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Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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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.

I ride my bike every single day in the summer, it is my main form of transportation. As a cyclist and community-minded citizen, I was devastated to hear about the death of Natasha Fox. It brought up memories of close-calls and unsafe situations I have experienced myself as a cyclist, and I know that many other cyclists have similar experiences.

Saskatoon is such a beautiful city, and is a very manageable size for traveling by bicycle. Our network of shared-use paths, especially along the river, is wonderful for travelers of all types. However, there still remains SO MANY opportunities to improve infrastructure, especially if we want to encourage new cyclists to hop on their bikes instead of climbing into their car.

Finally, in relation to the climate crisis and the need to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, we MUST KEEP IMPROVING cycling infrastructure, with the aim of reducing cars on the road, year over year.

Bicycling should not be life-threatening, or a decision that is considered with any amount of fear. Please, build infrastructure to reward people for choosing to travel by bicycle.

The right time to improve cycling safety is NOW.

Thank you,

Garret Gartner

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