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and Connecting Ave C - Walking and Cycling Improvement Project - CK 6000-5 x 6320-0

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I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Margot

Last Name: Gough

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City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code:

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 Neighbourhood Bikeways 30 km/h Speed Limit Policy [TS20231203]" and "9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project [TS2023-1201]

Comments:

To Saskatoon City Council,

I am writing in support of the following motions:

- 9.2.2 Neighbourhood Bikeways 30 km/h Speed Limit Policy [TS20231203]
- 9.2.1 Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project [TS2023-1201]

I believe both of these measures help move the City of Saskatoon toward a healthier, safer, and more equitable and sustainable active transportation network, which in turn contributes to a happier community.

As a regular bike rider and commuter who lives in Ward 2, I welcome infrastructure like the Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project that both encourages more "AAA" (All Ages and Abilities) users and increases accessibility into neighborhoods where people want to go, regardless of their mode of transportation. This project will provide a significant north south corridor for citizens using Active Transportation and provide simpler and more affordable access to work opportunities in the North business district. In my 6 years in Caswell Hill I have been glad to see so many cyclists and walkers using Avenue C, and being one myself. I've also witnessed several near misses between vehicles and cyclists and believe this measure will also keep us all safer.

The addition of a 30 km/h speed limit to roads designated as Neighborhood Bikeways will provide a noticeably safer riding experience.

I have not forgotten Natasha Fox and Darin Kinniewess. I want to live in a city where we do everything in our power to reduce the likelihood of further tragedy. With as many as 50 SGI reported car/bicycle collisions a year (many others go unreported) the potential for more tragedy is horrifying! The people in my life who care for me worry about my decision to cycle on our city streets. But I don't want to live in a city where I and others need to feel fear going about daily business or staying active. As someone who works in cancer prevention, I know continuing to cycle is key to my long term health. Please take these opportunities before you today to help make our city safer and healthier, and more affordable transportation decisions easier to make.

Thank you for your consideration,

Margot Gough, Ward 2

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