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

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To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Comments:

Saskatoon City Council:

I understand that Councillor Block (Ward 6) has introduced motions to council that would help to address cycling safety at the intersection of College Drive and Wiggins, including

- 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 strongly support these and any future motions that address safety for people riding bikes, in particular those that promote infrastructure for all ages and abilities.

I've lived and cycled in Saskatoon since 2007 – for recreation and for transportation -- and for several years I did so with my daughter, first in a baby seat, then on a Trail-a-bike. Now she is twelve and bikes to school by herself. While some things have improved over the years (e.g. the Victoria bike path) this city has a long way to go. With a growing population and the climate crisis accelerating, safe, functional, interlinked bike routes are more urgently needed than ever.

I work at the University, and it is particularly appalling that 16 years after I started to riding to work are still no protected bike routes along the major corridors: Clarence, Cumberland, 25th, and College are all terrible. Wiggins is a little better for traffic but where it crosses College -- as we all now tragically and unforgettably know -- it becomes dangerous and potentially deadly.

So many other Canadian cities have effective cycling infrastructure: why on earth can't we? The failure is hard to understand.

Natasha Fox's death could've been any of ours, any of our children's. It was avoidable. Please act now.

Thank you,

Ella Ophir

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