

Good evening, Major and members of the council and staff,

My delegation will focus on the dedicated transit lane proposed for Gordon St.

I have delegated in several meetings affecting Gordon area because, unfortunately, I live in the area that will be the most affected for this, which is the 500 meters between Arkell and Edinburgh.

This is not a NIMBY action but the action of a concern citizen that has to live with the decisions the city is setting for this area.

I won't touch on how much I disagree with the projected density, the reduction on visitor parking and the multiple projects happening within this 1 km radius, but I will delegate this time about the traffic situation for residents in the area.

One of the main challenges we face is the lack of median lane for merging, trying to enter my building requires me to stop in a live lane, (one of two lanes) stop, hope and pray that everyone behind me is paying attention and stops until I can find a gap to merge.

This happens all along Gordon St. at the daycare center further down south, at the plaza further down north. people just stop in the left lane because there is simply no merging lanes.

What are we going to do when there is only one lane? and don't say that the "Gordon St expansion" will solve the problem, that is only 800 meters of the entire 12km of this density corridor, so, like they say in TV, let's be real. This will not be the solution. And it is so clear that is even on the traffic report for 1242 Gordon and 9 Valley project. it reads, and I quote:

By 2024 CONSIDERING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MEDIAN LEFT TURN LANE, the conditions would be:

Gordon Street & Kortright Road: The eastbound left deficiency becomes slightly exacerbated as a result of the future background traffic growth.

Gordon Street & Edinburgh Road: The intersection experiences exacerbated conditions as a result of the background growth. The eastbound right and southbound through/right movements are forecasted to operate at-capacity and at LOS "F" and LOS "E", respectively

Gordon Street & Arkell Road: The intersection experiences exacerbated conditions as a result of the background growth. Additional deficiencies are noted on the northbound through/right and overall intersection volume to capacity ratios during the AM peak hour. During the PM peak hour, the northbound through/right, southbound left, and overall intersection are forecasted to operate at-capacity, and the southbound left movement will operate with a LOS of "F".

By 2029 the scenario is even dyer.

Gordon Street & Edinburgh Road: The intersection will experience increased deficiencies during the PM peak hour, with the eastbound left movement increasing in delay to a LOS of "E", the southbound through/right increasing from a LOS of "E" to a LOS of "F", and the overall intersection operating at a LOS of "E".

Gordon Street & Arkell Road: The deficiencies on the northbound through/right, southbound left, and overall intersection noted in the future background 2024 conditions will become exacerbated and exceed the available capacity.

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Gordon Street & Edinburgh Road: The deficiencies identified in the future background 2029 conditions will become further exacerbated, pushing the overall intersection delay to a LOS of "F". As noted previously, there is little opportunity to improve the intersection operations with geometric improvements on the eastbound approach due to the future extension, however, a southbound right turn lane may be considered.

Reading this it is clear to me that this density corridor CAN NOT take the density that the city is proposing for the area.

People live here, we are not numbers, we are citizens, the city is trying to force us out of car ownership by making driving conditions unbearable, yet last I checked, it is within our rights to own a car, and TO USE IT, and to live under **SAFE AND LIVABLE CONDITIONS**.

It is easy for the city to say that residents need to embrace public transport, but is it? Am I expected to carry my groceries, take my kids to events, or have my elderly parents take the GO to come and visit me, while there are people enjoying their freedom, living on their state mansions?

This is so unfair I feel like the City is betraying people living here, don't we have the same rights as everyone else within the city? I don't have a solution other than have a more realistic and sustainable plans to densify this area to the max, it might look good on paper, but it is not sustainable for the people living under those conditions,

Please do not allow changes to the Official plan, buildings with no more than six stores, underground parking,

Thank you for your attention,

Sincerely,

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