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**From:** City Council  
**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Cary and Tracy Humphrey - Neighbourhood Bikeways 30km-h Speed Limit Policy and Connecting Ave C - Walking and Cycling Improvement Project - CK 6000-5 x 6320-0  
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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

**First Name:** Cary & Tracy

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**Neighbourhood:** [Silverwood Heights](#)

**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 ?:** Neighbourhood Bikeways 30 km/hr speed limit policy. Connecting Ave C: walking and cycling improvement project.

**Comments:**

See attached letter to council

**Attachments:**

- [Cycling Letter to Council.pdf](#) 37.15 KB

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

To: His Worship the Mayor and City Council

From: Cary and Tracy Humphrey

Re: Neighbourhood Bikeways 30km/hr Speed Limit Policy” and/or “Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project”

On December 20, 2023, Saskatoon City Council will vote on two matters that will impact cycling in Saskatoon for years to come. The first concerns lower speed limits to 30km/h on corridors designated as “Neighbourhood Bikeways” and the second is to make active transportation improvements for Avenue C from Spadina Crescent West to 45th Street West as part of the Active Transportation plan.

The purpose of this correspondence is to challenge City Council to move forward the two initiatives proposed by the City Administration, as follows:

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

First, some background on our cycling experience. We have over twenty years of cycling experience. We have traveled throughout Canada in urban setting and know first hand what it means to have a safe cycling experience. We know from experience safe cycling is only possible when there is separation between automobiles and cyclists, and the presents of areas were speed is reduced to prevent accidents. The two initiatives proposed by the administration achieves these two very important objectives.

During the Transportation Committee meeting presentations were made in support of the Administration’s recommendations and some not in favour. The main theme from non-supporters is the impact on parking and cycling safety along the dedicated cycling corridor. Allow us to provide a different perspective on these two concerns, as follows:

Parking - at the last Transportation Committee meeting the administration identified approximately 35 parking stalls would be impacted. Bushiness owners expressed the the loss of parking could impact business. Having shopped in the area where parking maybe impacted, there is adequate parking for customers to conveniently park a short walking distance from stores or restaurants.

We have cycled in other cities that provide dedicated bike lanes along busy business corridors. Dedicated bike lanes have a positive impact by encouraging more people to safely bike to a business area for work, shopping and eating at local restaurants. We suggest dedicated bike lanes will bring a whole new clientele to this business area because cyclists will have a safe transportation route.

Safety - Dedicated bike lanes and modified speed limits (along certain sections) provide safe passage for cyclists. Similar to reduced speed through school zones, having motor vehicles slow down along the proposed bike corridor is a

needed and positive safety measure. Slowing down will prevent vehicle/bike collisions.

In addition, a dedicated north south bike lane separates vehicles and cyclists to prevents accidents, makes cyclists more visible and stops cyclists from using sidewalks (which is against the law) where an accident with a pedestrian could occur.

In conclusion, with the introduction of E-bikes, more and more people are cycling as an alternative and primary mode of transportation. With the advancement of E-bikes more Active Agers (seniors) are using them to get around Saskatoon and we need to make Saskatoon streets safer for cyclists.

The recommendations proposed by the Administration along the north south transportation corridor provides a convenient safe access to the north business district for workers and shoppers. The proposed north south corridor is a positive move forward in support of a safe, equitable and sustainable active transportation network. It is time for City Council move the active transportation plan forward, rather than giving priority to the automobile as being the only method to moving around in Saskatoon.

Respectfully yours,

Cary and Tracy Humphrey.