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From:City CouncilSubject:FW: Email - Communication - Jeanelle Bethel - 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

First Name: Jeanelle

Last Name: Bethel

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code:

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): The Plumb Shoppe Saskatoon Ltd

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Connecting Avenue C

Comments:

The Avenue C North bike lane concept is unwanted, unnecessary, outrageously priced and dangerous. If you do not work or drive on Avenue C North every day, you genuinely do not understand.

Unwanted:

This will disrupt every single business on and around Avenue C North. It will remove valuable parking spaces which will result in zero or extremely limited parking for some, which in turn means a loss in revenue. When no one can park at your business, people WILL turn elsewhere. Customers RARELY arrive on foot. Also with reduced parking spaces, some businesses use their parking lot to receive shipments, which means no space for semi's to backup and unload, which will cause a handful of other problems and safety concerns.

Unnecessary:

I can count the amount of people that have biked across Avenue C North this year, on one hand. An \$8.8+ million dollar project for 3 people, seems a bit outrageous to me. There is a catwalk over Idylwyld that can be accessed from the Airport, this is rarely used and mostly forgotten because no one needs to use it.

Outrageously Priced:

The city does not have \$8.8+ million for this project, which means, again, the patrons of this city will have to pay for this. We will have to pay for a project 5 people want, but will never use, just because they think it will make the city "green". Use the magical \$8.8+ million for something that will benefit the city as a WHOLE. This city needs a better transit system, why not look into a Rapid Rail system? The city does not have the space for something on the ground, so a sky train seems like a logical option.

Dangerous:

Putting a bike lane or walking path along Avenue C North, is like putting a walking path along Circle Drive. Avenue C North is a key road in this city, bringing LARGE amounts of semi's and civilian vehicles through it every single day. Not only is the amount of vehicles that drive along Avenue C North every day large in number, but because of this amount, buildings shake and rattle when vehicles drive by. It is also well known for accidents along all parts of the road. If this city council thinks changing the speed limit will reduce the accidents, they are blind/ignorant to reality.

This idea/plan will do nothing other than cause headaches, issues and severe problems for everyone that uses the road every day, not to mention the headaches and problems it will cause the rest of the city folk that don't use it because they will be the ones to end up paying for it.

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