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Date: Friday, December 01, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Standing Policy Committee on Transportation, December 5, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.3 Neighbourhood Bikeways 30km/hr Speed Limit Policy

Comments:

To the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation,

I am writing in support of the report recommendation to approve a policy for all neighbourhood bikeways in Saskatoon to have a posted speed limit of 30 km/h.

As a cyclist who rides in the city on a daily basis, often multiple times per day, I am well aware of the incredible dangers of riding in the city. I know that there's a chance that a driver could kill me in an accident, as evidenced by the deaths this summer of 2 cyclists including Natasha Fox. Therefore, I strongly encourage any changes the city will make to improve safety for cyclists of all ages.

Additionally, we are now well aware of the impacts of the climate crisis on our local environment, and one of the implications of the climate crisis is the reduced ability to travel around the city by driving. If the city is looking forward to the future, you should be able to predict that citizens are increasingly no longer going to be able to afford to drive, and will turn to cycling as an alternative option. Consequently, improved infrastructure should be one important step to allow citizens to cycle more in the future.

I love cycling and I hope the city is able to make this change to cyclists of all ages can feel a little bit safer in the city.

I strongly encourage this committee to forward this recommendation to City Council. It is a low-investment decision with very high returns.

Thank you for your consideration,

Andrea DesRoches
Ward 6

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