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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:** Sunday, December 17, 2023

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

**First Name:** Arika

**Last Name:** Block

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** "erica"

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**Province:** Saskatchewan

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**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 will improve Saskatoon. A safer and better-connected active transportation network will increase sustainability and equity in our city, and it will make our community healthier and happier.

As a regular bike rider, I welcome infrastructure like the Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project. This infrastructure encourages more users of all ages and abilities. It 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. It will simplify access to work opportunities in the north business district for people who cannot afford and/or do not want to use a car.

Putting a 30 km/h speed limit on Neighbourhood Bikeways will greatly improve safety on these roads. This slower speed limit will discourage high volume and high speed vehicular traffic and it will give everyone more time to see and react to each other, which reduces the chance of collision. Slower speeds also make collisions less deadly. While riding on the 14th St bikeway, I have often been passed too close and too fast by people in vehicles. Overall, a 30 km/h speed limit on Neighbourhood Bikeways will create a more welcoming environment for cyclists.

This year, two community members were killed while riding their bikes. I have not forgotten Natasha Fox and Darin Kinniewess. I am acutely aware every time I get on my bike that it could be my last time. I want to live in a city where elected officials do everything in their power to reduce the likelihood of further tragedy.

Thank you,

Arika Block  
Ward 6

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