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Dear members of Hamilton Council

I am very concerned about the proposed plan for the road network and have a number of questions that need your response.

A \$500 Million dollar construction price tag, a percentage of which **taxpayers will be funding. Exactly what percentage is unclear.** What we do know is that future repairs, maintenance, replacement of roadways will be borne 100% by taxpayers. Hamilton is currently behind in infrastructure repairs by \$2 Billion so building more roads when we cannot maintain the ones we currently own would only add to the deficit. **Further understanding is required before this expense is approved.**

Three of the roads on the Transportation Master Plan plough through the urban expansion area farmland which the province has now promised to remove from the urban area. This plan should not be approved until the urban expansion area roads are removed. **Why approve an inaccurate map? Forced urban expansion areas are indicated in hatched yellow below.**

Reliance on an outdated natural heritage map from 2011 which does not identify all the wetlands, woodlots, creeks and hedgerows in this 1300 acre parcel.

This plan needs to wait until the cost to both nature and the public purse can be evaluated. Ramming roads through wetlands to accommodate industrial sprawl is no longer acceptable in the face of the climate and biodiversity crises.

I look forward to hearing from you, your response and the need to put the brakes on this devastation to the the future of our environment.

Regards

Elizabeth Fedorkow