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To: City Council
Subject: Email - Communication - Annika Lessing - Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway - CK 6003-1
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Submitted on Friday, March 1, 2024 - 13:22

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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: Friday, March 01, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Annika

Last Name: Lessing

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] 8th St E

Ward: Not Sure

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 ?: Agenda Item 7.2.1

Comments:

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Sincerely,
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Attachments:

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

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