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Date: Monday, February 05, 2024

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Comments:

I have just received information that City council has been asked to endorse the Saskatoon Freeway Functional Planning Study – Phase 2 Functional Design Report and supporting appendices in very short order (on February 6th) From the NE Swale Watchers, I fully support their position on this issue as stated in their letter of Feb 4, 2024. I have several concerns about acting too quickly on the Freeway project and what the final impact/unintended consequences will be of the completed freeway on the NE Swale. While I am aware that city council and others have been working on this for several years, there seems to be an unwarranted desire to rush over the finish line. I am concerned that the City of Saskatoon has several other significant projects on the go that certainly will impact the NE Swale including the imminent National Urban Park. As well, I understand the city is undertaking a strengthened wetlands and natural areas policy initiative. Both projects deserve careful consideration and the role of the NE Swale without being limited by an earlier unfortunate decision to endorse Phase 2 Functional Design Report as the city council is now being asked to endorse.

I am also concerned about the seeming lack of appreciation of the Report's authors of the environmental impact of the Freeway project through the NE Swale. First dismissing any impact on the NE Swale as "none evident" and that the "The Ministry will follow all regulator's requirements as the project progresses" seems almost trivializing and not fully appreciating the obvious impacts this freeway will have on the NE Swale.

To conclude – I would urge City Council to vote for Option 1 and reject the proposed route for Phase 2 of the Freeway through the Swales. But if this is impossible for you – whatever your reasons may be, whatever interests you serve – we urge you, at the very least, to take your time with this critical decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

David Forbes

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