From:Web NoReplySent:Monday, February 5, 2024 9:54 AMTo:City CouncilSubject:Email - Communication - Linda Tweddell - Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2<br/>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: Monday, February 05, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Linda

Last Name: Tweddell

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: tw edd ell

Phone Number : <u>306</u>

Email:

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward: Address: Egbert Ave. Ward: Ward 1

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council Meeting, February

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

## Comments:

I am very concerned about proposals to expand the number of highway lanes going through the swales in north-east Saskatoon. I urge you to vote for Option 1.

Widening the highway through this area will cause irreversible damage to the grasslands and wetlands in the swales and to the species that are part of that ecosystem. In particular, the animals that live in and use the swale as a corridor between the river and the areas to the north and east of the swales will be impacted severely by the fragmentation of the habitat in which they live. Furthermore, spending something in excess of \$2 Billion on infrastructure that will cause irreversible damage to our last best natural areas is unacceptable and irresponsible. This area is a wonderful resource for the city -- for education of its citizens, as an escape from the noise and congestion of the city, and as part of a future park system that could include extensions of the Meewasin Trail system, Wanuskewin, and Beaver Creek! Once we allow the degradation and then destruction of our natural environment it can NEVER be replaced! We need to be stewards of the natural world that we rely on for our mental and physical health.

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