

To whom it may concern,

Please add this email submission to the public agenda for the April 20 council meeting

We are submitting our thoughts and concerns regarding the planned conversion of 9th Ave North into a freeway.

Currently 9th Ave North is a narrow single lane road with no shoulder that is not suitable for a large traffic volume.

Our understanding is that this road will become a “divided expressway and then ultimately to a freeway classification” according to City of Regina *RPC 18-34 Proposed Coopertown Concept Plan* July 5, 2018. We are led to believe there are no plans to include noise attenuation measures or to move the roadway to increase the setback from residential properties in Westhill, Edgewater and future Coopertown.

We are extremely disappointed that no consideration has been given to the close proximity of dwellings to 9th Ave North and the traffic noise as it currently stands. One can only imagine how that traffic noise and volume will multiply with a freeway designation. This will become a major heavy truck route which will result in a colossal increase in not only traffic noise but also traffic and neighbourhood safety. 9th Ave North from Courtney to the bypass needs to be done properly so as to limit the negative effects on the residential properties. The idea of moving 9th Ave North further north, to the north side of the Wellman farmstead would be the best way to develop and grow the area, allow access to the bypass and reduce the impact of traffic flow and noise for the current homeowners and future development of Coopertown.

The current understanding is that there have been no provisions for noise attenuation measures for the proposed freeway. As there are no noise attenuation measures for 9th Ave North currently and the traffic noise is a major issue, how much worse will it be with a freeway? Constructing this freeway north of the current road would allow for measures to be put in place to reduce the inevitable increase in traffic volume. The current two lane roads between Courtney St and McCarthy St have a large buffer as well as a greater setback between the road and the residential properties, why not have consideration for the homeowners west of Courtney St and build the freeway with the same thought?

Please do the right thing for the taxpayers that will be negatively affected by the current proposal by doing a comprehensive noise attenuation plan with fencing, berms and landscaping to mitigate the traffic noise volume. You need to allow the residents in this area the ability to enjoy their quality of life in their homes and yards.

Sincerely,
Craig and Karen Edwards