



# Fixing the Sid Buckwold Bridge

Improving the Active Transportation Links on one of Saskatoon's Core Bridges

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# In the Heart of Saskatoon

The Sid Buckwold bridge is in the centre of Saskatoon's core attractions.

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# What are the problems?

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“This bridge is dangerous for walkers and bikers.”

“The walkway needs to be wider, I’m always scared of getting hit by a bike.”

“I’m always getting road spray in my mouth.”

“I don’t use the bridge at night because I feel unsafe because of the lack of lights.”

“I turn my head to avoid grit and rocks from speeding cars.”

*–Quotes from Surveyed Bridge Users*

“Two cyclists can hardly meet without their handlebars colliding.”



# Local + National

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- ❖ Ironworkers Memorial Bridge (Vancouver) pathway widened from 1.2M to 2.5M (right)
- ❖ Peace Bridge (Fort Erie, ON / Buffalo, NY) widened to 2.4M
- ❖ Aligns with City priorities on Infill and Active Transportation





“Bridge crossings are essential to pedestrians and bicyclists. Whenever possible, the sidewalks should be continued with their full width. Sidewalks on bridges should be placed to eliminate the possibility of falling into the roadway or over the bridge itself. Sidewalks should be placed on both sides of bridges”

*–United States Federal Highway Authority 2011*



# Changes Requested

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- ❖ Expand East Pathway to ~2.5M
- ❖ Add ~2.5M West Pathway with Accesses
- ❖ Improve Drainage and Maintenance of Pathways
- ❖ Increase Height of Traffic Wall
- ❖ Improve Lighting for Safety and Reduce Car Speed



# Groups Endorsing Improvements

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- ❖ Walking Saskatoon
- ❖ Saskatoon Cycles
- ❖ Nutana Community Association
- ❖ Buena Vista Community Association