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

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Submitted on Monday, May 27, 2024 - 13:04

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: Monday, May 27, 2024

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

First Name: Shannon

Last Name: Klatt

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Rhymes with Flat

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Preston Ave S

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,

I was appalled to learn that our Council is considering putting highways through the NE and small swales. There is so little natural land left! These tiny patches of native grassland and wetlands support a wide range of life, including at least 49 species listed as Species of Conservation Concern. We all know that biodiversity is shrinking, and that this will hurt us. Now is the time to slow down, not hasten, our environment's degradation.

City Council has been asked to endorse a plan, developed by the provincial Ministry, for 10 and 8 lanes of high-speed traffic through the Swales. The damage and degradation this development will cause is well documented. With municipalities around the world making choices to protect their surroundings, it seems like Saskatoon is going backwards here, and it would not be a good look for our city internationally.

Now feels like a pivotal moment. Either we protect our environment, or we don't. The province can and should find another route for these highways.

I am writing with two requests for Council please:

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

Thank you for reading this message.

Sincerely,
Shannon Klatt
Saskatoon

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