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**Subject:** Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass - York Regional Council

To all the Members of York Regional Council

Please put environmental and economic sustainability first and do not support Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass!

At a time when many of York Region's municipalities have declared a Climate Emergency, the proposed highways will harm our health and wellness with more air pollution, and cost provincial taxpayers \$6 billion.

Highway 413 will destroy 400 acres of economically important Greenbelt and facilitate urban sprawl. It will cross rivers and water courses 85 times.

A provincial environmental assessment is insufficient. The province already stripped major sections out of the Highway's EA and changed the rules to allow construction to begin before the EA is even completed, so a federal EA is necessary to help determine the full impacts of these highways.

I urge you to move a motion to oppose Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, and vote to support a full Federal Environmental Assessment for both highways, so that no works can begin until we know all the facts about their environmental impact.

Thank you.

Valerie and Dave Burke, Thornhill Residents