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Date: Monday, February 05, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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First Name: Rick

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Ward: Ward 5

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study - Phase 2 endorsement

Comments:

Members of the committee,

I would request that the committee vote in favour of Option 1 and NOT endorse the Phase 2 Functional Design Report for the Saskatoon Freeway.

I would respectfully point out, as I imagine others have, that a decision in favour of Phase 2 (option 2) will create significant negative impacts on both the Northeast and Small Swales. Specifically that:

- The Freeway will force 8 lanes of high-speed traffic through the Northeast Swale and will widen to 10 lanes through the Small Swale with obvious damage to the endangered grasslands and wetlands of both Swales.
- The Freeway will directly harm the Swale ecosystems and the species that rely on them, through fragmentation, habitat loss, damage and degradation of wetlands, and noise and light pollution.
- There are clear advantages to protecting the Swales. These range from the provision of ecosystem services to the potential for a National Urban Park.
- The need for a "Ring Road" or "Perimeter Highway" are clear but the current proposal already runs through the city, not around it.
- Endorsing the Saskatoon Freeway ignores the future harms to people who will be living in neighbourhoods next to or adjacent to the freeway.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns and your commitment to caring for, not just your constituents but the future residents of Saskatoon who will be drawn, not by our Freeways, but by the beauty of the river and trail system that run through it.

Sincerely,

Rick McCorkindale

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