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His Worship and Members of City Council
222-3rd Avenue North
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RE: EXPANDED CYCLING NETWORK IN RIVERSDALE

The Riversdale Business Improvement District (RBID) has been identifying some solutions to providing customers and businesses better transportation networks to access the retail corridors here. Along with public transit, is the need for creating more parking spaces for vehicles and bicycles, and identifying bicycle routes for optimal safety.

May we hear from the City of Saskatoon regarding a proposal to extend the 30 km/hr school zones on 20th Street West from Idylwyld Drive to Avenue P. There are already three school zones on 20th Street West that the extended zone could be added to.

We have long awaited the construction of the Gordie Howe Bridge to the South to establish new traffic patterns, and with the closure of 18th and 20th Streets accessing Circle Drive we have seen the traffic volumes decrease on 20th Street West to a new plateau suggesting it is no longer a major thoroughfare to the West.

The International Council of Shopping Centres has identified that slower speeds through main streets and retail corridors improves sales. Cyclists have long complained that cars travel too fast when sharing roadways. This can solve a looming concern about losing parking spaces, lost retail opportunities, and conflicting use of the road by vehicles and bicycles by reducing the speed differential between the two.

As such, I would propose we examine the opportunity before us that could allow a wider bicycle network on existing roadways with minimal disruption and cost, and could easily be piloted in the 2018 season.

We are eager to pursue something that benefits many and await your reply.

Sincerely,


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