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**To:** Regional Clerk <ClerkGeneralLine@york.ca>

**Subject:** Mar 18 Regional Councillors Vote on 413 Highway

This note is intended to urge the regional councillors not to support the plans for the 413 highway in its present form.

From the information that I have read over the last year, I do not believe that the proposed plan and route for the highway is in the best interests of Vaughan or York Region.

My concerns are as follows:

- significant loss of prime greenbelt and agricultural lands
- lack of justification / need for the project especially in light of a \$6 Billion +++ price tag
- would actually worsen the traffic and congestion in the north west part of Vaughan
- fear that #413 will worsen the already worrisome urban spread
- bull dozing / fast tracking of environmental assessments and protocols
- impact ( environmental and cost ) of crossing 85 streams and river valleys
- lack of considerations for other alternatives .... make better use of 407ETR ( subsidize truck traffic ) ... shift route further north possibility even using Highway 9 Corridors etc
- disregard for previous studies that said that the EA and economics of the 413 were flawed ... prompting the prev govt to cancel the project .
- perception ( real or imagined ? ) that 413 is being pushed to reward developers and construction groups

I urge the Regional Councillors to with hold or withdraw support for the 413 Highway. This has already been done by municipalities along the proposed route.

Sincerely

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