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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: Saturday, March 23, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Aidan

Last Name: Akhtar

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Aid-in Ack-tar

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Address: [REDACTED] Carleton Dr

Ward: Ward 8

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council Agenda – Regular Business Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 9.2.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2

Comments:

Dear Committee Members,

The Northeast and Small Swales are refuges for nature and for the people of Saskatoon. These ribbons of native grassland and natural wetlands support an astonishing abundance of life, including at least 49 species so rare that they are listed as Species of Conservation Concern. In a time of ever worsening biodiversity losses, natural areas of this diversity and importance should be protected from development.

Instead, City Council has been asked to endorse a plan, developed by the provincial Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure, that would drive multiple lanes of high-speed traffic through both Swales. The damage and degradation this development would cause is well documented.

I am writing with two requests:

1. Please DO NOT to endorse the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway.
2. Please DO call on the Ministry of Highways 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,
Aidan Akhtar

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