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Date: Monday, June 26, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Quadrant Newmedia Corp.

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: June 28, 2023 Council Regular meeting (9:30am)

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 14.1 C. Block - Cycling Safety [CC2023-0602]

Comments:

Action is what is required, not further studies. The problems at this intersection are the same as those everywhere throughout US/Canada, and they are well undertstood. The options for solutions are well characterized. Transportation staff who have trained or updated their knowledge to the current best practices of the last decade are able to design solutions without outside consultants or studies. What is missing is the will and the direction of council to authorize these departments to execute solutions.

Active transport users do not deserve better - they are *owed* better. AT users generally pay the same taxes toward civic infrastructure, but without causing the extensive and costly damages of heavy motor vehicles.

AT infrastruture is basic civic infrastructure, and is almost completely absent in Saskatoon. We are far behind our peer cities in this regard. Beyond being a missing quality-of-life amenity, this is a competitive disadvantage in recruiting and retaining the staff that will help this city improve and thrive.

Please expedite implementation of the Active Transportation plan that was developed half a decade ago.

Take action now.

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