



City of Hamilton TRUCK ROUTE

SUB-COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 19-002
Date: November 1, 2019
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

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Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 - 10:16 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Advisory/Sub-Committee

Name of Sub-Committee: Truck Route

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Robert Iszkula

Name of Organization: Truck Route Reboot

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: To voice concerns and ask questions regarding the Truck Route Review process.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Nov 1. 2019

Hello, my name is Robert Iszkula, I'm here today speaking on behalf of the Truck Route Reboot Group--a growing number of concerned community members and stakeholders.

Our goal is that the City of Hamilton end the practice of allowing heavy, industrial transport trucks to short-cut through the urban core and residential neighbourhoods of the city.

As stated in past delegations and in alignment with the City of Hamilton's Strategic Plan 2016-2025, our priority concerns remain the wellbeing and quality of life for our community.

This includes air quality, physical and mental health, street safety, noise, vibrations, road wear and tear etc.

Our group has reviewed the Consultation/Engagement Strategy for the Truck Route study and we find it to be seriously inadequate for the following reasons:

1. The plan fails to truly recognize formal and informal community organizations as legitimate stakeholders in the truck route review process
2. The plan fails to effectively and fully integrate the fundamental priority concerns we have been raising about the negative impacts that short-cutting industrial trucks are having on the liveability of our city.
3. Instead, the engagement strategy separates our concerns and positions them against a long list of perceived economic 'benefits' of the current routing system.

As such, we request that a **stakeholder working group** be immediately formed that gives all parties a seat at the table.

This would provide an opportunity to hear firsthand the concerns of other stakeholders, and an opportunity to contribute to the process in a way that is equitable and fair.

We want to see the additional public consultation funding directed to facilitate this stakeholder working group.

As well, after reading the consultants proposed study update plan, we have the following questions:

1. How will the local impacts listed in the report be quantified? Objective decisions cannot be made if the impacts are not being measured, studied and compared quantitatively.

2. Who is making the “value” decisions with respect to impacts and the evaluation of impacts of existing truck routes? These specifics need to be shared and agreed upon by all stakeholders before any data collection and analysis is started. Full openness and transparency is critical to ensure that this is a legitimate consultation process.
3. How can the previous and ongoing collection of empirical evidence by Environment Hamilton staff and volunteers be officially incorporated into the study? This includes truck counts, air particulate data & vibration monitoring data.
To date, over 300 hours of volunteer time has contributed to these efforts.
4. Finally, we are aware that staff from Public Health are working with Steve Molloy and others to evaluate the impact of truck routes along streets that include ‘sensitive land uses’ like schools and retirement homes. We need to know the status of this work and how it will be integrated into the truck route study review process.

Thank you!

