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Subject: Truck route meeting.

Hi. I'm an owner/operator truck driver (tractor trailer) and thought you would like my opinions on this matter. I use the Hamilton truck routes everyday including the turn at Wellington and Cannon. Turning at that corner does indeed require turning the tractor into the bike lane. That is not the fault of truck drivers as we were here first and the bike lanes came later. I feel that the current routes are relatively safe and convenient. That said, it is certain that our trucks destroy the quality of life for many who live in those areas.

The answer is The Red Hill Expressway and Linc, both of which did not exist long ago. They easily hook up to Nikola Tesla, Hwy 403 and the QEW. Those routes serve all trucking needs. Using such routes might add ten minutes to my trip but would do much to improve life throughout the city. On my days off, I am just another citizen and don't want to see big rigs blasting through town either.

Another problem route is Main Street, especially Main West. I have never seen such narrow lanes on a major route. It is very difficult to drive a truck there and avoid hitting cars. Many buses have had their mirrors smashed by passing trucks and cyclists are often hit by cars. There is no need for five narrow lanes on Main Street. It would be better to have four wider lanes and perhaps a part lane for cyclists.

Bottom line is, yes I like my truck routes, yes I want to keep them, but there simply is no need. We can do better for everyone.

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