

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Reducing Aberdeen Avenue to 2 Lanes

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Dear Terry, Mayor, other Councilors and City Clerk,

Terry, as I have spoken to you before at your Westcliffe sessions, traffic in our area exceeds capacity now. We are opposed to reducing Aberdeen to 2 lanes from Queen to Dundurn.

Aberdeen is an important arterial road for traffic from Queen to 403.

Here are some of the reasons for the opposition:

1. During morning rush hour now, we can't get out of our Colquhoun subdivision because
 - Scenic is backed up west past Upper Paradise
 - Garth is backed up south from Aberdeen to past StoneChurch
 - Fennell is backed up past Mohawk College
 - All waiting to go down to Queen and majority turn on Aberdeen
 - Reducing Aberdeen to 2 lanes will double traffic wait times
 - Idling cars will increase pollution in residential neighbourhoods
2. This congestion will increase due to new home/townhouses construction around Chedmac
3. This congestion will also increase with proposed residential further west on Scenic
4. When there is a traffic accident on 403, cars stream through our neighbourhood trying to bypass the increased congestion (this will happen in Kirkendall South)
5. Traffic at afternoon rush hour to come up from Aberdeen and Queen Street hill is lengthy
6. You have installed additional traffic stop lights – 5 in 10 blocks to slow traffic and increase pedestrian safety, so
 - What are the numbers of injuries and deaths (this area rated 559th most dangerous in Hamilton)
 - Where are they happening?
 - Are pedestrians using traffic lights and crosswalks?
 - Is a major cause driver frustration from delays and then speeding?
 - Will increase frustration level and create more of a hazard?
7. Has the City done a through traffic study?
 - Herkimer with their parking arrangement is a mess
 - Reducing lanes on Cannon is a mess (what is bicycle vs. vehicle usage statistics?), especially where does truck traffic go?
 - If there is construction of LRT, this route will become more important and congested
 - Major increase in population by William's Coffee area, will also have major traffic flow problems on those narrow residential streets
8. There are 2 bicycle rental stands now – each end of Aberdeen

- 2 lane with increased traffic will be far more dangerous for pedestrians and bicycle users
- 9. City bus traffic – stopping and going – interrupting traffic even more will be frustrating
- 10. Increased driver frustration will have them darting into empty parking lane and racing ahead, cutting off others
- 11. Strathallen bus traffic will be impeded
- 12. What happens with winter snow clearing when not emergency clearing?
- 13. Cars (trying) to exit their driveways onto double the traffic on 2 lanes, will pose extreme danger to themselves and traffic

This proposal is no solution, as it will have a major negative domino effect.
It will not solve the problem but add to it and shift it elsewhere.

Please circulate this to the Mayor and other Councilors.

Thank you

John Augstman