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March 4, 2024

Standing Policy Committee on
Transportation
City of Saskatoon

Re: Phase 2 Functional Design Report for the Saskatoon Freeway

Dear Committee Members,

It does not make sense to move ahead on the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway because the proposed current location simply does not make sense. Efforts should focus on finding a more suitable route and on convincing the province that any future freeway development must not intrude on the swales.

Aside from the intrinsic value of the species and ecosystems in the swales, these areas represent a significant carbon sink, particularly its grasslands and wetlands. The City of Saskatoon has made commitments to climate protection, but this must necessarily involve not just reducing emissions, but also protecting those landscapes that sequester emissions. Why would we sacrifice these free ecosystem services that will help buffer the effects of climate change?

We fully support the two recommendations made by Swale Watchers regarding Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway. There is sufficient precedent in this province regarding the relocation of proposed infrastructure to protect critical landscapes, including for wind generation and other energy projects. We must do the same to protect this critical landscape.

Sincerely,

Margret Asmuss
Peter Krebs