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Subject: Communication - Colleen Walker - Neighbourhood Bikeways 30km-hr Speed Limit Policy - CK 6320-0 x 6000-5

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Date: Monday, December 04, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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First Name: Colleen

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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 regular bike rider, the reduced speed limit on these corridors would increase safety, reduce accidents and injury, and generally create a more welcoming environment for all users. If these corridors are created with the decrease in speed limit for motor vehicles this will encourage me to use these corridors instead other streets which have higher motor vehicle usage.

SGI President and CEO Penny McCune is quoted on the SGI website: "The faster you speed, the less time you have to react. And if a collision does happen, higher speeds equal more damage and a greater risk of injury and death."

I strongly encourage this committee to forward this recommendation to City Council. It is a low-investment decision with very high returns. Creating a welcoming and safe atmosphere for cyclists will decrease our carbon footprint and create a easy way for people to increase their overall fitness level. There will be a decrease in the need for parking spaces. It is in my opinion a win - win situation. Decreasing the speed limit also signal to motorists that there are other vehicular traffic present and hopeful this awareness will in turn make motor vehicle drivers more apt to watch for cyclists on other roads as well. It is similar to the use of a decreased speed limit for school and park/playground zones. Let's keep everyone safe!

Thank you for your consideration,

Colleen Walker
Ward 6

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