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I would ask that the City Clerk please circulate this email to the Mayor and Members of City Council:

To Mayor and Members of City Council
c/o City Clerk
Hamilton City Hall

Please note that I am opposed to the reduction of Aberdeen Avenue from four lanes to two lanes, due to the obvious traffic congestion this initiative will create, and the resultant consequences for increased traffic in side streets placing children and pedestrians at risk. No initiative has been taken by the City to reduce the volume of vehicular traffic; the City merely seeks to congest the volume. Faced with such congestion, it is my belief that drivers will simply make irrational and dangerous manoeuvres in order to reach their destinations on time, including use of the side streets at increased speeds. This will place pedestrians, cyclists, and children at increased risk. The City has already added 4 new traffic lights onto Aberdeen Ave. in the past 15 years, plus an additional two lights on the connecting Longwood Road into Westdale, which has sufficiently addressed speeding traffic and ensured safety for pedestrians seeking to cross the roadway. Additional measures, such as this planned reduction of lanes, are unnecessary, and will simply generate congestion without benefit. As well, Aberdeen Ave. is a major bus route for students travelling to and from the schools in Westdale during rush hours, and the buses require lengthy time to stop and load/unload the many students between 8 am and 9 am, and again between 3pm and 4pm. The buses block the lane each time this occurs, and without a passing lane, there will be excessive congestion and drivers will be encouraged to undertake risky behaviour to avoid being blocked.

Alexander Malcolm