

Mr. Chair and members of the Truck Route Sub-Committee, my name is Ted Pitura, a resident of Dickenson Rd E.

Thank you for this opportunity to be involved in the TRMP process and for providing us with a chance to explain why we feel so strongly about prioritizing the building the Airport to Red Hill Valley Parkway Link.

The City of Hamilton already has an existing strategic goods movement network for the East/West and North/South transportation of goods, such as:

- a) Red Hill Valley Parkway
- b) Lincoln Alexander Parkway for east/west movement from the Q.E.W. and 403
- c) north/south movement from Upper James/#6 Bypass
- d) Rymal Rd east and west
- e) Upper James north and south
- f) 56 Hwy and Centennial Pkwy north and south

We feel that although the city needs an efficient truck route, we believe there is no need to expand the truck routes into residential streets. Even though Dickenson Road is **not** a truck route, we the residents have been experiencing a large increase in truck traffic on our road. We agree with the TRMP committee that truck route enforcement on non-truck route roads is extremely difficult due to the shortage of manpower in the Police Department. We were told during a meeting with the Police that it is challenging to police these trucks illegally using our road as a short cut to get to Upper James. The construction of the Airport to Red Hill Valley Parkway Link is extremely important to us as it would definitely help to eliminate the illegal trucks from the Canada Waste Recycling Company, Dufferin and other very large trucks primarily coming from Nebo Road. Many of the businesses on Nebo Road have gotten used to utilizing Dickenson Road East instead of posted truck routes and have started honking their horns as if to antagonize the residents. Seemingly they seem to be very confident that they won't get caught by the police. They are also travelling at higher than posted speeds and use their jake brake to slow down with complete disregard for the noise pollution being created in our quiet residential community.

It was mentioned during one of the webinars we attended that collision history was considered and that Dickenson Road East had no reported collisions over the last several years. This is untrue, many residents witnessed and even experienced collisions on Dickenson Road East. Please make our safety a priority. Build the new Red Hill Valley Parkway link will reduce truck traffic in our rural community.

There are many reasons for the need for the Airport to Red Hill Valley Parkway Link. This by-pass will not only take trucks passing through off no truck route roads but will keep passing commuter and truck traffic out of our residential and business areas. This will make Upper James less congested and attract

**actual** shoppers to Upper James for its shopping district. The new road will also reduce greenhouse gasses in the long run with steady smooth traffic flow around this densely populated area.

We were very relieved to learn of the proposal from the TRMP committee regarding the construction of this by-pass for our safety and well being of the residents. Tax payer dollars would be better utilized for a permanent road as opposed to spending money to upgrade residential roads as a temporary measure to make the movement of goods more efficient.

We are therefore requesting that this committee accept the recommendations and prioritize the construction of this by-pass link which was approved by Hamilton City Council over 16 years ago.

Thank you.