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**From:** City Council  
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**From:** Web NoReply <web-noreply@saskatoon.ca>  
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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, March 25, 2024

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**Pronouns:** He/him/his

**First Name:** Gavin

**Last Name:** Robertson

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Kutz Crescent

**Ward:** Ward 10

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** City Council Agenda – Regular Business Meeting

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** 9.2.1 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2

**Comments:**

Dear Committee Members,

The Northeast and Small Swales hold immeasurable value. These habitats are refuges for nature and for both visitors and Saskatoon locals. These ribbons of native grassland and natural wetlands support an astonishing abundance of life, including at least 49 species so rare that they are listed as Species of Conservation Concern. In a time of ever worsening biodiversity losses, natural areas of this diversity and importance need to be protected from development.

Instead, City Council has been asked to endorse a plan, developed by the provincial Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure, that would drive multiple lanes of high-speed traffic through both Swales. The damage and degradation this development would cause is well documented, including increased collisions with larger wildlife, and destruction of necessary habitat for Species at Risk.

As a biology student at the University of Saskatchewan, I am writing with two requests:

1. Please DO NOT to endorse the Functional Planning Study for Phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway.
2. Please DO call on the Ministry of Highways to choose a route for the Saskatoon Freeway that does not intrude on the Swales and to guarantee that the project will be subject to a thorough, impartial Environmental Impact Assessment

Sincerely,

Gavin Robertson

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