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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

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: Friday, December 15, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Daniel

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Neighbourhood: [Riversdale](#)

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: [REDACTED]

What do you wish to do ?: Request to Speak

If speaking will you be attending in person or remotely: In person

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 9.2

Comments:

The Avenue C bike corridor and the 30km/h bikeway decisions at council this week are linked. The cities Official Community plan guides the physical, environmental, economic, social, and cultural development of our community through a broad set of goals, objectives, and policies. As councillors tasked with making this decision you already have the policy and necessary background from your excellent city staff to be leaders in making these decisions in favour of implementing the full Avenue C bike corridor and the 30km/h speed limit reductions. Many of the people who are expressing concerns about these decisions are concerned about the current state of traffic, infrastructure, and safety in the city. However, I think the vision and purpose of these projects is to create a future vision for our city. Related to cycling infrastructure, the scientific evidence is clear that creating cycling infrastructure is cost effective for health, transportation, and safety. Importantly, cycling infrastructure makes the roads safer for all road users. The some of the intersections along the north end of Avenue C are the most dangerous in the city for road traffic collisions. These collisions, which are mostly between two drivers, cause considerable harm. Creating cycling infrastructure will help improve safety for all road users and encourage active transportation throughout the city, a key goal of the active transportation plan and official community plan. We also know that cycling infrastructure is good for business. Multiple studies have shown that when safe separated bike lanes are implemented business in an area increases. Related to the 30km/h speeds. The World Health Organization recommends 30km/h speeds in urban areas a key policy that can help save lives. Saskatoon has a precedent of implementing good policy related to speed limits. Council should vote to adopt this policy. Finally, these policies are not about cyclists versus motorists. These policies are about creating opportunities for people to choose the types of transportation they want to use, without compromising their safety or the safety of others. These policies are about the vision we want to create for our city.

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