From: Web NoReply Sunday, March 3, 2024 8:04 PM Sent: **City Council** To: Subject: Email - Communication - Anna Leighton - Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study - Phase 2 Endorsement Request - CK 6003-1 Follow Up Flag: Follow up Flag Status: Flagged **Categories:** FILED --- Replies to this email will go to Submitted on Sunday, March 3, 2024 - 20:00 Submitted by user: Submitted values are: 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: Sunday, March 03, 2024 To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council First Name: Anna Last Name: Leighton

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway

Comments:

Dear Councillors,

I understand that the province still has a plan to put a highway across valuable residential and recreational land in the northeast part of the City. This would result in a big – and irreversible - loss to the residents of Saskatoon. There is no reason for this to happen since alternate routes do exist that don't involve covering a swath of valuable City property with a trucking corridor.

Full consideration should also be given to the fact that the proposed route goes across a major aquifer. This aquifer, the Forestry Farm Aquifer, is a large reserve of water accessible to Saskatoon. Drought is a future threat for the City and this aquifer holds a lot of water mere meters under the surface. It would be a mistake to do anything to alter it or potentially pollute it, as might happen if a truck transporting hazardous goods should fall into the sloughs which the highway runs across.

People chose to live in Saskatoon because it is a thriving small city with good residential and recreational areas. As individuals, we have no voice in the matter of this transportation corridor, so please act for us and do not endorse the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Freeway. It would a wrong to lay pavement over a part of the city with such potential.

Sincerely,

Anna Leighton

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