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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Erin Watson - Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request - CK 6003-1

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Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, February 05, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Erin

Last Name: Watson

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Quance Avenue

Ward: Ward 8

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

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

Comments:

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I urge you to choose option 1. Option 2 means that the freeway would run through both the Small Swale and the Northeast Swale, thus destroying their ability to remain viable habitats. The two swales not only provide habitat for endangered plant and animal species and, by sequestering carbon and providing a reservoir for excess rainwater, help mitigate the effects of climate change, but provide nearby places for Saskatoon residents to escape the urban environment, something which has been shown to provide benefits to both mental and physical health, and which makes Saskatoon a more attractive place to live. My family and I have visited the swales on several occasions and greatly enjoyed stargazing (as this area, not having artificial lights, is darker than many areas around Saskatoon) and on different occasions, observing the crocuses, fireflies, butterflies and other plants and animals that live there. The swales are among the last examples of undisturbed grasslands in our region. Please leave them intact for us and for the generations who come after us.

Erin Watson

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