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Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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: Terry

Last Name: Neefs

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: [REDACTED]

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Neighbourhood: [Lawson Heights](#)

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 ?: 9.2.2 Neighborhood Bikeways and 9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C

Comments:

My wife and I are senior retirees and lifelong avid cyclists. In the last 10-15 years we have noted not only a significant increase in vehicle traffic but also many vehicles travelling at excessive speeds on residential streets, and luckily we have avoided many close calls. Therefore we intentionally adjust our routes to avoid riding on city streets whenever we can and use the MVA trail system as much as possible. There are also 4 lane streets in our area that are too narrow and unsafe to cycle such as Primrose Drive, so we must ride on the sidewalk to protect ourselves. We frequent many shops and stores in the North Industrial and Airport Industrial districts but it is completely unsafe to try and cycle into these areas from any direction especially since there is still no pedestrian/cycle railway overpass from our Lawson Heights area. With shorter winters and longer summers now a reality, it significantly extends our cycling season and Saskatoon is overdue to embrace more safe and friendly neighbourhood bikeways. We have travelled extensively during our careers and retirement years and have noted many celebrity cities from Paris to London to Madrid that have well planned and protected bikeways. Active transportation is necessary for the less fortunate and has a positive impact to our health and well being and another solution to reduce fossil fuel emissions. Saskatoon needs to embrace a future that includes an active transportation infrastructure and councilors are encouraged to vote for the Bikeway 30 km/h speed limit policy and connecting Avenue C walking and cycling improvement.

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