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Hello,

My family resides on the west mountain in Hamilton and we are very concerned about the impact that narrowing Aberdeen between Dundurn and Queen Street will have on traffic flow. When congestion happens, and it will, the ripple effect extends up into the west mountain causing congestion over a wide area. The mountain accesses are very vulnerable to the congestion that can build up down below and this impedes our ability to get down the mountain. We are also concerned about emergency responders being caught in backed-up traffic.

An additional consequence is the air pollution that will impact the area due to idling cars caught in congestion. We recognize that Aberdeen is not the most pleasant street to walk along as a pedestrian due to the proximity of the sidewalk to the driving lanes, however, the functioning of the City in these other respects is more important. The traffic does not move very fast along Aberdeen and speed could be slightly reduced if necessary rather than narrowing it. We cannot have the City paralyzed due to a 'war on cars'. Economic livelihoods depend on residents' ability to get up and down the mountain accesses.

At the very least, I would ask that the City conduct a thorough impact study and trial period to assess the consequences of such a change.

Thank you for your consideration of my and many other residents' point of view.

Emily Andrews