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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: Thursday, December 14, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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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):: 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 ride past Natasha's memorial every day wondering when it's going to be me who gets hit by an impatient or inattentive driver. I want to live in a city where elected officials do everything in their power to reduce the likelihood of further tragedy. I want to live in a city where I can bike and walk without that fear. This city and its infrastructure designed to be hostile to pedestrians and bicyclists. It's high time that changes. With as many as 50 SGI reported car/bicycle collisions a year (many others go unreported) the potential for more tragedy is horrifying!

Thank you for your consideration,

Bettina Spreng

Ward 6

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