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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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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/or "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]

I believe both of these measures help move the City of Saskatoon toward a healthier, safer, and more equitable and sustainable active transportation network, which in turn contributes to a happier community.

As a regular bike rider, I welcome infrastructure like the Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project that both encourages more "AAA" (All Ages and Abilities) users and 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 and provide simpler access to work opportunities in the North business district for those who cannot afford, or do not wish to use, a personal vehicle.

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
I have not forgotten Natasha Fox and Darin Kinniewess, two community members who died this year while riding their bikes. I want to live in a city where elected officials do everything in their power to reduce the likelihood of further tragedy. With as many as 50 SGI reported car/bicycle collisions a year (many others go unreported) the potential for more tragedy is horrifying!

Please help us make the streets of Saskatoon safe for all road users, not just those wrapped in thousands of pounds of metal and surrounded by airbags. Everyday I leave my house on my bicycle to commute to work I fear for my life. I'm tired of being bullied and intimidated by aggressive car drivers. I believe the previous inaction of council to implement safe cycling infrastructure has led to drivers believing that the road belongs to them and anyone else should just get out of their way. It's time for change!

Thank you for your consideration,

Erin Edwards
Ward 8

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