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Subject: Communication - Murray Gross - Neighbourhood Bikeways 30km-hr Speed Limit Policy - TS2023-1203

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I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Friday, December 01, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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First Name: Murray

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Neighbourhood: [Nutana](#)

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

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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 the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation,

I am writing in support of the report recommendation to approve a policy for all neighbourhood bikeways in Saskatoon to have a posted speed limit of 30 km/h.

As a regular bike rider (daily commuter, 12 months per year), I feel that a reduced speed limit on these corridors would increase safety, reduce accidents and injury, and generally create a more welcoming environment for all users.

Due to my concerns about safety and my home/work locations, I am able to cycle on the Meewasin Trail daily. However, I recognize all are not able to do so, as such, I support the implementation a 30 km/h speed limit, on roads adjacent to all neighbourhood bikeways so that they be considered as a cycling facility appropriate for people of all ages and abilities. My view is that a slower speed limit will:

- discourage high volume and speed of vehicular traffic
- create a more welcoming and inviting environment for cyclists
- allow all parties to see each other well in advance
- give all parties more time to react to the unexpected
- mitigate, in the worst case scenario of a collision, the severity and extent of injury.

In light of the recent cyclist deaths, implore this committee to forward this recommendation to City Council. It is a low-cost investment decision with very high returns.

Thank you for considering my views. I support safe streets and communities for all and cycling lanes that are appropriate for people of all ages and abilities

Murray Gross
Ward #6

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