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Lambert says he will take hard stance on new development

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time has frustrated residents who use the road daily.

"If people see consistent progress they're more patient and understanding," he said. "In some of the emails I get, people are afraid if it starts to snow now, (the Region) will leave it like this until the snow thaws out."

According to Halton's transportation department, the project experienced delays when installing the sewers because of underground utility lines. Now that the lines have been relocated, the sewers should be completed by this week and road paving should be done by mid-December.

Hamid said he hopes to see the Region focus more on timelines in the future. "Right now it seems like things are just getting delayed, and I'm sure there's a good reason for it. But as a resident I have no idea why projects get delayed and it's really frustrating. Especially when you see a nofrills go up from scratch in 12 weeks."

Best said there are plenty of road projects he'd like to see accelerated as the capital budget gets underway in the new year. He pointed to the widening of Britannia Road and the construction of the Tremaine interchange to Hwy. 401 as two projects that would ease gridlock during rush hour.

Best first proposed the interchange in 1989. At the time, the idea wasn't received too kindly by council, who criticized Best for

acting independently. More than 20 years later, he's eager to see the project started. It's currently slated to begin construction in 2013, but Best would like that date accelerated.

"It's something a lot of people in the urban and rural parts of town want because a lot of traffic is using Guelph Line that shouldn't be using it."

Best and fellow Regional Councillor Tony Lambert both agreed the widening of Britannia would make for an easier commute out of town. The project hasn't been given the go-ahead by the Region, but a study on road improvements is currently underway.

The widening of Britannia was one of Lambert's key platform issues and he hopes the project will make its way onto Halton's list of future accelerated road projects.

"Hopefully we can learn from our experience and prevent it from happening in the future," he said, describing the current projects as "long overdue."

Lambert went as far to say he won't vote in favour of any new development in town that would add cars to Britannia, specifically pointing to the future education village and business park.

"If you ever take a chance trying to get out of Milton at 7:45 in the morning, you'll know why I'm taking a hard stance against this."

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