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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Being a resident of the Kirkendall South neighbourhood for 40 years I strongly oppose the reductions of lanes from 4 lanes to two on Aberdeen Avenue from Queen to Dundurn Streets for the following reasons.

1. My wife and I raised 4 kids in the neighbourhood and we have supported a number of changes over the years to make the streets in our neighbourhood safer. However, we believe this proposal will have the opposite effect. Increased clogged traffic will actually be more dangerous for kids. We are concerned that kids will dart out from parked cars. The number of red lights to slow traffic to enable pedestrians to cross and slow traffic down has increased from three to five over the last number of years and speed limits have been reduced. We believe recent statistics show Aberdeen to be safe (559 most dangerous road in Hamilton).
2. The increased difficulty in making right and left turns off Aberdeen will greatly slow traffic down and make it more dangerous. This will be especially true at traffic hour time at Queen etc.
3. Lower Hamilton has only two roads (Aberdeen and Main/King) that cross or link up to the 403. This is extremely low and potentially dangerous when you consider the city's disaster planning for fire and ambulance services. To significantly clog traffic on one of these routes makes it extremely dangerous, if a disaster stops traffic on Main/King, and prevents fire and ambulances to get through in a timely life saving manner. When you consider what we have gone through with covid19 and sewergate it extremely important to prepare effective city disaster plans and not to give these plans only lip service.
4. Because of the limited amount of roads linking to the 403, in lower Hamilton, the volume of traffic will remain high at traffic hour time and to reduce the number of lanes available will obviously, significantly, clog traffic . Because Aberdeen links up to the 403 it cannot be considered to be a quiet residential street. The city, in our opinion, has done a good job making Aberdeen safe, as well as ensuring the traffic is flowing well. The old saying " that if it isn't broken don't fix it" applies here.

Your comments would be appreciated.

Regards,

Jim and Sib Stephens