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I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, December 18, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Stephanie

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: CITY COUNCIL AGENDA - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING - Wednesday, 20 December 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project [TS2023-1201]

Comments:

To Saskatoon City Council,

I am writing in support of the following motion: 9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project [TS2023-1201]

I am very privileged to be able to choose riding a bike as my main mode of transportation. It is good for my body, and eases my conscience that (while it's not much) I'm choosing an option that is good for our planet. However, the lack of infrastructure for bikes in this city is a constant hardship for me. And then I consider how hard it must be for people who don't have the privilege (as I do) of biking as a choice, but rather it's their ONLY option. While I have friends and family that I can call on for a ride, when need be, many do not. For such folks, better (or simply ANY) active transport infrastructure is not a luxury, it is a need. Projects like the Avenue C walking and cycling improvement project are a necessity for the safety of all people who move through the city. The lives of Natasha Fox and Darin Kinniewess, two community members who died this year while riding their bikes, sit close to my heart as I get on my bike each day. I want to live in a city where elected officials do everything in their power to reduce the likelihood of further tragedy, by keeping the safety of all people the priority. Please, please, support this, and all projects, that make active transport in our city a priority. Lives depend on it.

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