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Date: Monday, February 05, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.2 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request [TS2024-0205]

Comments:

Letter attached, thank you.

Attachments:

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



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Subject: Request for Consideration Regarding Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2
Endorsement [TS2024-0205]

Standing Policy Committee on Transportation City of Saskatoon February 06, 2024 meeting

Dear Councillor B. Dubois, Chair and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc., we are writing to bring to your attention our concerns and considerations regarding item 7.2.2 [Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request \[TS2024-0205\]](#) that you will be discussing in your upcoming meeting.

The discussion options presented, particularly” Option 1 – Do not endorse the study” and “Option 2 – Endorse the study”, carry specific advantages and disadvantages, however some are missing. We would like to emphasize that a more comprehensive evaluation would consider all the City of Saskatoon's Strategic Goals and the broader sustainability measures such as the seventeen United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).

While Option 1 where it suggests “no obvious benefits” this fails to acknowledge the importance of the City of Saskatoon's Strategic Goals environmental leadership, continuous improvement, and overall quality of life, which are essential components of the City of Saskatoon's vision.

Option 2, on the other hand, primarily focuses mainly on the Strategic Goals of Moving Around and Economic Diversity and Prosperity without considering the potential negative impacts on climate action, life below water and life on land, and sustainable cities and communities – all integral components of the UN SDGs and our city's long-term Official Community Plan vision.

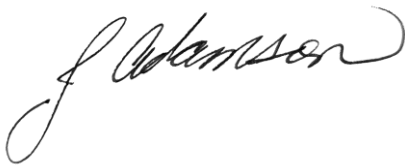
We understand the need for economic growth, transportation infrastructure, and the importance of addressing certain Strategic Goals. However, the decision must also reflect a commitment to the newly implemented Triple Bottom Line environmental sustainability and the conservation of our native grasslands, a global endangered ecosystem which play a vital role in preserving biodiversity.

The sixth mass extinction is a reality, with significant declines in wildlife populations and ecosystems. The grasslands and wetlands at risk are not only crucial for biodiversity but also contribute to climate action, sustainable cities, and a better quality of life.

We kindly request the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation to thoroughly consider the broader implications of the Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request, taking into account both immediate economic factors and long-term environmental sustainability and take into account the Triple Bottom Line, all seven Saskatoon Strategic Goals, and the UN SDGs.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to a decision that reflects a balanced and forward-thinking approach to the future of our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Adamson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Julia Adamson, Chair, on behalf of the Friends of the Saskatoon Afforestation Areas Inc.