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Submitted on Monday, May 27, 2024 - 16:37

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: Heather

Last Name: Ward

Email: [REDACTED]

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Lake Cres

Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Saskatoon Freeway Phase 2 Development

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Protecting the Small Swale and NorthEast Swale

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.

The freeway will be passing through future developments. We have learned from Circle Drive that a freeway through a planned development is no longer a freeway. Please consider the small swale as part of Meewasin, along with the northeast swale, and developing a freeway that meets its function as a freeway further north and east of planned developments. Two bridges 1 km apart is not an effective solution to traffic flow.

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,

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