

I am petitioning to have large commercial vehicles prohibited from using 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue N as a throughway.

The purpose and use of 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue N has changed since the opening of the Regina bypass without consultation of those living in the area. The traffic on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue N has increased substantially mostly due to large commercial vehicles using it as a through road. Most of the semis (75%-80%) I have witnessed travelling behind my home are double-semis (B-trains/B-Doubles).

Wasn't 1.8 billion taxpayer dollars spent on the new Regina bypass so that large commercial traffic was directed around the city instead of through it? And specifically, to allow the GTH direct access to Highway 11? Reading on the Regina Bypass website, I found these excerpts explaining the purpose of the Regina Bypass:

### **WHY A BYPASS**

The Regina Bypass is needed to **improve overall traffic safety** and support continued economic growth.

Since the 90's, traffic congestion along Victoria Avenue and Highway 1 East has been a major safety concern. The bypass project was redesigned based on several studies and public and stakeholder consultations.

**The new overpasses and bypass route will drastically improve traffic safety and efficiency as well as maximize strategic advantage of GTH's location.**

#### **Main Objectives of the Bypass Project:**

- **Diverts large truck traffic from Regina**
- Eliminate key transportation bottlenecks while creating an efficient traffic flow on Hwy 1
- Provide better access to Regina, the GTH, Hwy 6 and Hwy 11

I don't believe the intent of the bypass was to decrease large truck traffic from Victoria Avenue and Highway 1 East and increase it on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue N.

My house and the houses backing onto 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue N are far too close for a narrow, one lane, two-way, no shoulder road set at 70kms/hr to include these large semis. Truck drivers are negligent in their use of this road as they are travelling much faster than the personal vehicles on it and above the 70 kms/hr posted speed limit. Some are using engine retarder brakes which are very loud and I believe prohibited within Regina limits. Enforcing this is next to impossible as seen on the Ring Road.

I am concerned about the safety of this situation. Because of the speed and the volume of traffic on this narrow road, large commercial vehicles create an enormous hazard. Residents trying to enjoy their backyards are concerned that a large semi may come barreling through the thin community tin fence into backyards or even homes. I fear the risk of tragic accidents is far too high.

Many of these trucks are also tanker trucks. Are they hauling dangerous goods so near to our homes? I don't think the safety of Regina citizens was taken into consideration when making this a truck route.

The noise level due to these large vehicles has also increased substantially so that you now need to yell when standing next to one another in the backyard. Front yard? Yes, it's loud there too. I wonder if this is within the noise level standards of the City of Regina noise bylaw.

Lights encountered on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue N create more stop-and-go driving for these vehicles than if they were going around to the highway increasing their use of engine retarder brakes and the carbon emissions in the air we breathe.

Large commercial vehicles are also shaking the ground causing water main breaks and shifting of the ground around and under homes. We have noticed sinking areas in our backyard this year that have never occurred before.

Large commercial vehicles should be prohibited from using 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue N as a throughway. These vehicles should be required to go around to highway 11 as I believe was intended when spending our many taxpayer dollars on the Regina bypass.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you are taking the safety, noise, and ground settling concerns that I and others have raised into consideration when deciding on the future purpose of this road.

Thank you,  
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