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I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor .: No

Date: Sunday, June 25, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Lara

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Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: LAR-ah (rhymes with car) Geh-RREH-row

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

## What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: June 28, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: cycling safety concerns at the intersection of College Dr. and Wiggins Ave

## Comments:

Saskatoon need to improve cycling safety.

## Attachments:

• Letter to City Council.pdf29.11 KB

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

To Saskatoon City Council,

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.

One of my favourite things to do is ride my bike. I cycle almost every day and all year long. Whenever I travel, I either bring my own bike, borrow or rent one. I have cycled in Germany, Denmark, the Netherlands as well as major cities across Canada such as Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton. I felt safe while cycling in every single one of these places.

Why? Because in every single one of these places they have infrastructure in place that aids in the protection of cyclists; signage, lights AND bike lanes. Real ones. Lanes that are protected by vehicles with cement barriers, not flimsy, bent poles.

It is incomprehensible that Saskatoon does not have these measures in place. Especially near the University where cycling is the mode of transport for so many people. The death of Natasha was beyond tragic. How many people have to be hurt or killed while cycling before it becomes a priority?

The right time to improve cycling safety is NOW. Please.

Thank you,

Lara Guerrero