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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

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

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

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

Comments:

letter to council to address active transport issue on agenda and the recent accident on Wiggins and college.

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

To Saskatoon City Council,

I am a 72-year-old year-round cyclist and am horrified that this terrible accident happened in our city at the intersection of College and Wiggins, I am also a mother and a grandmother who encourages my family to be physically active in their daily lives. This accident happened an intersection near the school where my grandchildren attend.

This preventable death makes all of us aware of the risks that we take in riding in a city where a vehicle culture dominates the infrastructure. So, I ask the question: was this a preventable death that is a consequence of council's inaction on the active transport plan that has been in the works since 2016?

It has come to my attention that Councilor 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 classes, all ages and all abilities.

As a mother of a young man dealing with environmental anxiety, I implore city council to also see that not acting has negative impacts on the environment anxiety that is gripping our youth.

Let's start a campaign that makes room for bikes that is driven by environmental concerns and equity and addresses the human right to mobility for Saskatoon citizens of all incomes and all ages.

Johanna Bergerman