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We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed traffic lane reduction on Aberdeen Avenue.

As a main artery connecting Queen Street and the mountain to the 403 and Westdale, the volume of traffic requires four lanes. There are a number of traffic lights and crosswalks in place to handle pedestrian traffic. Reducing lanes on Aberdeen will definitely result in people using side streets in the neighbourhood as detours, which will put the safety of the residents of this area in jeopardy. This will literally be an accident waiting to happen. As residents of Hyde Park Avenue, we have first-hand experience with what happens when the 403 is blocked: drivers use Aberdeen as an alternate route, which makes it congested. This results in drivers speeding up the streets that intersect with Aberdeen as they try to escape and find a faster route. This is an area that has many children residing in it, and their safety is already at risk with speeding, aggressive driving a regular occurrence. This will undoubtedly exacerbate this problem.

City council needs to keep the traffic flow on Aberdeen as it currently exists.

Thank you,

Susan and David Stothart