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**Subject:** FW: Email - Communication - Irene Seiferling - Proposed Median Opening – McKercher Drive and Duncan Crescent South Intersection - CK 6320-5  
**Attachments:** City of Saskatoon re McKercher-Duncan Crescent Median-June 2024.pdf

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**From:** Web NoReply <[web-noreply@saskatoon.ca](mailto:web-noreply@saskatoon.ca)>

**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2024 11:21 AM

**To:** City Council <[City.Council@saskatoon.ca](mailto:City.Council@saskatoon.ca)>

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Submitted on Monday, June 24, 2024 - 11:18

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, June 24, 2024

**To:** His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

**First Name:** Irene

**Last Name:** Seiferling

**Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name:** Sy-fer-ling

**Phone Number :** [REDACTED]

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**I live outside of Saskatoon:** No

**Saskatoon Address and Ward:**

**Address:** [REDACTED] Degeer Crescent

**Ward:** Ward 8

**What do you wish to do ?:** Submit Comments

**What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known)::** City Council

**What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?:** Proposed Median Opening- McKercher Drive & Duncan Crescent

**Comments:**

See letter attached.

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

TO: SASKATOON CITY COUNCIL

RE: Proposed Median Opening at McKercher and Duncan Crescent

DATE: 24 June 2024

FROM: Irene Seiferling

The City of Saskatoon is proposing a median opening at the McKercher Drive/Duncan Crescent South intersection in the College Park and College Park East neighbourhoods. I am writing to say that there are multiple issues in that area to be addressed, along with the Duncan Crescent access matter.

The problem of accessing McKercher Drive safely from the east side pertains not only to Duncan Crescent; it is a serious problem also for vehicles, coming off of Degeer Street onto McKercher, in particular vehicles seeking to turn south.

This has been a troublesome spot for two decades, and it has become increasing so due to a significant increase in traffic in the last few years. McKercher has become a main artery with substantially increased traffic both north and south, and especially at rush hour traffic time. There is rarely a break in the traffic coming north and south. It is frustrating, time consuming and, most notably, dangerous to make that turn.

Vehicles wishing to go south on McKercher from Degeer Street have to wait for several minutes or turn north, with the hope of finding an efficient and safe way to turn around to go southward. There is not an easy solution as you cannot do a U-turn by Anderson Crescent. The only option is to go around Anderson Crescent - and that is a long and problematic detour through a quiet residential area.

Furthermore, the traffic problem gets much worse when there are road closures that interfere with traffic to and from the north end and to and from downtown (i.e. road work on College and Circle Drive). People divert to McKercher, and the traffic multiplies many times over again. Roadwork accelerates in the spring and summer, followed by increased traffic barriers.

Thus, simply adding a median for Duncan is insufficient, it still leaves several problems and risks for Degeer Street traffic, which is a danger not only for vehicles, but also for pedestrians and especially children, as we are close to several schools.

I urge the City not to look at Duncan Crescent in isolation, but rather to consider a more comprehensive solution that includes ease of access for south turn from both Degeer and Duncan, which includes perhaps a U turn option by Anderson Crescent, and/or lights at Degeer Street.

Yours sincerely,  
Irene Seiferling  
College Park East