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Request to Speak to Committee of Council

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==Committee Requested==

Committee: Public Works Committee

==Requestor Information==

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Reason(s) for delegation request: Support for traffic calming on Aberdeen - Lean Aberdeen.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

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Subject: Support for Lean Aberdeen

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Subject: Support for Lean Aberdeen

Dear Mr Mayor and Council,

I'm writing to express my support for Lean Aberdeen - the pilot road diet project for Aberdeen Avenue that was supported by the ward-wide participatory budgeting, was duly studied and scoped, and then supported and voted for by Council.

The design of roads dictates how people drive on them. Think of a two lane country road with trees just beyond the soft shoulder ditch. Now contrast that with the 401 - 3 lanes each way, concrete barriers protecting you from oncoming traffic and wide hard shoulders. On the country road, 90 km/h feels fast. On the 401, 120 km/h feels pedestrian.

In the context of Aberdeen, the (for the most part) empty, four lane road with narrow sidewalks and houses set well back from the street invites speeding and careless driving - there simply are no cues from the design of the road that suggest any reason for caution.

The road diet - which, by the way, the expert reports say will have little effect on the flow of traffic - is about working to build and design the kind of street that encourages connections between neighbourhood, active transportation, and puts quality of neighbourhood life above travel times. The kind of street that I think most people would say they want in their neighbourhood.

Graham McNally.