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Sent: Monday, August 30, 2021 12:47 PM
To: CWC <cwc@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Abandon the plan to widen Wonderland Rd

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you to express my support for the city engineers' recommendation to suspend the environmental assessment study about widening Wonderland Road to six lanes.

Although intuitive, numerous studies have shown that widening roads increase traffic and not alleviate it. With all due respect, Councilor Van Meerbergen is categorically incorrect to say that this project will have any beneficial effect on reducing traffic or mitigating the effects of pollution and climate change. Every single similar project that has been studied in North America has been found to only temporarily reduce the traffic problem in the short term but by way of induced traffic demand, it actually makes the traffic far worse than it was before after approximately 3 years.

We need a real solution that allows people to get to where they are going and reduces commuting times. Widening Wonderland road accomplishes none of these goals and it will make the problem worse. Wonderland Road is not "crying out" for expansion. People in the city of London are crying out for a viable, evidence based solution to our traffic problems and not a band aid like this project which will fail in the long run.

Yours very truly,

Tyler Smith