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Subject: In support of proposed changes to Aberdeen Ave

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Subject: In support of proposed changes to Aberdeen Ave

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident of Aberdeen Avenue between Dundurn and Locke streets, I am writing to convey my emphatic support for the proposed traffic-calming measures. The road in its present format is extremely dangerous for all users.

Cars routinely travel over 70 kph just inches from pedestrians on the sidewalk. The speed limit is rarely observed.

Neither I, nor my partner, would ever consider cycling on Aberdeen - despite being experienced commuters by bicycle. When driving, we find it very dangerous to turn into our driveway with cars barreling down the road behind us.

We could never safely allow our nieces & nephews, or any children of our own, to play in our front yard. The constant noise pollution of fast-moving traffic also spoils what is otherwise a pleasant and beautiful residential neighbourhood.

The proposed "diet" is a very simple and conservative measure. But both I and my partner - who is a transport researcher at McMaster University - believe it would be very effective. The volume of traffic on Aberdeen is never high. Two lanes could easily accommodate the flow. The problem is that the straight design with four largely empty lanes and minimal traffic lights or other calming measures encourages drivers (especially those just exiting the 403) to behave as though they are on the highway. In fact, they are on a residential street.

The complaints of the so-called "Keep Aberdeen Moving" group are evidently those of privileged residents of wealthy, quiet streets who resent the prospect of being inconvenienced when turning in and out of their enclaves. The concerns about "rat-running" ring especially hollow when you consider that the streets south of Aberdeen *do not lead anywhere* - unless commuters are in a hurry to get to an escarpment trail.

I earnestly hope the proposed changes to Aberdeen Ave go ahead as soon as possible. They will prove an immense benefit to the safety and quality of life in the Kirkendall neighbourhood with, I am certain, negligible impact on the flow of traffic.

Yours sincerely,

Shane Lynn.