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Subject: Main Street conversion to two way traffic

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Dear Mayor and city Councillors;

I am opposed to the conversion of Main Street to 3 lanes of two way traffic. As a resident west of Dundas, I have a major concern with the conversion and lane reduction. What is the city's plan for ambulances? The only hospitals available to west Hamilton, Dundas etc. are east of Dundurn. How can a critically ill person get to a hospital in a timely fashion if there is gridlock blocking the way. How can other emergency vehicles get to the west end/Dundas in a timely fashion? Has the city done it'd due diligence with regard to the change in traffic flow, traffic volume from vehicles exiting the 403 and emergency vehicle time if the conversion takes place?

I guess there could be alternatives to using Main Street. Longwood to Aberdeen could be an alternative except I think every commuter will think the same and try to divert to Aberdeen. Maybe try to turn left at Dundurn and try to get to York Road to go east but this could be a challenge and an even bigger challenge once the LRT comes through. Another option would be through the linc and on to the Juravinski Hospital but if you are a cardiac patient, you should be going to the General Hospital. How long will that add to a trip when minutes can mean the difference between life and death! Statistics show that there is an aging population west Hamilton and in Dundas so I expect there will be an increased need for emergency vehicles. If I have a doctor's appointment, should I allow an hour to get to St. Joe's from Dundas? Maybe I should take the Linc and get off on Upper James and then go back down the escarpment. There a few choices for me and all involve increased time, more gas and more pollution.

I pay my fair share of taxes to the city but I don't seem to have any say in the long term and costly changes that are being made to the City of Hamilton. Long term, costly decisions such as this one should be voted on by the people of Hamilton, not just its elected representatives.

Sincerely,

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