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Submitted on Sunday, December 17, 2023 - 21:59

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

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

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: rahatjan

Last Name: judge

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Ave K South

Neighbourhood: [King George](#)

City: saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): n/a

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, December 5, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.3 Neighbourhood Bikeways 30km/hr Speed Limit Policy

Comments:

To Saskatoon City Council,

I am a mother, a wife, an aunty, a breadwinner and a professional with 6 figure annual income. I pay two property taxes and 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]

Have you ever wonder why young talents leave Saskatoon after they graduate university or college? The 1st opportunity they have to live and work in a human scale city in another province Saskatoon loses a talent. Our car centric mentality and biases are costing our communities not only millions of dollars to tax payers but also valuable talents whom we need here in Saskatoon.

At least 5 friends of mine left Saskatoon for a city/country where they can raise family in harmony. A commute to and from work/school can be either pleasant like in Vancouver, Montreal and Calgary or can be death or injury if one mingles with a car traffic. Let's not forget that Natasha and Darin got killed commuting. The drivers who were not careful were not even charged.

Please support these projects if you do not want more deaths or injuries of innocent cyclists or pedestrians. Drivers are not careful in intersections as they are allowed to do whatever they want in their cars: listen to loud music, talk on the phone, text and other distractions that could mean death or life altering injury for a pedestrian or a cyclist. Let's admit it, cars are potentially a killing machine if a drunk is operating it. Can you guarantee that every driver is responsible? We allow 16 years old with their teen brains to use the machines that potentially can kill a pedestrian or cyclists.

The addition of a 30 km/h speed limit to roads designated as Neighborhood Bikeways will provide a noticeably safer riding experience as it:

- discourages high volume and speed of vehicular traffic
- creates a more welcoming and inviting environment for cyclists
- allows all parties to see each other well in advance
- gives all parties more time to react to the unexpected
- in the worst case scenario of a collision, mitigates the severity and extent of injury

By supporting these motions you demonstrate that lives of a cyclist or pedestrian is as valuable as a life of a driver.

Grateful for your support

Rahatjan Judge
Ward 2

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