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Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: March 5

Comments:

Our letter is in regard to the Saskatoon Freeway Phase Two Functional Planning Study.

Attachments:

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

February 28, 2024

Standing Policy Committee on Transportation
City of Saskatoon
222 3rd Avenue North
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Att: Councillor B. Dubois, Chair

- Councillor D. Kirton, Vice Chair
- Councillor R. Donauer
- Councillor S. Gersher
- Councillor D. Hill
- His Worship Mayor C. Clark (Ex-Officio)

Dear Committee Members:

We are writing to you today to urge you to seriously consider the details outlined in the Swale Watchers' position paper on the Saskatoon Freeway Phase 2 Functional Planning Study. Further, we urge you to carefully read the position paper and vote in favour of the Swale Watchers recommendations to **not** endorse the proposed design that would cause irreparable damage to the precarious and vital lands of the Northeast and Small Swales.

We live in a beautiful city, one whose designers and planners have had the foresight to protect natural areas and who recognized the importance of building a place to live that is in harmony with nature. The efforts to preserve and protect the Meewasin Valley, for example, has ensured we live in an urban environment with nature just steps away for residents to enjoy.

The physical and psychological benefits of having easy access to nature are undeniable. Saskatoon is the envy of the world for our commendable and careful approach as stewards of natural habitat and our efforts to preserve and protect for future generations.

We urge your Committee and City Council to consider the following:

1. Given that the Biological Assessment and the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway demonstrate that irreversible harm would befall the Northeast and Small Swales –two of Saskatoon's most valuable and valued natural areas—if the project proceeds as planned, we urge you NOT to endorse the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway.

2. Recognizing that the ultimate authority over where, when or if this project is completed lies with the province, rather than with the City of Saskatoon, we urge you to call on the Government of Saskatchewan to choose a route for the Saskatoon Freeway that does not intrude on the Swales and to guarantee that the project will be subject to a thorough, impartial Environmental Impact Assessment.

Sincerely,

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