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Dear councillors and madam Mayor.

I'm writing to express my opposition to spending \$8.5 million in order to raise a few hundred metres of Safari Road. In my opinion, this is a costly attempt to make a tiny segment of rural road resilient to the flooding consequences of a changing climate, which our governments continue to fail to mitigate. When we finally receive updated flood plain maps and data from the province, we'll undoubtedly see there are many roadways that are going to be lost assets. Adding even more lines to the list of costs of climate inaction. Attempting to save every metre of roadway will only make our infrastructure deficit situation even more dire.

The one thing refreshing about the projects proposal is how uncontroversial the inclusion of active transportation infrastructure seems to be. Once we finally apply to same logic to urban parts of the city, we'll be better situated to, not only handle the current fossil fuel supply shocks, but also reduce transportation emissions and traffic fatalities.

However, this \$8.5 million expense needs to be viewed in context to the Mayor's "hold the line" budget, as well as our \$300 million recreation shortfall. And how that contributes to a recent spate of youth violence.

The shame of this recreation shortfall was on display, recently, when a couple of young women needed to delegate to Public Works committee, just to have a Gage Park basketball court expedited, from its planned 2051 construction date.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/lvwhDCrBu90?t=5091>

We can't wonder why police funding doesn't curtail youth "falling through the cracks", when we sacrifice important social infrastructure in the name of such costly car infrastructure.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Jon Davey