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Date: Monday, March 04, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Ward: Ward 7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

## What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.2.1

## Comments:

I have been reading about proposed plans for a Saskatoon Freeway that would impact the NE Swale and Small Swale. I have become more familiar with the area by taking walks through this unique habitat. I appreciate the biodiversity of the area as well as its unique prairie attributes. I am greatly disturbed to hear that further intrusion and damage is even being considered. When will we as a human species finally acknowledge both our interdependence on this biodiversity and stop our destruction of these areas?

Surely there are other ways to meet our needs without destroyed such a unique and endangered piece of the environment.

I urge the Committee and Council to consider the impact of this proposal and the implications it has for all species, including humans.

I urge The Committee/Council to follow the proposals put forward by Swale Watchers and say No to the provincial plan to build a freeway through this area.

Swale Watchers two urgent recommendations for Saskatoon City Council:

- 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.

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