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**From:** City Council  
**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Tom Steele - Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request – May 2024 Update - CK 6003-1

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Submitted on Sunday, May 26, 2024 - 21:59

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

**First Name:** Tom

**Last Name:** Steele

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Temperance Street

**Ward:** Ward 6

**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 believe that Saskatoon should be seen as a progressive city that takes steps to protect sensitive habitats and fight climate change by sequestering carbon in native grassland and wetlands.

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.

Instead, City Council has been asked to endorse a plan, developed by the provincial Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure, that would drive multiple lanes of high-speed traffic through both Swales. The damage and degradation this development would cause is well documented.

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,

Tom Steele

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