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Date: Monday, March 04, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Victoria

Last Name: Martinez

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: vik-TOH-ree-ah mar-TEEN-ez

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Ward: Ward 2

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.1

Comments:

Dear Committee members,

Climate stability should be a priority for our city, and the Northeastern and Small Swales are some of the most important pieces of natural land in our city, and host to a swathe of important species. Preserving this biodiversity is essential to our city's health, and we know that the proposed freeway would cause irreversible harm to these areas.

Our city should be built for life, not for cars.

I favour the Swale Watchers recommendations:

1. Given that the Biological Assessment and the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway demonstrate that irreversible harm would befall the Northeast and Small Swales –two of Saskatoon's most valuable and valued natural areas—if the project proceeds as planned, we urge you NOT to endorse the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway.
2. Recognizing that the ultimate authority over where, when or if this project is completed lies with the province, rather than with the City of Saskatoon, we urge you to call on the Government of Saskatchewan to choose a route for the Saskatoon Freeway that does not intrude on the Swales and to guarantee that the project will be subject to a thorough, impartial Environmental Impact Assessment.

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

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