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What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, Tuesday, May 07, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.1.1 – Connecting 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue and 7.1.2 – Opportunities for Rapid Deployment

Comments:

To the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation,

Great cities are places that invite all citizens to move safely from neighborhood to neighborhood regardless of their

mode of transportation. Every step that the City of Saskatoon can make toward expanding a baseline network of safer routes, where people can get around in a safer manner, is a good step.

Before you are two items of business that represent these kinds of good steps.

Regarding item:

7.1.1: Connecting 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue: Walking, Cycling, and Driving Improvements [TS2024-0504], I support Option 2A – Widen to the West.

Pedestrian actuated signals and a separated shared-use path are great features that will enhance this area of the city and make it much safer for pedestrians and cyclists.

Regarding item:

7.1.2: Opportunities for Rapid Deployment of Safety Improvements on Active Transportation Routes – May 2024 Update [CC2023-0602, TS2023-1003, TS2023-1204], I support Option 2: Implement a Neighbourhood Bikeway using Rapid Deployment on Route 6.

A bikeway along Route 6 (Munroe Avenue) would offer more access to campus and the hospital for active transportation users with a wider range of abilities and theoretically could reduce University traffic congestion in general, and at College and Wiggins in particular. As someone who biked to the university for many years, I know the struggle of navigating car-logged streets with many pedestrians and cyclists trying to make their way to campus and the hospital. It's not always pretty, and certainly, as we well know, is fraught with danger.

I urge you to support these items and forward them to your colleagues at city council for further discussion. We cannot be a safer city without changing and/or adding infrastructure to protect all modes of transportation, especially the most vulnerable.

Thank you for your consideration.

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