Truck Route Reboot

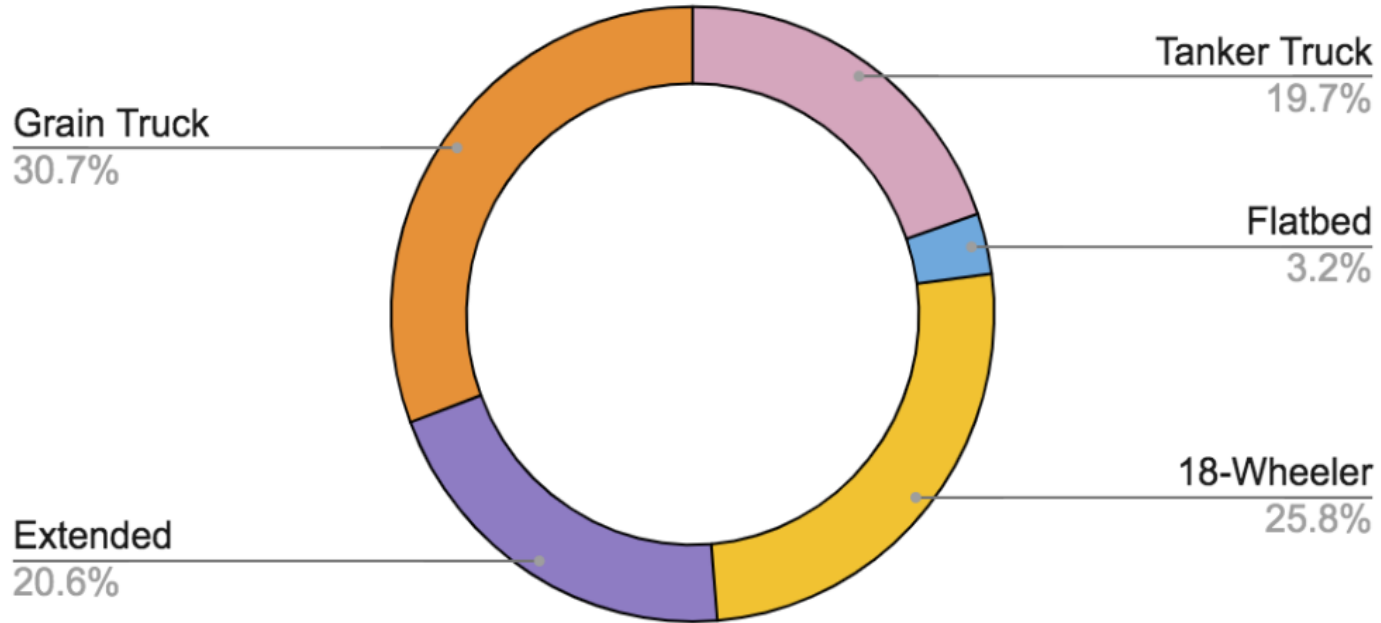
— A Response to the Truck Route Review
Study Update —



Industrial Trucks Pose a Health and Safety Concern for Pedestrians and Cyclists.

