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Date: Monday, March 04, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

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Ward: Ward 7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study

Comments:

I am writing today to encourage the city to oppose the Saskatoon Freeway project being pursued by the province.

As the population of Saskatoon (and the surrounding areas which depend upon Saskatoon) grows, we must plan how we can sustainably accommodate that growth. This freeway project will drive more people into the commuter belt, and we should consider the implications that will have for the city.

Though the freeway itself is to be paid for by the province, exurban commuters travelling into Saskatoon on a daily basis still rely on Saskatoon infrastructure. This will force the city to be financially responsible for maintaining (and expanding) infrastructure placed under significant strain by commuters who are not contributing to city finances. And as the population of these places continues to grow, our transportation system will struggle to keep up with the limited space available.

For trips within the city, traffic congestion can be eased by travellers switching to more spatially efficient forms of travel (like public transit, walking, and cycling). But for out-of-town commuters driving oversized vehicles to take advantage of an oversized freeway, their SUVs will inevitably end up in overcrowded city streets. Car-centric development is simply inefficient. The space required for people to travel alone in their separate cars is substantially greater than for them to travel on a bike or a bus. And though we shouldn't outlaw practices for being inefficient, we should at least ensure that our development makes efficient choices easy.

This freeway makes the most inefficient option easy, makes efficient options impossible, funnels property tax revenues out of the city, and leaves the city holding the bill and scrambling to rebuild our road network for more and more traffic. This is a bad project that will be costly for this city well into the future and should be opposed in all its forms.

Sincerely,

Caylin Lee
Ward 7

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