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## Active Transportation Advisory Group (ATAG)

March 18, 2024 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Hybrid – Committee Room E, City Hall and Microsoft Teams

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### In Attendance

#### Community Representatives:

	Name	Representing
✓	Adam Bue	Cycling
✓	Mark Closson	People of all ages (senior)
✓	Abe Eazadi	Business Community
✓v	Lisa Franks	People of all abilities
✓v	Jasmine Liska	Resident
✘	Michael Painchaud	Post-secondary
✓	Tyler Rittinger	Elementary or high school
✘	Berenice Romero	Public Transit user
✓	Stephanie (Steph) Siemens	Resident
✘	Curtis Standing	Indigenous Community
✓	Lucille Stobbe	People of all ages (youth)
✘	Bonnie Zink	Walking

#### Organization Representatives:

	Name	Representing
✓	Verna Gallen	Walking Saskatoon
✓	Cora Janzen	Saskatchewan Health Authority
✓	Kelly Klassen	Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI)
✘	Alan Otterbein	Meewasin Valley Authority
✘	Darby Sutherland	Discover Saskatoon
✓	Merlin Toth	Saskatoon Cycles

#### City of Saskatoon:

	Name	Representing
✓	Danae Balogun	Active Transportation Program Manager
✓	Nathalie Baudais	Engineering Manager, Transportation
✓	Isaac Dankwah	Public Engagement Consultant (chair)
✓	Councillor Dubois	
✓v	Sharon Cybulski	Assistant to the Director of Transportation (recorder)

**Guests:** Kim Ali and Shad Ali, Consultants, On Purpose Leadership Inc.

✓ = in-person attendance; ✓v = virtual attendance; ✘ = regrets

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## 1. Welcome and Housekeeping

Isaac Dankwah welcomed everyone and acknowledged that the meeting is taking place on Treaty 6 territory and the traditional homelands of the Métis. Meeting started at 4:36 p.m.

The meeting was a hybrid meeting with in-person attendance and virtual attendance through Microsoft Teams.

## 2. Review and Approve December Meeting Minutes

Minutes were accepted as circulated.

## 3. BYXE Street Team – Danae Balogun

Danae introduced the consultants from On Purpose Leadership Inc. who are developing the program for the BYXE Street Team. Hiring process is underway for the BYXE Street Team.

The City received funding from the federal government for the BYXE Street Team project. BYXE Street Team will provide in-person, on-site cycling education and foster community support for cycling.

The goals of the team are to generate awareness about cycling, encourage people to give cycling a try, and make travelling on Saskatoon streets feel safer and more comfortable for everyone by raising awareness of responsibilities, educating and informing all road users of bicycle facilities and how to safely navigate the infrastructure, encouraging safe and courteous behaviours and interactions between road users and encouraging all road users to watch out for each other.

