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To Vaughan Council Committee of the Whole

A feasibility study has been proposed for the 401 tunnel, but buying back Highway 407 is a more cost-effective solution to this and to the construction of the 413.

I wish to express my support for the resolution proposed by Councilor Marilyn Iafrate, **the Premier's Feasibility Study to buy back the 407** for the following reasons:

Impact of Privatization:

- Privatization has led to steep toll increases, limiting Highway 407 usage.
- High tolls push traffic onto local roads,

disproportionately affecting low- and mid-income commuters.

Truck Traffic Issues:

- Trucking companies avoid the 407 due to high tolls, increasing truck volumes on highways like 401 and 7.
- York Region data shows 100,000 vehicles travel daily between Jane Street and Weston Road, with nearly 10% being trucks.

Transport Action Ontario Study:

- A toll subsidy for trucks could divert 12,000–21,000 trucks daily from Highway 401 to Highway 407.
- Reduced truck traffic would ease congestion on Highway 7, which runs parallel to Highway 407.

Economic Benefits of Subsidizing Truck Lanes:

- Faster delivery times and lower transport costs for businesses, and therefore consumers
- Supports economic growth and reduces congestion on other highways.

Pilot Project Proposal:

- Subsidizing truck lanes on the 407 would provide insights into the economic benefits of diverting truck traffic.
- Allows for a cost-benefit analysis of savings in

productivity, vehicle costs, and business efficiency.

Public Ownership Benefits:

- Eliminates profit-driven toll rates, ensuring fair pricing.
- Increases 407 usage, alleviates traffic on other highways, and generates public revenue.

Government Priority: Reducing gridlock remains a key focus for the Premier and Ministry of Transportation.

Sincerely,

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