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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: Friday, December 15, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Siobhan

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code:

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

Comments:

To Saskatoon City Council,

I am writing in support of the following motions:

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

I also have children who bike as a regular form of commuting, and I am in constant fear for their safety; some unpleasantly close near-misses have led to a change in our biking patterns, and for them, usage and high-traffic times like before and after school.

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 more that 40 SGI reported car/bicycle collisions a year (many others go unreported) the potential for more tragedy is horrifying!

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely, Siobhan Brennan

Your Ward # 6

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