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

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
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Submitted on Monday, May 27, 2024 - 15:26

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

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Sanae

Last Name: Ko

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: San-EYE

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Laycoe Crt

Ward: Ward 5

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,

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.

Earlier this month, I went on a walk with 45 others through the Small Swale. We saw the exact spot where the proposed freeway would cross the swale. I was shocked to think that this is actually being considered. The swales are much more than just empty fields waiting to be developed.

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,
Sanae Ko

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