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Date: Monday, March 04, 2024

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Comments:

Hello,

In regards to the Saskatoon Freeway Phase 2 Functional Planning Study and Biological Assessment, I have the following concerns:

- Based on specific language in the documents, it is pre-determined that the proposed route will seriously affect and impact the Northeast and Small Swales. After decades of effort and taxpayer money that the CoS has spent in protecting and conserving these areas, it seems ludicrous to now turn a blind eye and reverse direction.
- This project is one of the largest infrastructure investments to be made in Saskatchewan and will affect many future generations. It is unconscionable to negatively impact such a precious and sensitive part of our community and environmental ecology at the expense and detriment of our children, grandchildren, and many future generations.
- The Planning Study was completed on July 5, 2023. It seems very odd that city council has only now been made aware of its existence for a somewhat quick ad hoc approval. This is a very detailed, lengthy and complex document. It needs to be reviewed and vetted by fresh eyes and unbiased arms-length professionals with expertise in civil/transportation engineering and ecology/environmental science. There must be potential alternative route options that would better protect the swales and still accomplish the freeway requirements.

Better informed choices today make for even better consequences tomorrow. Thus it's critical to ensure all avenues of due diligence are taken by doing a complete and thorough analysis of this planning study. Political pressures and arbitrary deadlines aside, it's far more important to do the right thing for the right reasons for a long term project with such far reaching implications. Common sense and critical thinking suggest the environmental damage and negative consequences of this proposed phase 2 route can never be undone.

Regards, Terry Neefs

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