

SUBMISSION – TYLER CRICHTON

ITEM 2 OF THE REPORT OF THE STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS DATED JUNE 11, 2024, REGARDING PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY – ROUTE 90 IMPROVEMENTS – TAYLOR AVENUE TO NESS AVENUE

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Committee - council: N/A

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Agenda item (number and title): Item No. 2 Preliminary Design Study - Route 90 Improvements - Taylor Avenue to Ness Avenue)

Service inquiry: Submit Comments in writing

Participation preference: N/A

Comments in writing: Dear Mayor Gillingham and Council Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the "Preliminary Design Study - Route 90 Improvements" report, specifically the proposal to widen Boulevard. I urge you to reconsider this car-centric approach and instead prioritize investments in our community's well-being.

While this report favors spending on automobile infrastructure, it's ironic that it coincides with discussions to cut funding for crucial social programs like Community Grants. This raises the question: are we investing in people, or cars?

Mayor Gillingham, your campaign promised that the Kenaston widening would only proceed with a solid business case. Many financial experts argue that this report fails to provide that justification.

Instead, I urge you to consider the greater return on investment we could achieve by allocating these scarce resources to initiatives that directly benefit our residents. For example, funding the Poverty Reduction Strategy, increasing Community Grants, and accelerating active transportation development would improve lives, foster community connection, and create a healthier, more sustainable city.

Currently, our city struggles to maintain existing roads. Expanding them is unsustainable, adding future debt while fueling demand for even more lanes. We must invest wisely, choosing projects that benefit all Winnipeggers.

I implore you to vote against this report. Let's choose people over cars.

Sincerely,
Tyler Crichton

File:
Public engagement preference: Yes