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Good day all,

My name is Yan de Thieulloy and I am sending this email as unfortunately I will be unable to attend the Public Meeting being held on May 7th, but do have some thoughts and concerns regarding this proposed project.

As a resident of over 20+ years in Woodbridge and in particular the MarketLane area, I have seen dramatic changes in the neighbourhood, with many more on the way! Condominiums have been built, are being built, and will soon begin construction. Woodbridge ave just finished a yearlong rejuvenation update. And many more projects seem to be coming.

Densification is real and I understand that we have to allow for increased numbers of people to live and work in our neighbourhoods, but traffic, not people, is the issue here!

All of the surrounding streets here save for Hwy 7 and Islington are one-lane in each direction and congestion is already a nightmare. It used to be that during morning and afternoon rush-hour there would be a noticeable increase in the amount of cars traveling east and west on Woodbridge ave between Kipling and Islington, but now there are sometimes bumper-to bumper lineups that entire section, as well as a nonstop parade of cars using James and Williams streets as side-street shortcuts and sometimes zipping by at insanely dangerous speeds at all hours of the day. Trying to reverse out of my driveway during certain times can be an exercise in patience and frustration..and I'm someone who's naturally patient!

One of my fears with this proposed GO Station is that given the amount of people that you've probably estimated will be coming and going each day we are going to see a **massive influx in the amount of vehicles on Kipling and other arteries leading to and from** it as these riders get picked up or dropped off, and I just don't understand how this will not be a hugely negative impact on everyone living within a kilometre of the station. And let's not forget that with this increase in trains on the tracks, we'll also **more and more street crossing closures** which will once more only inconvenience everyone and exacerbate the problem...

What's more is that with the introduction of a new scheduled passenger service, those of us living close to the railroad tracks are also going to experience a **huge increase in noise pollution**, something that we all accepted to a certain degree when we moved here, but that now runs the risk of going from a train every 4 or 5 hours to much more frequently...Will anything be done to minimize or account for this?

This is not "NIMBY-ism" for the sake of complaining - a new GO Station might do wonders for the citizens of Vaughan, but it must be placed somewhere easily accessible and not so catastrophically disruptive to its' surroundings, or I fear that our future will be one of an infinite centipede of creeping cars all up and down Kipling ave at all hours of the day.

Thank you for allowing me to share my concerns and I look forward to hearing the city's response.

Regards,

Yan de Thieulloy

■ James st