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Submitted on Saturday, December 2, 2023 - 21:41

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: Saturday, December 02, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Caylin

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

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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, 202

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

Comments:

Please see the attached letter of support for reducing speed limits in neighbourhood bikeways

Attachments:

- [bikeway letter.docx](#)13.17 KB

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

Dear Mayor Clark and Councillors,

I am writing to express my support for reducing speed limits on neighborhood bikeways to 30 km/h.

Cyclists are always in disproportionate danger when sharing road space with cars, but that danger can be lessened by reducing the speed and volume of vehicle traffic. Labelling a road a 'neighborhood bikeway' without taking any steps to ensure that vehicle speeds are slow and traffic volumes are small is pointless. The label has no meaning without those steps and would merely give cyclists a false sense of security.

During the recent budget discussions there was a lot of discussion about how exactly to define 'core services.' When I was too young to drive a car, I rode a bike. When I couldn't afford to drive a car, I rode a bike. And now, when I am trying to live more affordably and with less impact on the environment around me, I ride a bike. Ensuring that people can travel safely and affordably throughout the city is a *core service*. And that includes walking, public transportation, and cycling.

But being able to drive *at high speeds* through residential areas is not essential in any sense. It imposes unreasonable dangers on others that excludes them from our public spaces. And it imposes these harms for little benefit: a minute or two shorter travel times for the people using the most luxurious and comfortable mode of travel available to them.

Reducing vehicle speeds to open our public spaces up to more people is a reasonable and good thing to do. Please approve this proposal (and then please create some neighbourhood bikeways near me).

Sincerely,

Caylin Lee