Dear Members of London City Council,

I grew uprear the intersection of Wonderland and Sarnia Road. I spent my youth biking to Sherwood Forest mall, spending time in the library there, and taking swimming lessons at the Aquatic centre. When I was growing older, I also began biking with my dad along wonderland road to the river pathway, as well as driving down it to do my groceries at Costco, food basics, or other shopping trips nearby.

I have seen firsthand what Wonderland road has grown to over the past few decades, and I am writing to strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed widening of Wonderland Road. I care deeply about this city and want to see it grow in a way that benefits all Londoners, and widening the road will harm everyone. The detailed report from City Hall (link) outlines important concerns that should not be ignored.

I understand the frustration of congestion, but widening roads has consistently been shown to provide only temporary relief before traffic levels return to previous levels or worse. More lanes mean more cars, which leads to longer commutes, increased emissions, and streets that are less safe for everyone—especially pedestrians and cyclists. Wonderland Road is surrounded by neighborhoods where families, students, and seniors live. Adding more cars will make it even harder for them to get around safely, whether they are crossing the street to get groceries or trying to take the bus to work.

Instead of spending millions on a solution that won't last, we should be investing in a city that prioritizes people over cars. London's walking and biking infrastructure is far from adequate, and public transit needs to be more reliable and efficient. A better plan would include:

- Dedicated bus lanes to make transit a faster and more appealing alternative to driving.
- Safe, accessible bike lanes that encourage active transportation.
- Improved pedestrian crossings and sidewalks so that everyone—especially those with mobility challenges—can navigate our city safely.
- Transit-oriented development that reduces sprawl and strengthens communities.

This is a defining moment for London. We have the chance to shape our city into a more connected, forward-thinking place where people feel safe and supported in their transportation choices. I hope you will make the responsible decision to prioritize sustainable solutions over outdated road expansion strategies.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Justin Mulder