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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

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City: Saskatoon

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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/or “9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project [TS2023-1201]

Comments:

As a senior who has lived in Saskatoon for almost 50 years, and have biked the entire time, I support the recommendations of the Transportation Committee for reduced speed limits on designated bikeways and the Ave, C bike / walk way. These are significant steps towards an ultimate goal, for me, of having a separated bike transportation network throughout Saskatoon, that is safe for all ages, and takes people to places they want to go. The 30 km/h speed limit on designated bikeways will discourage high -volume / speed of vehicles and help reduce the likelihood of collisions, making it safer for biking (and walking).

Our city averages 50 SGI-reported bike collisions a year (that is, collisions serious enough to cause vehicle damage or injury). All of us in this city are also acutely aware of the two cyclist deaths in the past year.

As a young man I once biked to and from work across the city on 15-25 minute trips. Although I am no longer up to such daily longer distance commutes, I still will bike 20 minutes (at a slower pace!) to visit friends. But now I only travel on quiet streets or biking pathways (including the wonderful Victoria Ave. separated bikeway) as I am much more cautious as a senior.

I would also note that when I have been travelling in the north end industrial area I have often seen people apparently biking to work (presumably because they do not have a licence, or a vehicle, or just because they prefer biking). The Ave. C route should help serve this working-age group.

Please accept these recommendations as steps towards a long-term goal of accessible active transportation for all. And please continue to keep moving us towards a more bike and walking friendly and safe city. Bikers and walkers pay taxes (and vote) too!

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