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Subject: Opposition to the reduction in traffic lanes along Aberdeen Avenue

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To: clerk@hamilton.ca

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Dear May and Members of City Council,

I am writing to oppose the proposed plan to reduce Aberdeen avenue traffic lanes for the following reasons:

1. This stretch of road is not especially dangerous. In fact, the city's 2018 statistics put Aberdeen as the 559th most dangerous road for collisions/accidents.
2. Aberdeen is an arterial road - a major link between Queen Street and Highway 403. Reducing lanes will back up traffic significantly.
3. The city of Hamilton has not conducted a study to determine the effects of the 4 to 2-lane change.
4. Clogged traffic will result in drivers cutting through our quiet neighbourhood streets to find a quicker way to their destinations.
5. Additional vehicle traffic will greatly increase the likelihood of serious accidents on our neighbourhood streets.
6. Children and vulnerable citizens should not be put at risk by this increased traffic.
7. Homeowners who live south of Aberdeen will also need to make more vehicular trips through our local neighbourhood, since it will be extremely difficult to make turns to and from Aberdeen because of clogged traffic and parked cars obstructing the view.
8. More vehicles idling will cause an increase in greenhouse gases. Among the aims of the city's Vision Zero program is "reducing contributions to climate change".
9. Pedestrians can safely cross Aberdeen at 5 locations within 10 blocks - at traffic lights on the corners of Dundurn, Cottage, Locke, Kent and Queen Streets.
10. Traffic backups on Aberdeen Avenue will impede emergency responders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Emily Ching, resident in downtown Hamilton.