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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

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What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Motions - Councillor C Block - Cycling Safety

Comments:

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.

Following the death of Natasha Fox, I have become even more aware of how the City of Saskatoon's lack of cycling infrastructure endangers my life and the life of my children every day. I commute on a bike with my children (ages 7 and 4) every day, all year round. As we prefer not to own a car, biking is our family's primary mode of transportation. We bike to work, to school, to church, to extracurricular activities, to the grocery store, etc. We are regularly threatened by well-intentioned drivers behaving logically within the built environment. I would particularly like to request that cycling infrastructure in Saskatoon be prioritized and completed quickly. It must include physical barriers (bollards, trees, curbs, etc.) between my children and a 5000 lb. machine, because signs and paint do not protect against human error, as Ms. Fox's death so tragically shows. If cycling infrastructure is not safe and accessible for everyone from age 7-77, it is not safe enough.

The right time to improve cycling safety is NOW.

Thank you,
Naomi Piggott-Suchan

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