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This is correspondence for the Nov 12 CW(2) item re GTA West Corridor. Please include.

Thanks.

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Good afternoon Mayor Bevilacqua; Regional Councillors, and Councillors: Please find attached our comment sheet as well as our letters (both 2019 and 2015) outlining our concerns with regards to the proposed preferred route.

Please note under separate cover these documents have been sent to The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, The Honourable Steven Lecce, and Ms. Britta Patkowski of AECOM.

With thanks Kathryn Angus, President, Kleinburg & Area Ratepayers' Assoc.

Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback regarding the information presented at Public Information Centre #2 for the GTA West Study.

1) Do you have any comments regarding the Project Team's Technically Preferred Route?

We (Kleinburg & Area Ratepayers' Association) object to the selection of Route 58-3 as the preferred alternative due to the impact this route will have on the planned North Kleinburg/ Nashville Secondary Plan area.

2) Do you have any comments regarding the assessment and evaluation of the short listed route and interchange location alternatives?

The assessment and evaluation for "preferred alternative" appears to have completely ignored the valuation or weighting of the evaluation with respect to the "land use/ socio-economic environment". The selection of Route 58-3 notes highest impact to land use and the lowest construction costs, however the value of this planned community land needs to be also considered in the cost analysis.

3) Do you have any comments regarding the Preliminary Refined Focused Analysis Area for the Technically Preferred Route?

We (KARA) require clarification of the process and timing for the release of areas which are within the focused analysis area (2019 FAA) but outside of the preferred route.

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4) Do you have any comments regarding the transitway and potential transitway station locations?

Not at this time.

5) Do you have any other comments or questions about this study (e.g. goods movement priority features, etc.)?

The study should also consider the value of lands being displaced. In the case of North Kleinburg-Nashville Secondary Plan the downstream water and waste water infrastructure has already been constructed as such the value of those investments needs to be accounted for.

Do you require a written response to your comments?

Yes

No

Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist the MTO in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. This material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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PLEASE PLACE YOUR COMMENTS IN A DROP-BOX TODAY OR E-MAIL, FAX, OR MAIL YOUR COMMENTS BY OCTOBER 31, 2019 TO:

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October 28, 2019

To: Minister of Transportation, S. Lecce, Mayor, Regional Councillors, Councillors

Re: **GTA West Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment Study**

The Kleinburg & Area Ratepayers' Association would like to offer the following comments, referring specifically to that part of the proposed highway that will pass through the municipality of Vaughan. This follows our letter dated January 19, 2015 to the Hon. Steven Del Duca, copy attached.

KARA would like to state that further to our written comments being submitted on the GTA West Transportation Corridor and Route Planning and Environmental Study – Stage 2, Comment Sheet (copy attached) we would like to emphasize our preference for Route S8-1 in the Section 8 area as it would better serve the growth areas of Bolton, Nobleton and Schomber, would expedite traffic accessibility and would be less invasive to greenbelt and agricultural lands. We feel that there would be a negative impact to existing and future Kleinburg residents as it relates to the preferred Route (S8-3 S8-2) in Section 8.

Some of the items from our previous letter which are still outstanding and would need to be addressed are: how are the existing wildlife corridors going to be preserved; how is reduced forest cover to be replaced; how are the six species at risk to be protected etc.

We also believe that land acquisition costs presumably would be less for route S8-1 than route S9-1. It is also noted that the portion of (Section 9) Route S9-1 (preferred route) that is EAST of Pine Valley to Hwy400 could still be used as that would shift the highway further north than (Section 8) Route S8-1. On the west end, in the Highway 50-Huntingdon Rd.-Nashville Rd triangle, that the Interchange be routed closest to Highway 50.

Regards



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January 19, 2015

Hon. Steven Del Duca, MPP Vaughan, Ontario Minister of Transportation

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Attention: Transportation Services Committee

Re: GTA West Corridor Planning

A number of members from our Kleinburg and Area Ratepayer's Association (KARA) attended the recent Public Information Centre regarding the GTA West Corridor planning. We offer the following comments, referring specifically to that part of the highway and transitway that will pass through the municipality of Vaughan.

Many residents in Vaughan, especially those who live in the northern part of the City, would prefer that the highway be built further north where it does not despoil Greenbelt and agricultural lands to the extent it would in Vaughan. However, assuming that the highway and transitway will be built within the established study area, we would like to see them built as far north as possible to minimize the effects of noise and pollution on existing and proposed built-up areas to the south. The Greenbelt surrounding the Kleinburg-Nashville Heritage Conservation District is a significant component of the rural nature and heritage of the district. Specifically, to minimize the impact of a new highway on the heritage district, we believe route options 427A, 7F, 8B and 9B should be chosen.

Regarding Interchange locations, the interchange at Highway 27 seems appropriate to give access to Nobleton, Kleinburg and Nashville. However, we suggest the interchange proposed at Pine Valley Drive would be much better located at Weston Road. Pine Valley Drive is a 2-lane road which only runs for a very short distance to the north and nowhere in particular in the South. Weston Road is a 4-lane road from the south almost to the corridor and will provide a means of quickly accessing the planned industrial areas adjacent to Highway 400 north and south of the corridor.

We felt that the Public Information Centre did not provide nearly enough information regarding proposals to mitigate the effects of the roads and structures running through

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the Greenbelt. Vaughan is already deficient in its preservation of its natural heritage network and this project will exacerbate the situation. A number of questions come to mind:

1. How are existing wildlife corridors going to be preserved?
2. How is reduced forest cover going to be replaced?
3. How are the six species at risk to be protected?
4. How is connectivity to be maintained?
5. What structures are proposed?
6. What additional upgrades will be made to city and regional roads (e.g. Highway 27) as a result of this project?

We didn't see any of this information at the Information Centre that would enable the public to assess the environmental effects of the project and participate in deciding on alternatives.

Sincerely,



Ken Schwenger
President, KARA – on behalf of the KARA Board