Barton St at Wellington Ave - Tuesday, Sept 10th, 2019

Total Number of Trucks: 305

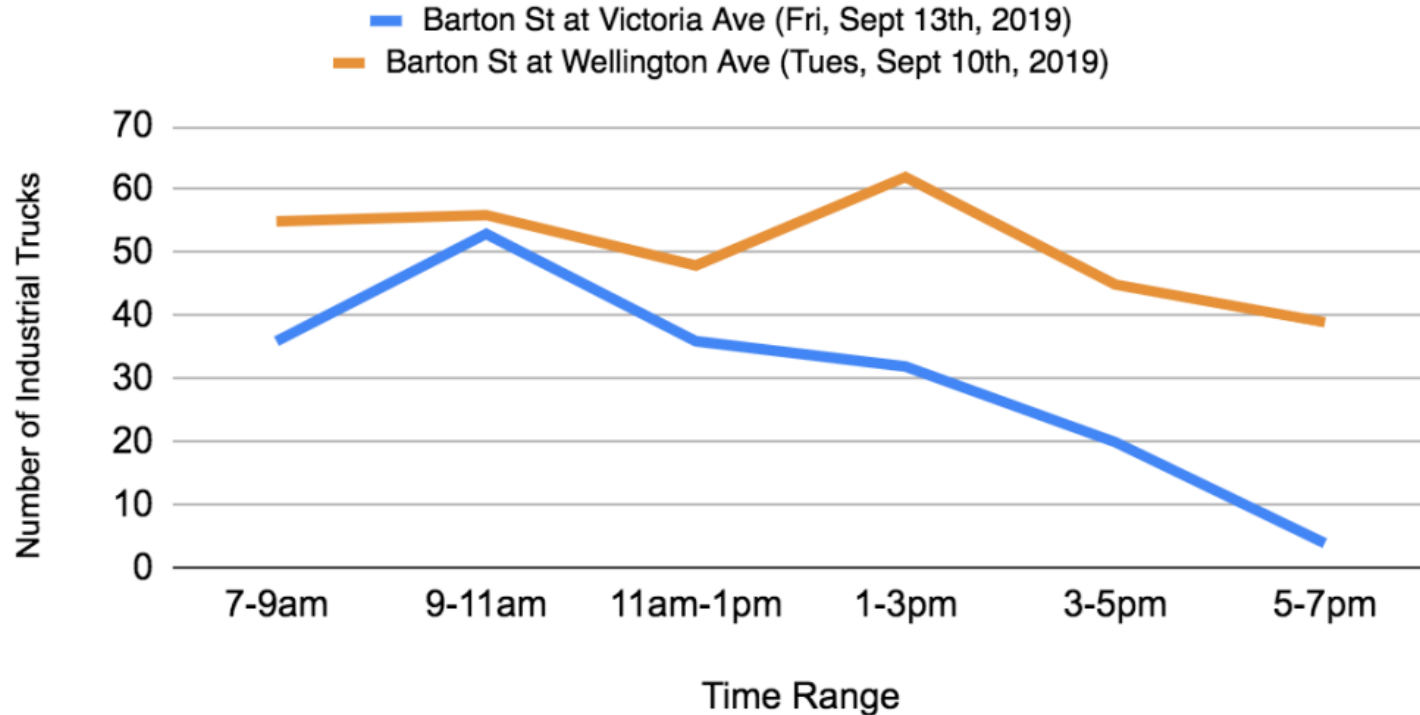


We've counted as many as 305 industrial trucks in one day. These passed by a Children's Hospital, the General Hospital, and many homes.



Industrial Trucks Impact Our Youngest Residents.

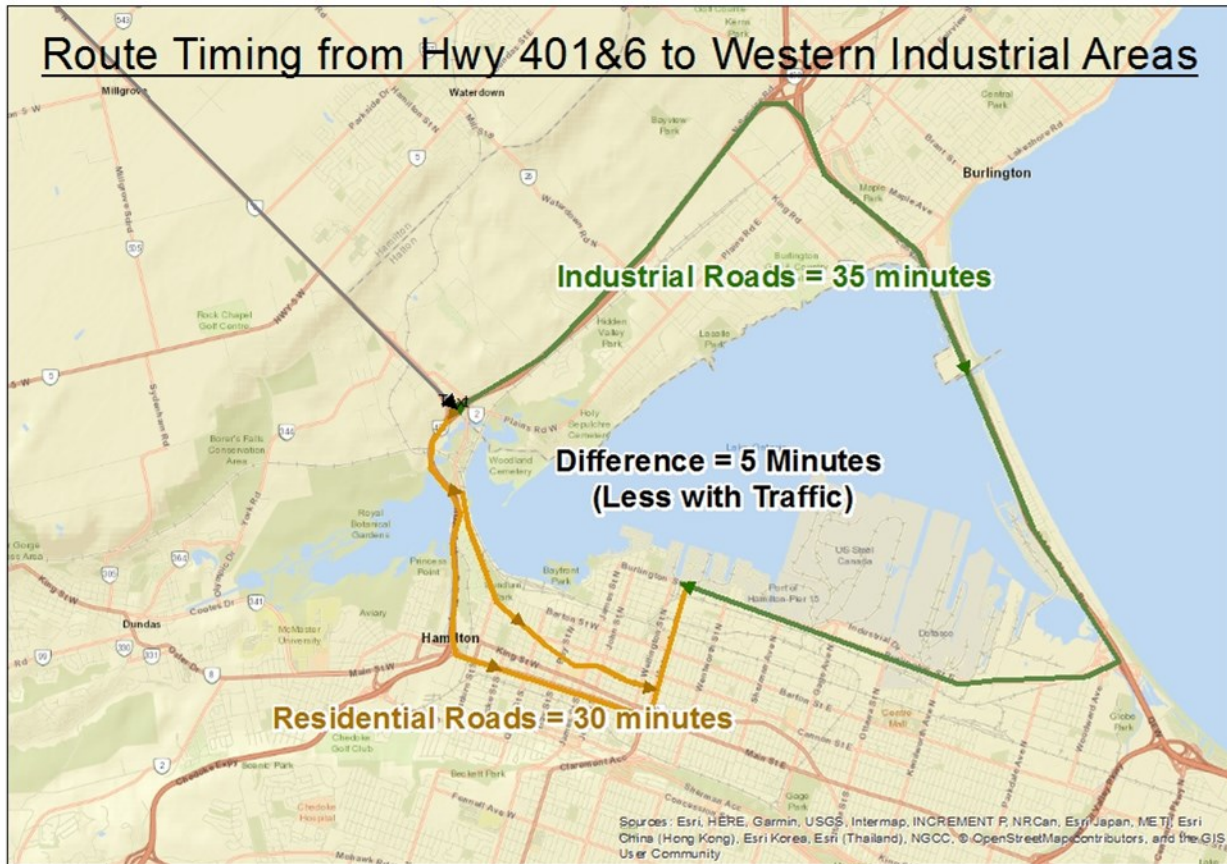
Number of Industrial Trucks Through the Day



