

To whom it may concern:

The **Durand Neighbourhood Association** would like to be recorded as strongly objecting to the continuation of heavy truck routes through the downtown core. Since Hamilton now has a complete freeway ring road network (QEW, 403, Linc, RHVP), together with access to the industrial north end via Burlington Street, there is no longer any reason to permit heavy trucks in the residential and commercial core of the City.

In fact, the promoters of the Linc and RHVP in the business community and City explicitly stated that these freeways would take trucks off downtown streets. This must happen as soon as possible!

Besides their noise, vibration (and the associated damage to the roads), it should be obvious that it is extremely dangerous to mix heavy trucks with cyclists and pedestrians on downtown streets. This mixture has led to death and injury in the past, and to near disaster when a roll of steel fell off a truck and smashed into the Bank of Montreal building at Main and Bay.

Please keep heavy trucks off our downtown streets, and where they belong: on the ring road freeways and Burlington St that were designed for them.

Your sincerely,

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