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

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Submitted on Sunday, May 26, 2024 - 22:30

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

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Marcia

Last Name: Main

Phone Number : [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Temperance St., Saskatoon SK [REDACTED]

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 Saskatoon Freeway Planning Study – Phase 2 Endorsement Request – May 2024 Update [TS2024-0205]

Comments:

Dear Council,

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.

In addition, the City's increasing population is putting great pressure on the natural recreational resources in and around the city. The Meewasin Trail system is becoming very congested with all of the different types of users, including walking, running, cycling, scooters and other forms of individual powered transportation. Parking lots for accessing the parks and conservation areas are very congested. The proposed highway expansion would reduce the already crowded natural resources available when the city has set of a goal of doubling the population of Saskatoon.

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,
Marci Main

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