

## **#1 killer – “on the road fatalities”:**

- 30,000 new inexperienced Ontario drivers every year adding to the mayhem
- Increasing number of elderly drivers still on the road – going to get worse
- the economy – workers are performance appraised and are trying to maximize their travel time
- a “ME” (or me first) oriented society
- advanced technology being used while people are driving
- Increased numbers of young drivers brought up with video games where mistakes have only adverse ego consequences – they can’t relate to pain, suffering and reality
- congestion – need for more arterial highways
- Police are noted to be absent on major highways during rush hours – the conclusion is that it is not safe for them to be out there (in or out of their cars) – they cause traffic jams by just being there - if it’s not safe for them....it’s not safe for anybody.
- A real need for the return of photo radar on major highways
- Ontario’s exit ramp (black arrow on a yellow background) signs conflict with those used throughout the USA causing confusion, not only to American drivers but also, to our own – they are confused when a main travel lane ends. Those signs should only be used when an additional exit ramp exists. (403 WB at Dundas – an unmarked merge left is required for through traffic)
- Road engineers making serious mistakes by tightening off ramps (QEW from Niagara to 403 westbound, Royal Windsor to QEW, etc)
- Road engineers making serious lane change mistakes (former EB 403 to 407 (Burlington) location configuration corrected by making the right lane of the EB 403 exit only to Fairview – forcing multiple lane changes in congested area and makes for dangerous lane changes on a curve at high speed – just as bad, just less traffic)
- Poor traffic flow from the above 3 examples increases the annoyance level of already frustrated drivers
- The 407 ETR toll-road frustrates QEW drivers who do not experience significant traffic congestion decreases
- Vans and SUVs with porn shows operating on DVD players visible to other drivers – severe distraction (Al McLean follows them all as far as Detroit)