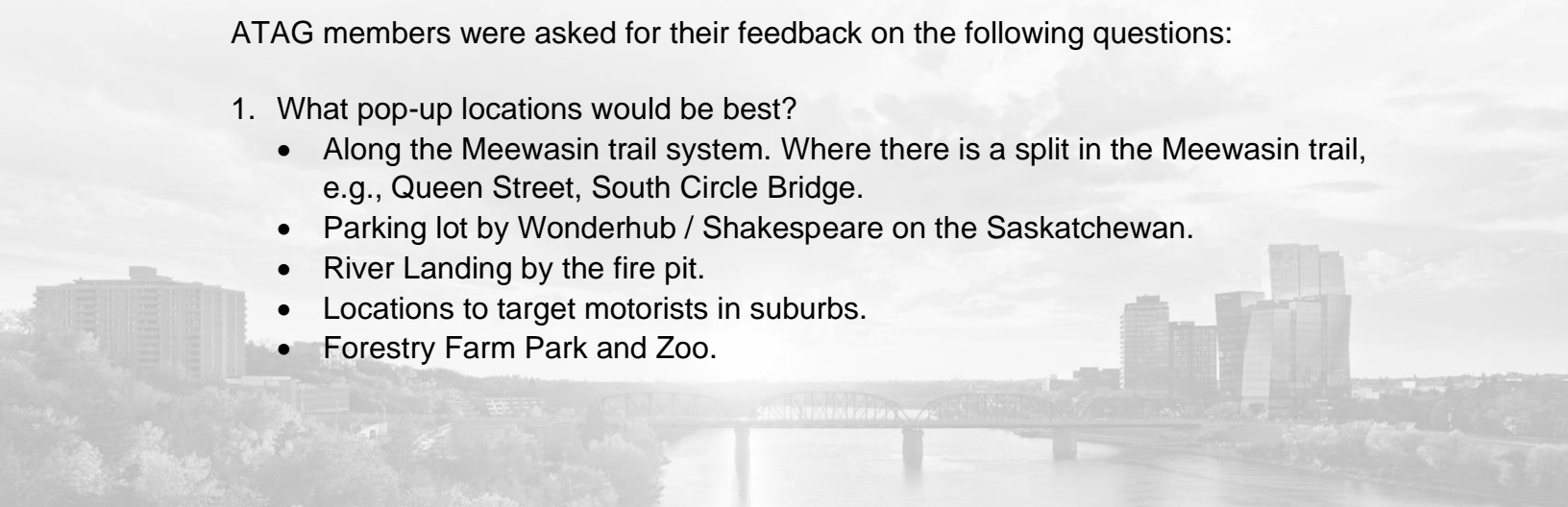
The program will be evaluated after implementation is complete.

Programs in Windsor, Edmonton and Toronto were used to inform the program in Saskatoon.

The focus of the program is on sharing the road and education, not on infrastructure.

Inquiry about what kind of information will be collected on surveys.

ATAG members were asked for their feedback on the following questions:

1. What pop-up locations would be best?
    - Along the Meewasin trail system. Where there is a split in the Meewasin trail, e.g., Queen Street, South Circle Bridge.
    - Parking lot by Wonderhub / Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan.
    - River Landing by the fire pit.
    - Locations to target motorists in suburbs.
    - Forestry Farm Park and Zoo.
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- Soccer centres.
- Ball parks.
- Gordie Howe Complex.
- Swimming pools, spray parks.
- Libraries.
- Possibly dog parks.
- Sports tournaments and sports game days.
- New baseball team diamond on Wanuskewin Road (Saskatoon Berries)
- High schools along Taylor Street, St. Joe's and Centennial.
- University.

## 2. Events to prioritize

Number of events are taking place this summer including:

- Sask Marathon – May 25 and 26
- Farmers Market
- Nutrien Childrens Festival – June 6 to 9
- Jazz Festival – July 4 to 13
- Downtown Sidewalk Sale – July 4 to 6
- Food Truck Wars – July 24 to 26
- Fringe Festival – August 1 to 10
- Show N Shine – August 15 to 17
- Broadway Street Fair – September 7
- University of Saskatchewan Welcome Week - September

Additional suggestions included:

- Events that could reach newcomers to Canada
- Multicultural events
- Parades
- Salsa nights at River Landing
- Canada Day
- Fireworks Festival
- Persephone
- Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan
- Folkfest
- Nuit blanche

## 3. What community groups might be interested?

- Newcomer groups
- University of Saskatchewan
- Sask Polytech
- Community Associations
- Global Gathering Place
- International Women of Saskatoon

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- Saskatoon Intercultural Association
  - Saskatoon Open Door Society
  - Saskatchewan Council on Aging
  - Bike shops
  - Fitness associations
  - Business Improvement Districts (Riversdale, Broadway)
  - Saskatoon Transit meeting for newcomers
4. Key messages to be communicated?
- Reuse messages developed for the awareness campaign.
5. What do you want to learn from the interactions and the program?
- Cost comparison of bike infrastructure and driving infrastructure.
  - Not assuming that cars have precedence.
  - What would it take to convert those who are considering biking.
  - Changing the perception of walking and cycling.
  - Provide practical advice for utilitarian trips (how people could bike to work, get groceries, not get bike stolen, etc.).
  - Benefits of shared use pathways (health, economic).
  - Different modes for sharing the pathways.
  - What prohibits people from cycling / walking (lack of infrastructure, etc.).
  - Bike registry program.

