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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Emily Hopkins - Road Safety Audit – College Drive and Wiggins Avenue - CK 6330-1 x 6000-5
Attachments: Hopkins_cycling_22April.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 4:00 PM
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Submitted on Monday, April 22, 2024 - 15:58

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, April 22, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Emily

Last Name: Hopkins

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: EM-uh-lee HOP-kinz

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] 5th St E

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL Wednesday, April 24, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 9.2.1 – Road Safety Audit – College Drive and Wiggins Avenue [CC2023-0602]

Comments:

To Saskatoon City Council,

Living in Saskatoon as a pedestrian and cyclist, I am acutely aware of how little infrastructure there is for active transportation. Wiggins and College has been a known problem for so long, and it's difficult to see the City come so close to making big changes while also not going far enough. I think about Natasha Fox and Darin Kinniewess all the time; we don't need more deaths to know that we need real change.

I am grateful to Councilor Block for the June 2023 motions. The Road Safety Audit at College and Wiggins is very important; I go by Natasha Fox's memorials most days on my way to work. So I'm happy to see many of the CIMA+ recommendations (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, and 14) being supported.

However, this intersection being a problem is not new information, so it's surprising to me that more specific cycling measures aren't being supported now (Nos. 8-10). Implementing 9 and 10 as soon as possible only makes sense. In the meantime, a painted bike box and lane, and no turn on red, (No. 8) would go a long way to making Wiggins safer. The status quo is so already dangerous – currently everyone is just guessing and sometimes it gets treated as a de facto bike lane and sometimes it doesn't; it's quite scary. New, clear cycling rules and infrastructure would not make things worse. (Also, I moved here from Quebec, where there is no right turn on red anywhere, it's great! Makes things much less ambiguous.)

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

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