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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - David Pastl - Neighbourhood Bikeways 30km-h Speed Limit Policy and Connecting Ave C - Walking and Cycling Improvement Project - CK 6000-5 x 6320-0

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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:** Monday, December 18, 2023

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** David

**Last Name:** Pastl

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**City:** Saskatoon

**Province:** Saskatchewan

**Postal Code:** [REDACTED]

**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 9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project [TS2023-1201]

**Comments:**

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've personally witnessed a near death collision with a vehicle and bicyclist where the bicyclist was put in intensive care, so motions like this are very important to me. As an avid cyclist (I biked to work today) I'm often terrified by the reckless driving habits of few citizens on our main streets and I think changes like this that force awareness or at least limit damage will create a very big change in our community. I would like to be able to make choices to be healthy and reduce my burden on the health care system while not having to fear for my life every day.

Thank you for your consideration,

David Pastl  
Ward 9

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