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Submitted on Monday, June 26, 2023 - 11:23

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

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: Monday, June 26, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Lauren

Last Name: Molnar

Phone Number : [3066837550](tel:3066837550)

Email: [REDACTED]

Address: City Park School, 820 9th Ave North

Neighbourhood: [River Heights](#)

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

Postal Code: s7k 2z2

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Ecoquest

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 14. Cycling Safety

Comments:

The address, phone number, and postal code is in representation of my school (City Park)but I live in River Heights and Rose Wood. .

Attachments:

- [Bike Letter.pdf](#)31.16 KB

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

Dear Saskatoon City Council,

Our names are Emily, Emery and Lauren, we are from the grade 8 program, Ecoquest. We have been biking consistently throughout this year to and from school from all around the city and in not ideal conditions. The bike lanes all over the city are in poor condition. The paint is fading and making it unclear where it starts and begins, to bikers and cars. It's heartbreaking that many people are too scared to bike in them in worries of getting hit. Here are some things we think should happen:

- Better Signage as to where the bike lanes are (start and end)
- Repaint bike lanes/maintain them
- Better education as to the rules for both bikers and vehicles (drivers ed.)
- Teaching the younger generation about bike/Bike lanes.
- Having more bike lanes around the city.

Some of us have been biking and almost got hit many times while doing the proper precautions so we were safe and protected. In many cases some of us have been biking and have had to swerve in and out of cars being parked in the bike lanes. Additionally we have often felt the need to swerve in and out of parked cars to allow an aggressive driver who was tailing us drive by. I know that while I am biking home my parents have been scared for me and tracked me through my phone apps to make sure I get home safe. Biking has become a passion for many people in our class, including us, and many want to pursue it going forward and teach the next generation. Biking is way more eco-friendly. Bikes don't have carbon emissions and a car produces around 4.6 metric tonnes of carbon in one year. We need more bike lanes and better maintained ones so people will choose to bike. It is way better for the environment and the general population's health. Bike lanes let cyclists ride at their preferred speed without interference from traffic or pedestrians. Bike lanes can reduce emissions and traffic since less people will be driving. In New York city they expanded their network of bike lanes and a business noticed a 49% increase in retail sales, and with bike lanes, injuries went down by 25%. At the end of the day the car is going to win so we need better bike lanes so we at least stand a chance when the unimaginable happens.

Thanks for your time and consideration towards this letter. It is much appreciated. Saskatoon is a beautiful city that we want to bike in without fearing for our, and others safety.

Sincerely,

Lauren Molnar, Emery Meier and Emily Todd.

Here we have cited one of the websites about the benefits of bike lanes

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/business/biking-lanes-business-health-1.5165954#:~:text=Bike%20lane%20projects%20create%20more%20jobs%20than%20roads%20alone&text=The%20study%20says%20a%20bike,engineers%20while%20utilizing%20less%20materials.>