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**Date:** Monday, May 06, 2024

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

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

**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, I believe it is valuable to our city and to all of society to provide for safer, more accessible alternative modes of transportation within our city. This should include walking, cycling, and other forms of active transportation. This will help reduce traffic and its environmental effects, improve safety for those using other forms of transportation, and as a result, encourage increased use of active transportation.

This is especially important around the University area. Students rely on active transportation more than the average citizen. This area is already very busy with vehicular traffic. Parking on campus is extremely limited. Enabling increased usage of active transportation will help to address all of these concerns.

Regarding item "Connecting 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue: Walking, Cycling, and Driving Improvements [TS2024-0504]", I support Option 2A – Widen to the West". I believe this provides the best improvement, including very importantly a separated sidewalk. Providing additional space between vehicular traffic increases safety and makes walking more comfortable and appealing. With any of option 2 or 3, the widening of the shared-use pathway is also critical to improving active transportation throughout downtown, helping to connect more of the city to both downtown and the University.

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." This area is known to have a lot of vehicular traffic and active transportation. It has resulted in multiple deaths and several injuries recently. Regardless of which route is taken, I believe having this dedicated route is essential for connecting more of the South end of the city to the University.

I urge you to support these items and forward them to your colleagues at city council for further discussion.

Thank you for your consideration.

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