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71 Main St. W., 1st Floor
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Email: clerk@hamilton.ca

Re: Aberdeen Road "Diet" program

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of Council,

The Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association (KNA), supports the addition of parking on both sides of Aberdeen Ave. and other works contemplated in Public Works Committee document PW17021a, as a Pilot to measure their effect towards a safer, more inclusive Aberdeen Ave.

The issues on Aberdeen Ave. have been well documented; ongoing speeding, an inability to cycle safely, and numerous accidents both with and without bodily injury to pedestrians, have been occurring for years. It is imperative that Aberdeen become a safe and inclusive road for all modes of transit to meet "Vision Zero". To that end, the KNA hopes that this Pilot leads to a fully re-envisioned Aberdeen Ave. that includes appropriate bike lanes, a middle left turn lane, as well as the other changes envisioned in this Pilot.

When discussing our concerns (regarding the timing of this study due to an incomplete Queen St. two-way conversion and an increase in cut throughs in the neighbourhood) with our Councillor and City staff, we learned that the Pilot develops a significant amount of data that includes traffic pattern data measuring increased cut throughs, and vehicle usage along Queen St. to King St. We remain concerned about these issues and we encourage increased enforcement against drivers cutting through however, we understand that this data may be used to prove the effectiveness of the changes to Aberdeen Ave. and to predict what will occur when the vehicles are able to turn left from Queen St. to King St. (providing easy access to the 403 for our neighbours on the mountain who access the City and the 403 via Beckett Dr.).

We look forward to the results of the study and assisting City staff and Council towards a safe and inclusive Aberdeen and Kirkendall for all.

With Respect.

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