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Honourable Lori Carr
Minister of Highways
Government of Saskatchewan
Room 322, 2405 Legislative Drive
Regina SK S4S 0B3

via email: hi.minister@gov.sk.ca

Dear Minister Carr,

I am writing you today on behalf of Saskatoon City Council regarding the Saskatoon Freeway Functional Planning Study – Phase 2 Functional Design Report. As you may be aware, at the request of the Ministry of Highways, Saskatoon City Council recently considered endorsement of the Phase 2 report, however questions remain about the project's environmental impacts.

After considering responses from Ministry of Highways officials, our own officials, and more importantly, public feedback on this issue, City Council resolved that I:

send a letter to the provincial government requesting guiding principles for how the environmental mitigation opportunities in the Phase 2 Functional Design Final Draft Report and the Biological Assessment, as well as the future environmental impact assessment will be implemented, prior to voting on the proposed alignment of phase 2 of the Saskatoon Freeway project, and the province be asked to do this work as soon as possible to provide certainty for the future development in and around the Saskatoon Region.

Given this direction from City Council, we are requesting the Ministry undertake this work as soon as possible. With a better understanding of these matters, City Council will have a clearer picture of all the project's implications prior to deciding on endorsement.

I also want to advise that Mr. Miller from the Ministry did an excellent job answering the technical questions that Council had about this project and its phases.

I look forward to your response. In the meantime, if you have any questions and/or require additional clarity on our request, please reach out at your convenience.

Sincerely,



Charlie Clark
Mayor

cc: Kyle Toffan, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Highways
Jeff Jorgenson, City Manager
Terry Schmidt, General Manager of Transportation and Construction