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**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:** Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

**Pronouns:** She/her/hers

**First Name:** Megan

**Last Name:** Daschner

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** Dash-ner

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**Ward:** Ward 6

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

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** Regular Business?

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Road Safety Audit – College Drive and Wiggins Avenue [CC2023-0602]

**Comments:**

To Saskatoon City Council,

You have the opportunity to prioritize cycling safety. Creating a safe for all citizens of Saskatoon to feel safe engaging in active transportation. Feeling safe while commuting should not be reserved for persons in cars. People should feel safe whether regardless of their age, mobility or method of transportation.

I cycle to work nearly every day. I also bike with my children who are 7 and 9. Cycling in Saskatoon is not easy, the current infrastructure does not support a safe commute to my work and it definitely does not support safe cycling for more vulnerable users, like my children. I want to live in a city that prioritizes the safety of active transportation users like Natasha Fox, Darin Kinniewess, myself and my children. Two cyclists should not have to die to prove how vulnerable all cyclists are on Saskatoon streets. I would like to see as much done as possible to make mine and my family's trips safer.

Don't waste this opportunity to support all the recommendations from the Road Safety Audit at College Drive and Wiggins Avenue . This is an opportunity to prove that you care about all of Saskatoons road users, not just those in motorized vehicles.

I understand that many of the CIMA+ consultant's recommendations (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, and 14) already being applied or supported by administration.

However, I am concerned that none of the cycling-specific recommendations (Numbers 8, 9, and 10) were supported by administration at this time. I understand that these three recommendations are complicated, but I would urge council to strive to implement numbers 9 and 10 as soon as administration can resolve the issues around transit negotiations and staffing resources.

In the meantime, I also support recommendation number 8 (a painted bike box and lane along Wiggins Avenue, with a "no turn on red" prohibition).

While some of the reports' conclusions regarding this recommendation are valid (the physical space of the street may not lend itself to a perfect solution), the requiring of "driver adherence" or a supposed "false sense of safety" are not.

I do not believe that a heightened awareness of cyclists on this street could do anything but make it safer. Even if the finished infrastructure is not ideal in the eyes of administration, it could not be worse than the current configuration in which Natasha died. With concerted effort to keep the streets clear of debris, and signage highlighting the nature of the intersection, I believe recommendation 8 could add greatly to the actual safety of cyclists and pedestrians.

Please reconsider the SPCT's defeat of recommendation 8 and help make College and Wiggins a little bit safer than it was exactly 11 months ago. Cities should be designed around people and not cars.

Thank you,

Megan Daschner

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