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Date: Sunday, March 03, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Tannara

Last Name: Yelland

Email:

Phone Number : 647

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments? (if known):: Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request [TS2024-0205]

Comments:

Dear Committee Members.

I am writing to you today to express my strong support for the Swale Watchers recommendations regarding Phase 2 of the proposed Saskatoon Freeway. Protecting what remains of the natural grasslands and wetlands in this region is an urgent imperative for all of us, and especially so for elected officials and policy-makers who are vested with powers beyond those of the average citizen to secure (or not) these natural habitats.

These recommendations are as follows:

- "1. Given that the Biological Assessment and the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway demonstrate that irreversible harm would befall the Northeast and Small Swales –two of Saskatoon's most valuable and valued natural areas—if the project proceeds as planned, we urge you NOT to endorse the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway.
- "2. Recognizing that the ultimate authority over where, when or if this project is completed lies with the province, rather than with the City of Saskatoon, we urge you to call on the Government of Saskatchewan to choose a route for the Saskatoon Freeway that does not intrude on the Swales and to guarantee that the project will be subject to a thorough, impartial Environmental Impact Assessment."

Sincerely, Tannara Yelland

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