

December 5, 2023

To: York Region Committee of The Whole
Regarding: The proposed 413 Highway

Honorable committee members I would like it noted that I do not support the construction of this highway. I object on the basis that:

1. This highway will not solve the current traffic issues. We need to expand north – south routes
2. This highway will not provide York Region taxpayers value for their money
3. This highway will only benefit very few (most of them developers)
4. This highway will contribute to the contamination of our rivers and therefore our drinking water
5. The highway 413 will destroy a large amount of our valuable greenbelt. The environment needs more trees not less
6. As taxpayers the provincial government has not provided accurate costing. How many billions will be required to build this highway. What will this highway cost regional taxpayers for ongoing costs? (maintenance and upkeep). The provincial government need to provide clear budgets and costing, they have not. They must also include current and future cost increases for material and labor cost.
7. We need densification not more urban sprawl. Densification will allow for a more efficient and cost-efficient public transit system
8. Support the push to subsidize truck usage on the 407

Please make the correct decision and do not support the construction of the 413. This highway is not needed and will not resolve the current traffic issues we are experiencing today. It will not open up future land for housing development.

Thank you for your attention

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