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Subject: Written Delegation for the Nov 29th Truck Route Sub-Committee

This is a written delegation to the Truck Route Sub-Committee

Recently, the final draft report of the revised truck route plan was released. I've watched the review unfold and was excited at the opportunity to review and amend the routes. Especially after Council had declared a Climate Emergency and bearing in mind the City's vision statement "the best place to raise a child and age successfully"

Then I read the final draft.

What an utter waste of time, money and resources.

I'm not certain if this was a City staff only exercise, or if there was a consulting firm involved, but I am certain that no person involved lives Downtown or in East Hamilton.

You are giving licence to operators to use our neighbourhoods as short cuts. To destroy our infrastructure. To pollute our lungs, wake us from sleep and endanger our people.

In the two days since I read this report I have personally witnessed two instances on York between Bay and the 403 exit that if taken into account, would surely change any reasonably minded person's opinion on the current routes. First, a Cardi Construction dump truck travelling along York towards the 403 exit at speed in excess of 80 km/hour. Second, a tandem bulk trailer operating half in the right lane and half in the bike lane consistently between Bay and Dundurn. Right past Hess St. School.

How is this OK?

Granting through access from the 403 to our Port Lands is a dangerous mistake that costs too much. Too much more than the 8 additional minutes it takes to use more appropriate routes like the Linc/RHVP or 403/QEW combinations.

The through network must be cut off. Truck routes need to be removed from King and Main (how do transports mix with LRT?). Fledgling commercial districts like Ottawa St. don't need handicaps the likes of which these routes impose.

And please don't say that without these trucks, how does business get deliveries? We all know that trucks are allowed off designated routes for deliveries. Fluke transport no longer use the through routes, only for local deliveries.

So let's do the right thing for our City and it's many communities. Throw this draft report in the garbage, where it belongs, and start from scratch. Except this time we consider the needs of the communities above the wants of the transportation industry.

Thank you

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