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I am a resident of Pickering and wish to comment **in support of Councillor Marilyn lafrate's resolution 6-15, Endorsement of feasibility study for highway 407.**

As a GTA resident, I believe that there are sensible alternatives to the massive cost and the environmental destruction that would result from the proposed 413 highway.

An objective analysis of the merits of the 407 option should look at 3 factors -

1. Costs related to the buyback to divert trucks off the 401 versus the (unknown) billions of dollars to build a new highway (413)
2. The environmental impacts on the lands where the proposed 413 will be built, including species at risk
3. The effects of accelerating urban sprawl onto agricultural lands and greens space that have been snapped up by land and development speculators in anticipation of the 413

I believe the 1-year pilot program to assess subsidizing transport highway tolls on the 407 will provide important data about whether congestion on the 401 can be addressed by moving those trucks to the 407. It will provide facts that can inform the business case calculations for the cost and benefit of the proposed 413.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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