## Why has the Government of Saskatchewan Rubber Stamped the Regina Highway #1 Bypass that is Outdated, Dysfunctional, Unsafe and Costly?

Why would the Brad Wall provincial government spend **1.2 BILLION DOLLARS** of taxpayer money to build a short-sighted, outdated, dysfunctional, unsafe, costly, dead end Bypass within City limits, when **there are other, more logical, safer and less costly options**?

Here are the major taxpayers' concerns about the current proposed Tower Road Interchange:

- The bypass location is flawed. The Regina Bypass within City limits is an extension of the problems already existing in the dangerous traffic corridor.
- The Tower Road connection is within City limits, making it just a "partial bypass".
- The current Regina Bypass Plan does not go North to the freight depots, warehouse truck services and highways heading northward around Regina.
- Only ten (10) percent of truck traffic will use the Bypass to go South, leaving the other ninety (90) percent to still come through Regina to go north truck depots, warehouses, truck dealers and services and highways to the north of Regina.
- By building the bypass outside the city at Gravel Pit Road, the Bypass could go North and South to divert most truck traffic around the City.
- If the Bypass was moved East 1.5 miles outside the City to Gravel Pit Road it would cost taxpayers over 100 million dollars *less* than the current proposal.
- High speed curves at the proposed Tower Road Interchange pose unintended hazards right over railroad tracks constantly carrying toxic and flammable products.
- A Department of Highways engineer stated that the decision to build the bypass near Tower Road was influenced by developers. A proposed Mall and commercial developments are already being planned along Tower Road. Who benefits?
- There are several businesses and family homes directly off Tower Road that will be decimated by the proposed construction of the Interchange.
- A Sask Party MLA's family has a commercial property development along Highway #1 between Tower Road and Gravel Pit Road is there a conflict of interest here?
- The provincial Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure said the location of the Regina Bypass near Tower Road was selected 'to serve the community for 50 years'. They have been unwilling to release a full Functional Study on the science behind their decision. What do they have to hide? We need transparency and accountability in our government.

## The Regina Committee for an Alternative Bypass Solution

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