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Hi Carrie - I'd like to submit this as a communication item for the 2022 Public Works Committee Agenda.

Dear Public Works Committee,

I am a resident of downtown Hamilton who takes my 4-year-old to daycare via bike every morning and pickup in the afternoon. I just had yet another almost-accident where a dump truck driving east on Herkimer decided to make a left without acknowledging that my daughter and I had the right-of-way next to him in the bike lane. He slammed on the brakes at the last second - mid-turn - when he happened to see us. But that's the problem; they don't see us.

The numbers speak for themselves - motorists are injuring (and in several cases, killing) pedestrians and cyclists at an alarming rate. There's many factors that need to be addressed, which have all been well documented (traffic calming measures, better cycling infrastructure, etc.). I am writing to reiterate a sentiment that many in the downtown core share, I am not happy with the prioritization of automobiles in this city. The fact that 2 highway-esque streets have existed downtown for as long as they have shows the utter lack of respect for anyone not in a car. I'm glad the tide is finally turning on that, but wow that took an insane amount of time. People being struck over and over again, and some people still have the gall to make an argument about traffic flow being impeded by safety measures. Lunacy.

Please make this city safer to walk & cycle in. The city of Hamilton is a testament to how cities *used* to be built - designed to move automobiles efficiently. That is not the world we live in anymore. This city needs to shift the focus to prioritize pedestrians and cyclists. Reduce car lanes, install protected bike lanes, better speed humps, bump-outs, etc. These aren't radical ideas - and by no means are they the only ideas. We need to stop allowing decisions that so clearly favour automobiles.

Thank you,

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