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Date: Monday, February 05, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Donnalea

Last Name: Johnson

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Nokomis Bay

Ward: Ward 5

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Tues, Feb 6, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.2 Saskatoon Freeway study

Comments:

Option 1, on the basis that:

The Saskatoon Freeway will force 8 lanes of high-speed traffic through the Northeast Swale and will widen to 10-12 lanes through the Small Swale. This brutal intrusion will cause irreversible 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 estimated cost of the Saskatoon Freeway is well over \$2,000,000,000 (2015 estimate). That is a lot of money to spend on infrastructure that will cause irreversible damage to our last, best natural areas. (More information:

<https://swalewatchers.org/seeking-solutions/>)

Highways and busy urban roads pose a health risk to people within 500 m of them. Endorsing the Saskatoon Freeway ignores the future harms to people who will be living in neighbourhoods next to the freeway.[1]

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