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Having lived in N.D.G. all my life, and having driven a car in this area for more than 40 years, I find that building additional access and exit ramps on the Decarie Expressway for the new hospital is a waste of money, since the existing ramps on Sherbrooke St could easily handle the additional traffic. I use these ramps regularly, and they are not all that busy.

The Royal Victoria, The Montreal General and The Shriners, which are all located in the same area, do not have special ramps off the Ville Marie Expressway, and there is far more traffic around these hospitals than we will ever see in N.D.G., especially when only one of them that we know of will be moving to the Glen Yard. In view of this, traffic around the new hospital may not be as high as being predicted.

The only urgent road modifications needed now in this connection, are the widening of Sherbrooke St between Decarie and Girouard, the widening of Decarie Blvd, making Decarie and Girouard two way streets, and the replacement of the 100 year old C.P. rail underpass with one that will accomodate 6 traffic lanes, and high enough to accomodate 18 wheel trucks that often smash into it because it is too low.

All other traffic modifications should be put on hold until after the new hospital is built and running, when a more accurate assesment can be made on whether additional access and exit ramps are needed on the Decarie Expressway. There is far too much emphasis being placed on road traffic, when the convience of the public transportation hub adjacent to the new hospital with its Metro,4 or 5 bus stops and several train lines, may well reduce the number of cars going to the hospital. While I own a car, and if I were going to the hospital, I would certainly avail myself to the public transportation system that is conviently located there, than pay the kind of parking fees they charge at the Montreal General, where the maximum parking rate is \$14. after 2 hours.

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