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From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
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To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Monday, June 26, 2023 - 11:03

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

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: He/him/his

First Name: Enoch

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Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: En-aw-k

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Neighbourhood: [Evergreen](#)

City: Saskatoon

Province: Saskatchewan

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Ecoquest

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Wednesday, June 28th, 2023 Regular Business Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 14. Cycling Safety

Comments:

The address used represents our school, City Park School but I live in evergreen neighborhood

Attachments:

- [cycle safety to city hall.pdf](#) 33.65 KB

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

:To saskatoon City Council

It has come to my attention that Saskatoon's cycling safety is not the best it could be and with that I wish to suggest some issues that have come to my attention. So I wish to address the issue of street markings, traffic lights, and signage throughout the city. But before that I think you should know who I am first and why I believe that you need to take the necessary steps in order to improve Saskatoon's cycling. So my name is Enoch and I'm from the ecoquest program located at city park school and I have to bike over 10 km every day just to get to school and although I come from the north-east end of the city, Where I don't come much in contact with the actual city structure but even so when going into the more populated areas I can definitely see why my classmates and teachers have a sense of heightened consciousness when cycling throughout their respected wards in saskatoon. With it either being roads they are afraid to ride on due to constant and dangerous traffic all the way to slowly fading bike lanes throughout Saskatoon so as a young and dedicated cyclist I believe that you should listen to what I have to say.

To start us off it would be most appreciative if you would repaint the unprotected bike lanes as many parts of the city bike lane paint has been beginning to fade away which has seemed to frighten some bikers as they fear cars would not see the extremely faded paint or just simply not pay attention to the signs indicating their was a bike lane. I myself have also seen some slowly deteriorating paint in bike lanes throughout the city as well, so I hope that you take action in this act as the job itself shouldn't require much labor or money.

Moving onto the traffic or more specifically walk lights, walkers and cyclists alike have found that some walk lights around the city must have their button pressed for the walk light to turn on, and the reason most people have such a problem with this is because of the inconvenience of it. For this reason it is as if a person does choose to utilize one of these aforementioned walk lights, and they get there even just seconds before the walk light would not turn on and they would have to wait another whole cycle before they could walk. Having these lights on my way to school as well I can personally confirm the utter annoyance of these lights and how inconvenient they are to both walkers and cyclists alike.

But now I should probably go onto the last topic that I want to discuss, which is the signage. My opinion on this is that I think that most people driving vehicles don't notice these signs as much as they should. As a solution to this I believe that you should change the bike signs and make them stand out just a little bit more either that be altering the shape of the sign or making the color palate on the sign change to a more brighter or noticeable color so the driver may actually take a second to process the bike sign, and although it may seem over distracting at the start and although there may be many people who complain just remember that it is necessary to keep cyclists safe and make sure that we have the correct bike infrastructure so that both cars and bikes may efficiently coexist with each other. I thank you for your time and consideration and this is why I agree as a Saskatoon cyclist that....

The right time to improve cycling safety is NOW.

Sincerely,

Enoch O'soup