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Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 1:53 PM

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

Subject: Designation Request Decision for the GTA West Project under the Impact Assessment Act

Good afternoon:

On February 3, 2021, and March 3, 2021, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (the Minister) received two separate requests to designate the GTA West Project (the Project) under subsection 9(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA).

On May 3, 2021, the Minister decided that the Project warrants designation pursuant to subsection 9(1) of IAA. The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency), in its analysis to support the Minister, considered the information provided by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, advice from federal authorities, input from provincial ministries, the views of potentially affected municipalities and Indigenous groups, concerns expressed in the requesters' letters and other public concerns that were known to the Agency.

The Minister's Order, Response with reasons and the Agency's Analysis Report are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry Internet site (Reference number 81381): https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/81381.

Further questions can be directed to Owais Khurshid, Project Manager, who may be reached by phone at 647-262-8046 or by email at iaac.designationontario.aeic@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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