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Subject: Aberdeen Traffic Modifications**From:** David Borsellino**Sent:** Friday, August 21, 2020 6:38 PM**To:** clerk@hamilton.ca**Subject:** Aberdeen Traffic Modifications

In July 2020 when introducing the use of photo radar to reduce speeding on city streets a city staff report stated " While similar traffic related issues may exist on arterial roadways , the primary function of an arterial road is to move traffic efficiently to reduce the amount of traffic and speeding on lower classification streets. Therefore traffic calming measures ...would not be suitable for use on arterial roads. " An arterial road is defined as a road that connects the community DIRECTLY to an EXPRESSWAY or FREEWAY. By any metric Aberdeen Ave is clearly an arterial road. How are the lane restrictions to Aberdeen being implemented when they directly contradict both the purpose of the street and the recommendations of our traffic department ? It is important to recognize these changes will impact citizens in multiple west end wards and those commuters trying to enter the city daily. I urge all councillors to reconsider these Road Diet measures. Rather than being supported by evidence they seem to be based on both the personal agenda and perceptions of our ward one councillor. As currently designed Aberdeen Ave. is already safe as is proven by the city's own statistics on traffic collisions gathered from 2013 to 2018. Major changes have already been implemented to improve safety: redesign of the intersection at Aberdeen/ Dundurn, two pedestrian activated stoplights, and a 40 mph zone during school hours. Reducing traffic to one lane will increase pollution, increase traffic on residential streets, making entering and exiting neighbourhoods more hazardous and double the current traffic congestion on Aberdeen during morning and evening rush hour. WHY is this being done ? Sincerely , David Borsellino, Ward One resident