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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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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: Monday, December 18, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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First Name: Andrea

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

Comments:

I am writing in support of the following motions:

- Neighbourhood Bikeways 30km/hr Speed Limit Policy
- Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project

Creating opportunities for people to cycle more safely with reduced speed limits and added infrastructure, all while connecting neighbourhoods makes good sense. Cycling is not just an awesome leisure activity, it is a sustainable , fun, and healthy way to get to work, school, and to access our bounty of local restaurants and shops.

I am keenly aware of the risks related to getting on my bike to go to work, and in my short time as a new cyclist, have countless experiences of near misses with vehicles while we're sharing the road. Reduced speed limits and added infrastructure will reduce risks for serious injury or death, and will reduce cycling traffic on other city streets.

Regarding the proposed route north of Circle Drive, the addition of a path where no sidewalk currently exists on Avenue C, should be a no brainer. That neighbourhood, in its current state, is unsafe for pedestrians, especially in winter where their options are to navigate snow banks or the busy street. All of our neighbourhoods should be safe for everyone to get to work, school, or to dine and shop. This should not be a privilege reserved for those who own a vehicle.

I want to live in a city where it's safe to choose active transportation. I want to live in a city that invests in equity and safety.

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