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Date: Saturday, May 04, 2024

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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

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.1.1: Connecting 2nd Avenue/3rd Avenue: Walking, Cycling, and Driving Improvements [TS2024-0504] & 7.1.2: Opportunities for Rapid Deployment of Safety Improvements on Active Transportation Routes – May 2024 Update [CC2023-0602, TS2023-1003, TS2023-1204],

Comments:

To the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation,

The board of Saskatoon Cycles, on behalf of its membership, has reviewed two matters before the committee and would like to offer comments.

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

We feel that the administration’s report is detailed and thoughtful in its consideration for all road users of this busy area, and that their recommendation is the only option that meets all the stated criteria, particularly cyclist, pedestrian, and traffic safety.

The proposed installation of pedestrian actuated signals and a separated shared-use path are features that could transform this section of the city into a much less hostile one for active transportation users, while also providing adequate space for safer vehicular travel.

While supporting the current design being proposed, we continue to have general concerns around intersections and how more vulnerable modes of travel are accommodated at these critical areas. We would ask administration to consider these vital points of interaction among users throughout the detailed design process.

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], the board extends its support for Option 2: Implement a Neighbourhood Bikeway using Rapid Deployment on Route 6.

The administration’s “Route and Gap Options” list is full of good candidates for rapid deployment.

We feel that given the ongoing concerns over traffic volumes at College Drive and Wiggins Avenue, another conduit in and out of the campus grounds for safer active transportation users would be rational and effective. Route 6 would offer access to a wider range of abilities and theoretically could reduce University traffic congestion overall.

Saskatoon Cycles continues to be an enthusiastic supporter of the move to rapid deployment projects, and looks forward to more of these adaptable, cost-effective, and practical pieces of infrastructure.

We thank administration for their work and consideration of all modes of travel, and ask that this committee forward the recommendations to council.

Thank you,

The Board of Saskatoon Cycles
Gord Holtslander
Board Chair
Ward 6

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