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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: Thursday, December 14, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Elia

Last Name: Tarasoff

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Don't worry, I don't pronounce it correctly either.

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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):: CITY COUNCIL AGENDA - REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING - Wednesday, 20 December 2023

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:

I'm writing in support of both the Neighbourhood Bikeways 30 km/h Speed Limit Policy and Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project. Both will help Saskatoon be healthier, more sustainable and more equitable.

Saskatoon's still very much dependent on cars, even when you're only taking yourself and your lunch to work. We're all fatter with thinner wallets in North America, and I'd very much prefer it to be the other way around like many exemplary cities and countries. Finland's colder in the winter, but has snow-clearing on their bike trails and is the leader for winter biking as a result; The Netherlands has separated biking, walking, low-speed driving and high-speed driving, and has smoother, cheaper, safer traffic all-around.

The safety also should be called out specifically. I was shocked when I heard that Natasha Fox and Darin Kinniewess had died riding their bikes. Two dead people in one year, with such a small city, and small proportion of people biking is a testament to how unsafe it is. I had a near-miss about a decade ago when a car clipped my handle-bars while trying to squeeze past in the lane, making my bike wobble. If I'd have gone sideways, I'd be another name in this letter instead of writing it. I want more people to be able to ride their bikes, not just the most desperate, fit or foolhardy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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