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Date: Friday, March 01, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Phase 2 Functional Design Report for the Saskatoon Freeway

Comments:

Dear Saskatoon City Council,

I am writing to urge you not to approve Phase 2 of the proposed Saskatoon Freeway, specifically the route that cuts through the Northeast and Small Swales. As a resident near the swale, a mother of three, and an Environmental Science educator at Centennial Collegiate, I have a deep personal and professional connection to these natural areas.

The Swales are not just spaces of biodiversity; they are living classrooms for myself and many others. I frequently take my children for walks there, where we appreciate the diverse plant and animal life. As an Environmental Science teacher, the Swales serve as an invaluable resource for teaching my students about intact habitats and the importance of preserving biodiversity.

Having studied the documents provided by the Ministry of Highways, I am more certain than ever that the chosen route for Phase 2 of the Freeway would be disastrous. The impact on these high-quality natural areas, home to 49 Species of Conservation Concern, would be irreparable. While I understand the need for infrastructure development, I implore you to consider alternative routes that do not jeopardize these vital ecosystems.

I urge you to vote against endorsing the plan for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway through the Swales. Let us prioritize the preservation of these natural areas for current and future generations. Thank you for your time and consideration on this critical matter.

Sincerely,

Marci Halseth

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