

November 26th, 2021

Attention: Truck Route Sub-Committee

To: angela.mcrae@hamilton.ca

RE: Requesting Consideration - Addendum to the Truck Route Master Plan

We have been participating and observing the preparation of a revised Truck Route Master Plan. Fluke Transport would like to voice a request for an addendum to what we have seen as the final presentation that is being proposed. Please keep in mind that we proudly call Hamilton home, and have for our 101 year existence, we understand the importance of fairness towards balancing lifestyle and residential communities to co-exist with business and the industry that Hamilton is known for. This balance is important so that business can continue to provide important tax revenue and remain profitable. It would be our wish for the Sub-Committee to consider amending the current wording of a ***maximum of 5 axels*** to read going forward as ***a maximum of 6 axels***. It is our belief and experience that this change would benefit companies such as ours running our Fleet; while having very little impact and change to the environment and corridor where it would be allowed. Many companies such as ours, who mainly haul household commodities often run tandem and tridem trailers. Tridem trailers can carry slightly more weight than a tandem (two axle trailer), but it is our belief that the impact of this additional axel is not adverse in any way to what is trying to be achieved on the Truck Route Master Plan. Comparatively, it would be similar to the difference between a two door vehicle and a four door vehicle. Most of us look at them as the same when they are on our roadways. 5 axel and 6 axel trucks would be viewed the same.

We would also like to point out that by allowing for this it would significantly reduce the traffic that would be funneled Eastbound throughout the city. We have a concern that this would create significant congestion and pose a safety risk as too many trucks and personal vehicles would be vying for space. There is always a safety concern when this occurs. Our Industrial road(s) are already a cause of concern in terms of use and maintenance. It is our opinion that we do not want to intentionally cause stress on an already strained artery for important truck traffic.

Thank you for allowing us to share our request and for considering it as this exercise moves along.

Sincerely,

FLUKE TRANSPORT LIMITED

Steve Foxcroft
Vice-President