
From: City Council
Subject: Comments - Gordon Holtslander - Connecting Victoria Avenue from Taylor Street to Ruth Street

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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, March 02, 2026

To: Her Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Ward: Ward 6

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Standing Policy Committee on Transportation on Tuesday, March 3

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Connecting Victoria Avenue from Taylor Street to Ruth Street - Active Transportation Improvements [TS2026-0301]

Comments:

Standing Policy Committee on Transportation,

I am writing as a resident and cyclist who deeply values our community's commitment to ensuring that every person in Saskatoon can move through our city with dignity, safety, and independence, regardless of their ability, or choice, to own a personal vehicle.

I strongly support the administration's recommendation for Option 1 – One-Way Protected Bike Lane on Victoria Avenue from Taylor to Ruth Street, and I respectfully urge you to forward this design to City Council for approval.

The proposed design honours fundamental principles that should guide our city's development. This infrastructure acknowledges that people who walk, cycle, use mobility devices, or take transit are legitimate members of our transportation community. By creating protected bike lanes and completing the sidewalk network, we recognize their right to safe, dignified access to our streets.

Protected bike lanes on both sides of Victoria Avenue, along with a protected intersection design at Taylor Street, demonstrate our commitment to the physical safety and emotional security of vulnerable road users. Everyone deserves to travel without fear, and to arrive safely at their destination.

By creating safer infrastructure that serves users of all ages and abilities, we honour each person's autonomy to choose how they move through our community. A parent cycling with children, a senior walking to appointments, or someone who cannot afford a vehicle, all deserve infrastructure that supports their independence.

Creating this 2.5km connected corridor that allows safer travel from Spadina Crescent E to Ruth Street represents our accountability to build a city that will serve our children and grandchildren. Connected, safe infrastructure is not a luxury, it is our responsibility to those who will inherit the community we create today.

Option 1's design thoughtfully prevents the confusion and safety concerns that would arise from Option 2's bi-directional lanes. This shows a clear understanding of how people actually use infrastructure, and acceptance that good design must work for real human behaviour.

When we design our streets to honour the equitable dignity of every person, whether they arrive by car, bike, bus, wheelchair, or on foot, we create a community where everyone belongs. This is not about privileging one mode of transportation over another, it is about ensuring fairness and safety for all.

I urge you to recognize this opportunity to make Saskatoon more accessible, safer, and more equitable for all residents, now and for generations to come. Please forward this recommendation to City Council with your support.

Thank you for considering the dignity and wellbeing of all community members in this important decision.

Respectfully,

Gordon Holtlander

Ward 6 Saskatoon Resident and Cyclist

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