A suggestion was made to use information obtained from the recent household travel survey that was done last fall. The consultant is compiling the results and they won't be available until late summer. Census Canada data could be used until then.

Suggestion was also made to provide information on how to share space with e-scooters.

Street team will have uniform, jacket and hat that will be noticeable.

A final report will be brought back to the group.

#### **4. Cycling Guide 2024 – Danae Balogun**

The cycling guide was updated. The cycling guide is typically used by those who are not familiar with cycling paths. The guide has no legal bearing; it is a planning tool to help people have safe trips. The guide will be ready for distribution in May.

The group was asked about the shared-use pathway on Warman Road by 33rd Street. The pathway is narrow and does not meet current standards. Should it be removed from the map? Suggestion was made have it in a different colour with a notation that it doesn't meet current standards. There are many locations that don't

meet current design standard. This could be considered for a future iteration of the guide. If it was removed there would be a gap and people may not use the route. Could signs be installed to warn users to proceed with caution? There is no standard sign to indicate this purpose. Could alternate routes be suggested? Users should generally pick a route that is comfortable for them. We do not have any criteria to identify a preferred alternate route. Could keep on the map but that would mislead users that this is an AAA route. Some expressed concerns with removal because cyclists using it could be ticketed for being on a sidewalk.

City will look at addressing more fully in the next iteration of the cycling guide.

Need to confirm the shared-use pathway shown in the Sutherland Dog Park. It appears to be a mountain bike trail.

## 5. Project Updates

### Planning Projects

- College Drive Feasibility Study – project complete.
- College Drive and Wiggins Avenue Safety Audit – project complete, recommendations to be presented to Standing Policy Committee on Transportation in spring.
- Circle Drive Shared-Use Pathway Feasibility Study – consultant hired, work underway.
- Millar Avenue Walking and Cycling Improvements – project underway, engagement event on March 27.
- Victoria Avenue Planning Study (Taylor Street to Ruth Street) – RFQ closed, evaluation process underway.
- Connecting 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Walking, Cycling, Driving Improvements – engagement concluded December 6, report to Standing Policy Committee on Transportation in spring.
- AT Wayfinding Pilot – evaluation concluded fall 2023, final report on evaluation delivered in January 2024.

### AT Construction Projects

- Dudley Street – tender awarded, work beginning after snow melt.
- ICIP Sidewalks – prepping for 2024 locations (this is the last year to use ICIP funding).
- Ramps – ramps planned for a stretch of Main Street and stretch of Avenue J.
- APS installs – meet with the low vision community to talk about prioritization system and locations.
- Neighbourhood Bikeway Speed Limit Sign Installations – occur throughout the summer. Speed limits take effect on July 5, 2024.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Street / Cumberland Avenue Curb Extensions – aligning work with Water and Sewer work scheduled for 2025.
- Warman and Assiniboine Rail Crossing – construction planned for 2024.

### AT Program Reports

- Approved December 2023
  - Neighbourhood Bikeways 30 km/h Speed Limit Policy
  - Connecting Avenue C: Walking and Cycling Improvement Project
- Approved February 2024
  - 31<sup>st</sup> Street Bikeway connection to 33<sup>rd</sup> Street Multi-Use Pathway
  - Traffic Bylaw, Neighbourhood Bikeways Speed Limit Amendments
- Pending April 2024
  - Rapid Deployment for Safety Improvements for Cycling
  - Road Safety Audit – College Drive and Wiggins Avenue
  - Connecting 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue Walking, Cycling, Driving Improvements

### **6. Next Steps and Closing**

The next regular ATAG meeting will take place in May. Isaac will send Doodle poll to determine meeting date.

Also looking at having a fun activity in the summer.

Appreciation was extended to everyone for their participation in today's meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

