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Subject: Email - Communication - Siobhan Brennan - Connecting 2nd Avenue-3rd Avenue - Walking, Cycling, and Driving Improvements and Opportunities for Rapid Deployment of Safety Improvements on Active Transportation Routes – May 2024 Update – CK 6330-1

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Date: Monday, May 06, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Comments:

To the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation,

I feel that 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 I believe 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.

I feel that 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.

I believe a bikeway along Route 6 (Munroe Avenue) would offer more access to campus 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 commutes on her bike in this area daily, I have had an alarming increase in “near misses” with vehicles. The increase in vehicular traffic in the area due to the street closures as a result of the construction work being done on College Drive highlights the need for a safer option of cyclists, in a more permanent fashion. The significant changes to routes that drivers use for commuting have now put high volumes of traffic on small, residential streets. Intersections are often partially obscured, and in the rush hour times, drivers are not yielding to cyclists as per the street signage. Biking down Clarence Avenue is unsafe for many reasons, and only adds to traffic congestion when a cyclist takes up a lane. Having a designated route down Munroe would alleviate much stress on the system. It would provide a much-needed alternative to the current and unfortunately deadly intersection at Wiggins Avenue. It would also provide personal safety for me as I continue my year-round commuting to work.

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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