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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Murray Gross - Councillor C Block - Cycling Safety - CK 6000-5

Attachments: City Council Letter Re Bicycle Infrastructure.docx

From: Web NoReply < web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>

Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2023 8:12 AM **To:** City Council < <u>City.Council@Saskatoon.ca</u>>

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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: Thursday, June 22, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Murray

Last Name: Gross

Phone Number :

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Address: Avenue J South

Neighbourhood: West Industrial

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code:

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

Comments:

I feel Sad, Vulnerable and Angry.

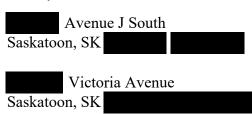
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• <u>City Council Letter Re Bicycle Infrastructure.docx</u>535.66 KB

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

July 21, 2023

Murray Gross



Dear Councillors Block, Gough and Saskatoon City Council,

I am a twelve month a year bicycle rider/commuter and supporter of active transportation.

I am extremely **sad**dened by the death of Natasha Fox's death while cycling on May 24th, 2023. And I feel **vulnerable** every time I get on my bike to commute to work or ride for pleasure. The reason is a lack of respect from vehicle drivers and inappropriate, outdated and inadequate bicycle safety infrastructure. And I am **angry** that successive City Councils and the City Administration have ignored bicycle and pedestrian safety on and around College Drive and the downtown core for years.

It has come to my attention that Councillor Block (Ward 6) has introduced motions to council that would attempt to address cycling safety concerns at the intersection of College Dr. and Wiggins Ave. These motions include:

- a third-party road safety audit at the intersection
- funding for the above audit
- an update on the implementation of the Active Transportation Plan
- a budget option for an annual Road Safety Audit program

I support these and any future motions that urgently address safety for people riding bikes with a focus on infrastructure for all ages and abilities.

The right time to improve cycling safety is NOW.

Thank you,

Murray Gross

PS: For your information and assistance, I have added a checklist on the pros and cons of protected bicycle/mobility lanes. Please take this to heart.

PUT IN PROTECTED MOBILITY LANES?	
Pros	Cons
Reduces fatalities	A driver might get mad
Reduces injuries More people biking	
Less pollution Economic boost	
Less congestion Healthier population	
Healthier population Kids biking/rolling to school Safer sidewalks	
Helps address the climate	
emergency Increase active transportation	
More inclusive spaces	