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Date: Sunday, February 04, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

This project, the Saskatoon Freeway, is a very old idea and I wonder if this committee shouldn't do some serious

questioning regarding its purpose as it may be, now that we have more understanding, and obsolete idea. You may want to inquire who is asking for this freeway. Is it the truckers, so they can go around our city without passing through it, in which case is this simply a two billion dollar subsidy from the taxpayers to the trucking industry? Or is it the construction companies, who look forward to building it?

Those of us who live here in Saskatoon don't need it, certainly not as much as we need the swales. (And in fact since the freeway will not be a complete circle, trucks from the south (Regina, the trans-Canada, etc) headed west (to Calgary, Edmonton etc) will have to travel much farther, going counter clockwise three-quarters around the city on this new freeway, which means it may not get as much use as predicted, especially if gas prices are high.)

These days and increasingly with each passing month, more people are coming to understand the value of Mother Nature. Many, especially youth, are also questioning our car dependent culture. They would much rather save our swales and the rare species they contain than cover native prairie with houses and roadways.

I urge you not to endorse this functional design report but ask the provincial government to state clearly the rationale behind the whole project. Carefully examine it to see if it will really benefit the people who live here and their children and grandchildren. Because we know that conserving the Northeast and small swales will be a wondrous, healing, living legacy we can give to future generations. Please don't eliminate that possibility.

Thank you.

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