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Subject: Million dollar roads to nowhere

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Hello Clerk and Councillors,

We are in the middle of a life altering climate emergency. Our biodiversity has never been in worse shape. Food security is become a serious problem. Freshwater is being contaminated with runoff and microplastics.

Warehouse development on top of Hamilton farmland and wetlands was referred to as "industrial sprawl" at the October 31 Planning meeting where Councillors got a look at the proposed Airport Employment Growth Area (AEGD) Transportation Master Plan

1. At that meeting it appears they said **taxpayers would have to pay around \$75M for this? Is this accurate, is this acceptable?** Can Hamilton afford this for 39 jobs per hectare? Most of those jobs will be automated within the decade.....
2. Currently the plan they are going to approve still shows three roads in the urban expansion lands which should be removed. **Wait until the urban boundary areas are removed** and the approved and accurate map with no roads in the urban expansion farmland.
3. This plan will cost \$500 Million - some of it will be borne by developers and some by taxpayers up front, but how much? We don't know. How much will it cost over its entire lifetime? Why build more infrastructure when we can't pay for what we have? **We currently have a \$2billion deficit** in worn out infrastructure through the rest of the city.
4. Why is natural heritage the last consideration? Update the natural heritage mapping first then design the road network.
After the hard work done by scientists regarding Greenbelt removals and expansion lands we know that there are at least **8 federally protected SPECIES AT RISK in this area**. The federal government will be notified about this. The Canadian Wilderness Committee has also been notified and we look forward to presenting this information.

thank you for your cooperation and i ask that you DELAY the Nov 8th meeting and all approvals

Peter Appleton