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Subject: GTA West Transportation Corridor Project - Regional Response to the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada - Regional Council - Special Meeting - March 18, 2021

Dear Regional Council Members,

As a resident of Vaughan, one who is intimately impacted by the proposed Highway 413, and as a founding member of the growing STOP the 413 Facebook community (@1900 members), I wish to add my resounding endorsement for the statements made in the attached letter from Tony Malfara, which in short request the following:

- 1. Bring forward a motion reversing the endorsement for the proposed GTA West Corridor/Highway 413" like the motion passed at the Vaughan Council Meeting on March 10, 2021,**
- 2. Bring forward and vote yes to a motion that supports the request for a Federal Environmental Assessment as is being done in other municipalities and Regions across the path of the Corridor.**
- 3. Request that the deadline for the official plan review be extended, given that the Region has not been able to engage the public in meaningful and effective consultation due to the pandemic, and**
- 4. Lastly, I request that York Region withdraw support for the endorsement of the Bradford Bypass and that the Region support the Federal Impact Assessment.**

The 413 will among many things, will drive climate change. It is not what our communities want, or where we want our tax dollars invested. We want infrastructure that is part of the solution not part of the problem. We are saying NO to the highway, YES to the Federal EA, and public inclusion in the discussion about the Region's growth plans for 2051.

There is a growing demand for leadership that can envision a future that is not tragically outdated and deadly to the planet. With the strong possibility of the mega Hwy 413 being on the chopping block, as a direct result of democracy through the people's voice and with each town backing away from endorsing Ford's plan, I believe a demonstration of responsible leadership for managing growth is innovation and resisting the diversionary tactic of attacking immigration. What is needed are plans that account for the declared commitment to our climate emergency - things like infill, affordable housing, all centred around the concept of Transit Supportive Development and Transit Oriented Development, connecting regions, getting people out of cars, all things that will link local employment, decent wages with less commuting. It isn't hard work, it is inspiring work in the hands of competent people, who will rise to the challenge. These types plans have been tabled for years, and can no longer be ignored.

President John F. Kennedy once asked Dr. Werner von Braun, the man put in charge of the space program, "What would it take to put a man on the moon?", to which he immediately replied, "The will to do

it!" While the times and circumstances may differ, the principle behind all human progress and evolution remains the same.

Thank you, for your support.

Warmest Regards,

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