



November 4th, 2019

Dear Public Works Committee,

I am writing to request that Barton St E be added to the 10 year master plan for road redevelopment.

As you may be aware this year “Barton Street took top spot as the worst road in Hamilton, and number five in the province”¹ A street that has seen its share of rough times and is now seeing revitalization it is a shame that the city’s infrastructure is now what gets the street bad press.

It was already recommended to the city in the 2014 Barton and Kennilworth Study: “Barton Street in particular is historically designed to whisk industrial workers through the area in cars, Palmer said. But it’s holding back modern-day Barton and Kenilworth, which would benefit from gentler traffic and bike lanes... Right now, it’s about getting people through Barton quickly, and that’s not necessarily a good objective.”²

Specific actions that were identified in the report included:

- “Examine how to introduce dedicated cycling facilities, with preferred options that can be implemented in the interim, and when the street is resurfaced or reconstructed;
- Recognize Burlington Street as the primary truck route through the area and remove Barton Street from the City of Hamilton Truck Route System”³

I would like to know what happened with these recommended actions.

We appreciate your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.thespec.com/news-story/9404175-barton-street-voted-the-worst-road-in-hamilton/>

² <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/news/6-ways-to-bring-barton-street-back-to-life-1.2757204>

³ <https://d3fp1lf1m7bbt3.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/media/browser/2015-06-15/barton-kenilworth-corridor-study-recommendation-report.pdf>