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Subject: FW: Email - Communication - Laurence Thompson - Opportunities for Rapid Deployment of Safety Improvements on Active Transportation Routes – May 2024 Update – CK 6330-1

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I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

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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: Laurence

Last Name: Thompson

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: Thompson

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Elm St E [REDACTED]

Ward: Ward 7

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council regular business meeting
May 29, 2024

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 8.2.2 – Opportunities for Rapid Deployment

Comments:

I fully support this recommendation from the Committee to Council, and was surprised and pleased to see it. I lived for 12 years on Monroe Ave and Main St. During that time it was a popular daily commuting route for many pedestrians and cyclists to and from the University / RUH. I also used it to commute to the University for business meetings and for lunch with friends.

It was a desirable route because it was a quiet street and did not have the problems of Wiggins of high before and after school traffic at Brunskill school and the congested and narrow intersection at Wiggins and College.

Pedestrians and cyclists could cross College at a push button crossing at the end of Monroe.

To effectively turn this into a safe, high-capacity biking / pedestrian route, the challenges will be to solve how bike / foot traffic moves towards the Wiggins University entrance on the north side of College from Munroe and the crossings of major streets at Eighth and Taylor, where there are currently no pedestrian crossings. The gold standard for a busy route like this would be the wonderful Victoria St. bike / foot paths north of Eighth St. (which I use as a senior cyclist and am very happy with).

The rapid deployment of the north south Munroe route would be a great step for the city in developing a major bike/foot route that many people already want to use.

And a last reminder: we cyclists and pedestrians pay city taxes too!

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