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Subject: Email - Communication - Mike Winter - Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request - CK 6003-1

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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: Sunday, February 04, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Ward: Ward 6

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Walking Sasaktoon

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.2 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study.

Comments:

If your constituents were asked where they want to spend billions of dollars on transportation projects in Saskatoon, what would they choose?

Would they want to:

Add an overpass on Circle Drive and 11th Street AND
Fix the dangerous cloverleaf at South Circle Drive and Highway 11 AND
Add an overpass at every rail crossing in city AND
Heavily improve transit and BRT service?

Or would they prefer to spend those billions of dollars on a massive ring freeway so that people in Warman can get to Regina in a slightly more convenient fashion?

The Saskatoon Freeway is the worst and most disastrous project in Saskatoon's history. Not only will billions of dollars be diverted from existing transportation needs but it will provide a massive subsidy for thousands of people to continue moving out of Saskatoon to Corman Park and other commuter areas.

Saskatoon is already beginning to resemble Detroit and other hollowed-out American cities where expensive and elaborate urban ring highways fuelled exurban flight, leaving destroyed neighbourhoods, decaying infrastructure, and a devastated tax base in their wake. Councillors only need walk around our core west-side neighbourhoods, filled with boarded-up and burned-out houses, and compare them with sprawling new suburbs in cities like Martensville and Warman to see the future that awaits Saskatoon if we continue to fund ring highways.

We urge councillors to vote for Option 1 on this motion and bury this disastrous project once and for all.

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