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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Garret Gartner - Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request – May 2024 Update - CK 6003-1

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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: Sunday, May 26, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: He/him/his

First Name: Garret

Last Name: Gartner

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Harrison Cres

Ward: Ward 7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council Agenda – Regular Business Meeting

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 10.1.1

Comments:

Dear Council,

In our world affected by climate change, the decision to build out a massive road infrastructure project is short-sighted. Locating this road infrastructure through ecologically-rich wetlands is even worse.

The Northeast and Small Swales are refuges for nature and for the people of Saskatoon. These ribbons of native grassland and natural wetlands support an astonishing abundance of life, including at least 49 species so rare that they are listed as Species of Conservation Concern. In a time of ever worsening biodiversity losses, natural areas of this diversity and importance should be protected from development.

Rather than increasing our vehicle infrastructure, we should aim to use our current infrastructure more efficiently, and take strides to reduce personal vehicle traffic. Maintaining roads is expensive and disruptive, while ecological areas are the exact opposite. I think the future residents of Saskatoon would rather have a beautiful and rich urban park, rather than a wide, loud, lifeless highway.

I am writing with two requests that Council:

1. Vote NO to the Phase 2 Proposed Saskatoon Freeway alignment through the Northeast and Small Swales.
2. Live up to their commitment to protecting these natural areas.

Sincerely,

Garret Gartner

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