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Subject: proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan

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Hello Mayor and Councilors,

After the incredible wins with reversal of the land grabs through Greenbelt and forced urban boundary expansion, I think it is prudent to take a step back and re-evaluate plans, particularly those that might have some changes with the reversed decisions. This includes the proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan.

I believe staff made some changes to the initial plan after the news about the forced urban boundary expansion. Now that Hamilton will be sticking with the no urban boundary expansion, I think that some of the roads in the proposed plan will no longer be needed. Given the environmental sensitivity of the roads going through natural areas, and the cost of each kilometre of road, I urge you to wait until all of the information is available, including updated natural history data for the area. This will allow decisions about the official plan to be made to ensure that the roads development that is done fits with city-wide plans.

It makes sense to pause on this proposed TMP until more information is available, particularly now that Hamilton can make its own decisions again. Let's make sure that the decisions make sense for future planning and not rush forward.

Sincerely,
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