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Endorsement Request - CK 6003-1

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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:** Monday, February 05, 2024

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** She/her/hers

**First Name:** Kimberly

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**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** Kimberly LAH-bell

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**Ward:** Ward 6

**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 ?:** 7.2.2

**Comments:**

I am a 4th year Animal Bioscience student at the University of Saskatchewan and I am writing this letter to urge the City Council to vote for Option 1 of the Saskatoon Freeway Functional Planning Study - that is, to not endorse the study. The geographical area where the proposed freeway would be constructed is of great intrinsic and environmental value to the citizens of Saskatoon. While urban development is important for the continued economic growth of this city, the irreversible impacts on wild animal and plant species must be considered when proposing new developments.

In the discussion of the Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request, there are no evident advantages listed below Option 1. There are, however, advantages to not endorsing this Freeway Functional Planning Study. The Small Swale and the Northeast Swale are composed of both endangered grassland and wetland ecosystems. Preserving them in their natural state is essential to ensure the provision of the unique ecosystem services that these landscapes provide - ground water filtration, carbon sequestration, and protection against flooding, to name a few. Additionally, this area has great potential as a site for an Urban National Park, thereby establishing Saskatoon as a leader in environmental conservation across Canadian municipalities, as well as providing numerous educational and economic opportunities. Developing a freeway directly through this valuable ecosystem would be a missed opportunity for the City of Saskatoon.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of multiple perspectives on this very important issue. By examining both economical and environmental implications of the proposed Saskatoon Freeway Functional Planning Study, and choosing Option 1, I believe the City of Saskatoon can continue to provide well-rounded and meaningful leadership for this city.

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