

From: Catherine Flear
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 3:43 PM
To: Regional Clerk <ClerkGeneralLine@york.ca>
Subject: Re: East-West Corridor (Highway 413) agenda item

To whom it may concern,

I would appreciate it if you would provide a copy of the attached letter for York Region Council's consideration at its meeting of March 18, 2021.

Please let me know if you have any issues opening this letter and I will resend it using a different format.

Many thanks for your help,

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King City, ON,

March 16, 2021

Dear Members of York Region Council,

Re: proposed GTA West Corridor (Highway 413)

I am writing at this time to encourage you to oppose the proposed GTA West Corridor. Here is my rationale for making this request:

- We currently have a tolled east-west corridor, Highway 407, which is under used;
- Research had shown that building Highway 413 will save commuters from 30 to 60 seconds in travel time, hardly worth the estimated \$10 Billion to build it;
- It will destroy many nature features and natural habitats such as forests, rivers and wetlands - once they are gone, they are gone;
- It will eat into our cherished Greenbelt and destroy acres of prime agricultural land while encouraging urban sprawl;
- Building highways to alleviate transportation congestion is like letting out your belt when you are trying to lose weight - it may feel like progress it being made but in actual fact it is not. Instead the money would be much better spent on badly needed and environmentally friendly public transit;
- Highway 417 will end at Highway 400 at the east end, just south of the King Road. Where will all that traffic go? I live very close to this proposed intersection and know all too well it will only add to the congestion already experienced there;
- The number one contributor to greenhouse gas emissions is that produced by transportation. We simply cannot continue to ignore that we are experiencing a climate emergency and must make better decisions regarding the environment;
- So far Mississauga, Vaughan, Halton Hills, Halton Region, and Orangeville have withdrawn support of this highway - will York Region please add to the chorus of opposition and tell the Ontario government it does not support this ill thought-out project?

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Flear

