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Date: Saturday, June 24, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: June 28 City Council Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Item 14.1

Comments:

Please see attached letter.

Attachments:

- [Cycling Letter to Council June 24 2023.pdf](#)120.78 KB

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June 24, 2023

Saskatoon City Council
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Dear Saskatoon City Council,

I have been informed by Saskatoon Cycles that Councillor Block (Ward 6) has introduced motions to Council that hope to address cycling safety concerns at the intersection of College Drive and Wiggins Avenue. 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 the safety for cyclists in our city, with a focus on infrastructure and enhancing mutual respect between cyclists and drivers.

As an avid cyclist and a concerned resident, I strongly believe that investing in bicycle infrastructure and implementing measures to enhance cyclist safety will not only benefit the growing cycling community but also contribute to our city's overall well-being, sustainability, and quality of life. Encouraging cycling as a viable alternative to motorized transport can reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, promote physical fitness, and enhance the livability of our neighborhoods.

Our family only owns one vehicle between two adults. My husband cycles every day to commute to his office downtown from the Exhibition neighbourhood and I cycle to Royal University Hospital in the spring/summer/fall months. This has enabled us to be free of the financial burden of owning a second vehicle. However, I worry about our safety every time we get on our bikes; both cyclists and drivers are unaware of how they impact each other while on the road and this adds to the animosity and disrespect between the groups. Personally, I have experienced many near-collisions with vehicles while cycling, especially in the area where Natasha Fox died.

I hope the above motions and future discussions regarding the development of dedicated bicycle lanes, intersection improvements, education and awareness campaigns, and collaboration with local bicycle advocacy groups will be a top priority for Council.

The right time to improve cycling safety is NOW.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Andrea Tang