023

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**First Name:** Robert

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**Neighbourhood:** [Nutana](#)

**City:** Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

**Postal Code:** [REDACTED]

**Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable):** Bus Riders of Saskatoon

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** City Council - December 20, 2023

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Agenda Item 9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project

**Comments:**

To: Mayor and Council

From: Bus Riders of Saskatoon

Date: December 16, 2023

Re: Agenda Item 9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project

Bus Riders of Saskatoon would like to express its support for the Connecting Avenue C Project. Our members realize that transit users are pedestrians at both the beginning and the end of each bus ride. Without appropriate pedestrian infrastructure to get us to and from bus stops, Transit becomes a less desirable transportation option. Fewer people will decide to take the bus when forced to find and board buses under conditions that are unpleasant or unsafe.

Of particular interest here is that portion of project improving access to the Airport Industrial Area. Here, Saskatoon's Transit system becomes unusable for a significant sector of the city's population. Those who don't have a vehicle and find it impossible or inadvisable to walk or cycle can't get to work in the Airport Industrial Area unless they take the bus. Yet, as the video prepared by Administration shows, many stops in this neighbourhood are difficult to access, particularly in the winter, when you have to walk on the road or struggle through snow to reach bus stops. There is also a lack of pedestrian friendly crosswalks in this area, making it riskier to reach bus stops safely. Safety is a key concern for all bus riders, but for those with mobility issues, it is an overriding concern that forces them to conclude Transit is not accessible in this part of the city..

Some bus riders are seasonal or occasional Transit users. They walk or cycle in good weather, when they lack the money to take the bus, or at those times of the day or week when there is minimal or no bus service. Given the current lack of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure in the Airport Industrial Area, they get the message that this is a 'stay out zone' for people travelling by any means other than a car. This message is troubling when you consider how it might affect low-income earners, including many recent immigrants and others who may be seeking job opportunities at hotels, businesses, or the Airport itself.

To summarize, the proposed project facilitates Transit use and addresses issues of accessibility and equity in Saskatoon. It deserves Council's support.

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