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Date: Monday, June 26, 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 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Councillor Block's motion regarding bike riding safety

Comments:

Please find my letter in support of Councillor Block's motion regarding bike riding safety.

Attachments:

- [Letter to Council June 23.docx](#)16.23 KB

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

June 23, 2023

To Saskatoon City Council,

Councillor Block (Ward 6) has informed me that she 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 primarily for activities of daily living such as purchasing groceries, using community amenities such as the library and visiting friends and family. I have biked throughout Saskatoon since the 1970s, when, as a teenager, I began using a bike as a primary mode of transportation to get to high school and workplaces. With this early start as a commuter cyclist, I discovered that riding a bike is efficient, saves money and is a great way to keep active and healthy. I know that many young people are not able to have this same experience as their parents fear for their childrens' safety. Since I began using my bike as a primary mode of transportation, I have seen increased vehicular traffic, larger size vehicles, and more aggressive driving all calling for increased attention by the City for improved bike riding conditions.

I have served on the City of Saskatoon's Cycling Advisory Committee as well as the Boards of Saskatoon Cycles and Velo Canada Bikes. These experiences have shown me there are multiple, evidence-based solutions that can be implemented to improve bike riding safety. I urge you to support Councillor Block's motions to help us achieve having more people, of all ages, riding their bikes, with benefits to both individuals and the health of the community.

Ingrid Larson