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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: Saturday, December 16, 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):: Dec. 20/23

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project

Comments:

I hadn't heard the bicycling plans and use Ave C North all the time. I think the plans are not going to be a great benefit and will impede thousands of drivers as well as make it harder on businesses. I have alternative routes for bicycles in my enclosed letter.

Attachments:

- [City Council Bike Issues Dec 16 2023.pdf](#)54.95 KB

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

Ross Elliott
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Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project

December 16, 2023

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am a retired Engineer and a long-time cyclist and driver in Saskatoon. I have commuted over the last three decades from Westview to Sutherland, Westview to Agriplace, and Lawson Heights to Stonebridge without very many benefits of bike lanes. I have always found a way to keep myself as a cyclist safe and not impede drivers. I am afraid some of the plans will make drivers angry and actually make it more hazardous for bicyclists with driver's aggressive actions. If a lane is lost on Ave C N for biking, then anyone turning West will be holding up Northbound traffic. My first question is how many cyclists need to ride into the airport area? Do they ride all year round or just in summer? How many people walk around that area?

A person riding a bicycle from Riversdale to 39th St have many options. I would use Ave D myself. Those who want lights to cross 22nd St can use Ave. C. Ave B isn't a bad choice except for a couple of sections. Just North of 39th St there are back alleys to get onto Ave C by the railway tracks. Bicycling on Ave C from the railway tracks to Circle Drive is fine with it being wide enough to cycle safely. I have found riding a bit further to keep safe is well worth it.

As a cyclist once I reach Circle Drive I would use the pedestrian lights to get across. The benefit of being a cyclist is being able to jump off and be a pedestrian, if needed, and gain the right-of-way. I would use the parking lots to get to Cynthia St. From there I could go East or West. I could go North on Speers Ave from Cynthia or the alley just before that street. There is a back alley north of Speers Ave to get to 45th or use Hanselman Ave. There are options.

If you wanted to make something more official, utilize the sidewalk by the Sandman Inn sign to get to the lift station and make that access road part of the path, between the Sandman Inn and Country Inn and Suites. Once on Cynthia St. the previous options can be used.

I don't think you have to spend so much money and time to make a few cyclists safe. If there are alternatives, they can use them if they want. Some choose to live dangerously. I think you are going to make things worse for many people for the benefit of only a few.

Ross Elliott P.Eng