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Date: Saturday, January 11, 2025

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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First Name: Derek

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I live outside of Saskatoon: No

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Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Strong Towns YXE

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: PUBLIC AGENDA STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 2:00 P.m. Council Chamber, City Hall

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: 7.1.1 Saskatoon Transit 2025 Fleet Renewal Request [TS2025-0103]

Comments:

My name is Derek Cameron, submitting comments on behalf of Strong Towns YXE.

As a frequent bus rider and advocate of the public transit system, I want to urge council to follow administration's suggestion Option 1 – Purchase Fixed Route Diesel Buses and Access Transit Gas Buses.

Option 1 will help get more buses on the road in a quick and efficient manner compared to the other options that result in either many fewer buses purchased, or a dramatic price increase. Overcrowding and reduced frequency threatens the strong growth in ridership seen in recent years. Having more buses to meet the needs of riders, in an efficient manner, must be at the heart of any purchasing decision. Further, getting more people out of cars, and onto the transit system will ultimately yield better carbon reductions than a focus on municipal fleet decarbonization.

As Battery electric technology matures, it may be prudent to purchase electric replacements, especially if Federal support is given. At this time however, the most important step council can take is to support more buses and better service for existing and future transit riders. The BRT system can only succeed if there are enough buses to service all riders.

Best,

Derek Cameron

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