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Date: Monday, February 05, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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First Name: Max

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Ward: Ward 6

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

Comments:

to whom it may concern;

the northeast and small swales are refuges for life and the last, best remnants of natural wetlands and grasslands in and around saskatoon. even with an altered route, the proposed saskatoon freeway will fragment both of the swales with a broad footprint and at least eight lanes of traffic. this is a major threat to two hundred plus plant species, and one hundred seventy five plus bird species.

not only would this disrupt the species living there, but it would also pose a threat to the surrounding area, as both of the swales are important for collecting and stopping water runoff. without the swales there to collect the water, it would pool in other places, seeping into the ground (if at all, and, let's face it, we don't like giant puddles sitting around, they cause hazards to traffic both motor and foot) and increasing the risk of sinkholes in the future.

by destroying the swales, we will displace animals into the city, including but not limited to, deer, coyotes, ground squirrels, and weasels. this can lead to undesirable interactions (moose in the classroom anyone?) and risks of disease transfer.

i value the coming generations as much as the next person, and know that if we go ahead with this, my children and grandchildren and my grandchildren's grandchildren may not know the natural beauty that is urban prairie. they might not know what a swale is, what a weasel is. i want the best for them, and this highway may increase rates of import and export, but what it won't increase is the rates of my great-great-grandchildren knowing what a swale looks like.

max baijius, grade 7 student

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