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**Subject:** March 18 Special Council Meeting: Vaughan Ward 4 Opposition to the 413

York Regional Council

Re: Agenda Item F.4.2

As a Ward 4 Vaughan resident I am asking York Regional Council to:

1. **reverse endorsement for the GTA West Corridor/Highway 413; and,**
2. **support the request for a Federal Impact Assessment.**

I am a resident of Vaughan Ward 4 who lives on Highway 7. I see the impacts of truck congestion every day, and I'm supportive of an industry that we depend on for our lifestyle. However, I *also* see the completely empty 407 from my apartment and it seems mind boggling to build a completely new highway as redundancy to a highway that it completely useful. Please consider the 2018 recommendations to the province to make this highway open to trucking. Imagine all the positive things this would do for York Region transportation, including all municipalities on Highway 7.

Vaughan residents are highly concerned about how our interests are and will be represented today. Vaughan Council passed a motion on Mar 10 to reverse endorsement for support of highway 413. This has not been acknowledged or presented in any staff communications at the time of writing and none of the Vaughan Council members who voted to support this motion are here today to represent us only our regional representatives who all voted against the motion. To me, this is highly problematic and I will remember this coming voting in 2022.

The public is not telling you that you can't develop or that you can't build roads or that our cities can't grow or change. As a Ward 4 resident, I am participating in the vaughan master plan consultation and I'm supportive of the growth. The public is telling you that you can't build mega-highways and you can't support sprawl on prime farmland, on lands that are imperative to source and stormwater protection for all of the GTA. It is no longer acceptable to future of Ontario, the future of York Region and the future of our communities. **Climate Change is here and demands urgent action by all levels of government in the next ten years. Before you today are decisions that must be acted upon in the face of the realities of Climate Change.**

Thank you.

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