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and Connecting Ave C - Walking and Cycling Improvement Project - CK 6000-5 x 6320-0

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

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Scott

Last Name: Wieting

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Address: Childers Bend

Neighbourhood: Kensington

City: saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code:

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 ?: 9.2.2 Neighbourhood Bikeways 30 km/h Speed Limit Policy [TS20231203]" and "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 motions:

- 9.2.2 Neighbourhood Bikeways 30 km/h Speed Limit Policy [TS20231203]
- 9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project [TS2023-1201]

Both of these measures make Saskatoon a healthier, safer, more equitable and frankly a better place to live.

I regularly use the Blairmore bikeway and the present 50 Km/hr speed limit is unsafe. I would love to use the Ave C route in the future as right now cycling to the businesses north of Circle drive is simply a good way to end up in the hospital or Morgue.

Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project both encourages more "AAA" (All Ages and Abilities) users and increases accessibility into neighborhoods where people want to go, regardless of their mode of transportation. This project will provide a significant north south corridor for citizens using Active Transportation and provide simpler access to work opportunities in the North business district for those who cannot afford, or do not wish to use, a personal vehicle.

There are far too many times I have seen people going to or coming from avenue C on foot/bikes who are risking their lives to have a job.

The addition of a 30 km/h speed limit to roads designated as Neighborhood Bikeways is a must to be able to call them AAA infrastructure. I personally have had far too many close calls on the supposably AAA Blairmore bikeway. A 30km/hr speed limit would be the minimum with the complete lack of traffic calming on the west end of the Blairmore bikeway.

I have not forgotten Natasha Fox and Darin Kinniewess. How many more people need to die for just going about their day? I want to live in a city where elected officials do everything in their power to reduce the likelihood of further tragedy. With as many as 50 SGI reported car/bicycle collisions a year (many others go unreported) the potential for more tragedy is horrifying!

Thank you for your consideration,

Scott Wieting Ward # 3

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