Peaks in industrial truck traffic occur at times when children are travelling to/from school and attending classes.



Diesel emissions are cancer-causing.



Shortcuts save less than 10 minutes in all examined cases. Negative health and safety impacts are more significant than these delays.



Hamilton's Community Groups Need to be Adequately Included in the Consultation

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Submitted on Wednesday, October 30, 2019 - 11:57 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Advisory/Sub-Committee

Name of Sub-Committee: Truck Route Sub-Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Heather Ohrt

Name of Organization:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: My father, Herman Ohrt, was killed by a heavy truck on a street in Hamilton last year. I would like to encourage those present at the meeting to make changes to the truck route that will increase safety for all. I hope that sharing my personal experience with this issue will bring a sense of urgency and need for transformation to those who have an influence on making these changes.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No



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Good afternoon gentlemen and ladies. Thank you for your involvement in making changes to the truck route in Hamilton. It is an issue close to my heart.

My name is Heather Ohrt. Herman Ohrt is the name of my Dad. You may have heard his name because his life was taken by a heavy truck on a street in Hamilton last year, just minutes away from here. He was riding his bike and was run over by a cement mixing truck at the corner of Queen and King streets.

I don't know if that truck had to be in that spot because of a delivery, or if that truck was cutting through the city to save time and gas and make more money for its company.

But I do feel sure that there are many, many heavy trucks, loud trucks with poor visibility, trucks with one or two trailers, which are short cutting through the city daily. It is incredible to me how many heavy trucks are on our city streets.

My Dad was 77 years old when he died, but didn't seem his age. He was the healthiest and most fit person in our family. The coroner said that he had the body of someone in their 50's. My Dad is dearly loved and missed by our family and by friends. He was truly a wonderful, kind, caring, intelligent, wise, loving man.

My goal here today is mostly to speak to those of you who will have influence on the truck route through Hamilton, our city. When you have retired, will you look back and think about lives you improved and even possibly saved by limiting the trucks on our streets, or otherwise? These decisions are possibly a matter of life or death.

At another meeting which I attended here, I heard a City Councillor talk about Hamilton being "open for business". Hamilton's stated vision is "To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully". Are these pretty words that have been thrown onto the city's website, or are they actually a guiding force for the decisions that are made by the city's leaders? As was shown at the last truck route subcommittee meeting, the truck route in Hamilton looks like a spiderweb densely woven through the city. Does allowing heavy, long, loud, huge trucks through the city, through residential streets, to cut through as a favour, if they don't need to be going through the city, actually translate into the best place to raise a child and age successfully? Not at all.

I don't want anyone else to get hurt or worse. I pray for the safety of the people in this city. For all of us.

A friend of mine made a good point, that it is also not fair to the drivers of these huge heavy trucks, to put them in the position where they are putting people at risk.

Please prioritize safety for people, starting with the most vulnerable. It is your responsibility and duty to protect people. That is more important than being "open for business". Please create a system that forces trucks that are not needing to be in the city to go around it rather than through it.

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Please listen to people at the meetings that will be held, instead of pretending to listen to them. Then please make the changes necessary for a transformed truck route that makes Hamilton a much safer, much more pleasant, place to live.

Thank you for your time and consideration.