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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Kevin Dunbar - Connecting Avenue C - Walking and Cycling Improvement Project - CK 6000-5

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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: Monday, December 18, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Kevin

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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

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Agenda item details popup9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project

Comments:

To Saskatoon City Council,

I am writing in support of the approval of the Avenue C walking and Cycling Improvements Functional Design

I want to especially express my strong support of the design proposed between 38th Street to 45th Street. I have personal experience trying to cycle to a job located off Airport Drive. I was forced to drive to work because I could not ride there safely. With the proposed infrastructure I would have been able to cycle to that job. The section between 38th and 45th is crucial, that section will provide the only safe way to access the entire Airport Business Area.

I know that with safe infrastructure people are willing to cycle. My employer moved locations from the Airport Business Area to downtown, I was moved along with around 60 other employees. When my employer was located off Airport Drive no one cycled to work, but once downtown more and more people started cycling. I ended up cycling to work year round. A couple of year after the move the bike racks outside and the bike-room inside were full and there was a wait list to get a spot in the bike room. The jobs and people were the same the only thing that changed was the ability to cycle safely.

I know that safe infrastructure helps businesses access customers. I use the mechanic I do because I can safely cycle to work and home from their location in North Industrial area. The route I have to take is not perfect but it is usable. Being able to cycle there means I can take my car to get work done without having to arrange a ride or get a cab or rent a car. I drop the car off and pull my bike from the trunk and cycle to work. I used to go to the Farmers Market several times a month, now that they are located near the airport I have not gone once.

Please approve the proposed design in its totality. Cycling and walking are not just recreational, they are ways to access employment and businesses. They are a way to make living in the city affordable

Thank you for your consideration,

Kevin Dunbar

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