

Open letter to all City Councillors

**WHY you should vote AGAINST the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor Hospital Link**

**1. It is the fiscally responsible solution**

- a. There are better uses for the \$62.6 million, such as:
  - Shoring up our aging infrastructure across the city (bridges, water mains)
  - Funding the \$8 million traffic calming measures across the city
  - Accelerating our light rail
  - Implementing the official pedestrian and cycling plans.

**2. There is no imperative to do it now**

- a. The hospital needs better transport to their expanded facilities BUT only in the next 10-15 years.
- b. The NDMC lands won't be available for redevelopment until after 2022
- c. Let's work together to find great solution for all - rather than a poor solution now

**3. There is no solid justification for this road**

- a. No "origin to destinations" study has been done to justify this road
- b. Traffic at this site has been **decreasing** over the last few years \*(see attached 2010 study)
- c. The Hospital see value **only** in the full transportation corridor from Conroy to Nicholas
- d. This link will not resolve any congestion issues – just move them a few 100 yards

**4. This road is an outdated solution**

- a. This road has been on the books for 40 years and since then traffic and travel patterns have changed
- b. Your constituents want longer term sustainable transportation solutions, such as light rail

**5. This is a City-wide issue**

- a. **Eleven** community associations are against this road - and seek a better solution
- b. Over 600 people have signed a petition against this road (increasing daily)
- c. *P.S. even the Mayor is against the Alta Vista Corridor road*

**6. It is not environmentally friendly**

- a. This road would preclude future light rail along this route – a short-sighted view
- b. It does not meet official City Planning principles of smart, sustainable public transportation
- c. It will destroy local greenspace, woods and recreational areas

**We the undersigned on behalf of the citizens of Ottawa implore you to postpone the development of the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor Hospital Link until we can work together to identify a better, more fiscally responsible and environmentally sound solution for the future of our lovely city.**

Sincerely,

Action Sandy Hill  
Centertown Citizens Community Association  
Dalhousie Community Association  
Dow's Lake Resident's Association  
Glebe Community Association  
Heron Park Community Association  
Hintonberg Community Association

Old Ottawa East Community Association  
Old Ottawa South Community Association  
Riverview Park Community Association  
Westboro Community Association  
Carleton University Student's Association  
Citizens for Safe Cycling