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Good Morning all,

Please see attached letter above.

Thank You
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Date: March 1, 2021

To: Vaughan Council

Regarding GTA West Transportation Corridor Route

- My name is Rene Vlahovic. I moved to [REDACTED], Kleinburg in 1965, at age 10, with my father, mother and sister.
- My father's prominent business was Albion Glass which had various locations along Albion Road and Hwy #27. He also was a land developer. Developed land around Albion Rd. and Islington, Albion Rd. and Hwy #27, Hwy #7 and Hwy #27 and Hwy#27 and Nashville Rd., and King City.
- I attended several schools in the area. Kleinburg Public, St. Margaret Mary's, and Woodbridge High School. After graduating I attended York University (living at home.)
- My father's passion and mine was raising and training horses. One of the major reasons we moved to Kleinburg. At one point we had 19 horses on the property. With these horses we rode to areas as far as Weston Rd. and Major Mackenzie to as far as Bolton. We developed trails all through the Humber Valley. I am more familiar with this area than anyone due to my length of time in the area and my ability to ride horses anywhere.
- When I married in 1986 my parents allowed me to purchase 4 ½ acres on the south side of the farm. This became address 11701 Hwy #27. My wife Kellie and I built our house in stages as we could afford it. We planted an unaccountable number of plants, cleared the dead trees in the area and planted new.
- We raised our two sons Paris and Chase in this area. They both attended local schools. Chase, my youngest son just got married and lives in Nobleton.
- In 2007 our house burnt down. We re-built our house exactly the same as the old one. During the re construction, we moved to King Valley. This was the only place that could accommodate my family. The boys needed to go to school where they had been going and we needed a place with furniture.

(Ours was all destroyed in the fire). It was a very difficult period because the insurance company was always trying to discount our living expenses by 50% and the cost of replacement construction. I was lucky that I had enough money to weather this difficulty. My wife was so upset that her health suffered and has not recovered.

- We managed to get through all this and now our property is scheduled to be taken away from us.
 - My mother (my father died two years ago, at age 96), my sons and wife are all upset. Somebody wants to take our life away for no apparent logical or good reason.
 - I run Albion Glass, the company my father started. Both my sons work in the company. We are now located at 6815 Davand. Dr., basically Dixie and Derry, close to the 410
 - The point of the above is I have a long history with the area. And I am very familiar with the start and end of this highway that is planned:
1. With my family history and my history of the area I am very disturbed that someone is trying to take my property away.
 2. Why does the highway dip down to my property and extend itself through some of the most difficult land (Kirby in the old days used to go through to Huntington but it collapsed? I cannot imagine the cost of this construction. This is some of the worst land to go through in the surrounding area of Toronto that I can think of.
 3. As a business man and a person that travels west to east, as well as north to south every day, this whole highway makes no sense:
 - I deal with a lot of material coming from the west and east. North and south. This route would start south of King Side Rd. on Hwy 400. This intersection is currently a disaster as well as every intersection between King Side Rd. and Hwy 401. Myself and my company avoid this corridor at all costs. The current plan, as I understand is that this 413 Hwy is to continue east at Bradford? Traffic will still be on Hwy 400?
 - As for people working this serves very few people. My problem has never been east west, it has always been north south.
 - For a 413 Hwy to be more useful, it would make more sense to be closer to the east route, and avoid dumping traffic on to a stretch of Hwy 400 that is already overburdened.
 - Even the 410 and Mayfield intersection is already becoming a disaster.
 4. I have measured the distance of the intersection at my house. Depending how you measure it, it could be between 1.2 to 1.9 kilometers. This is huge. Very few people are aware of this, and especially the people in the village

of Kleinburg. Kleinburg will not be the same. I feel sorry for these people who have spent millions on one of their single most important investments. The government has done a good job of not informing local citizens. This is up setting, if not deceitful. I talk to a lot of locals and very few know anything, and those who do know something have conflicting information. The size and timing of this route should be available to see. In meeting I have attended I have been informed that the intersection will be so big and tall that sound barriers will not work.

5. If this Hwy goes through, I cannot imagine what north south traffic will do. Judging by the amount of time that it took to build the Major Mackenzie and Hwy 27 intersection (at least 6 years), traffic will be jammed for the next 20 years between 410 and 400.
6. I travel the 407 every day and it is currently under used.
7. This plan, if it happened 20 years ago might have made sense, but it is now out date. This Hwy should be further north where it would not disturb the current amount of enormous traffic.
8. As for the environment, this Humber Valley area is truly special. As I mentioned this terrain is very difficult and thus harbors' wildlife and vegetation. I cannot imagine what this Hwy would do to the Humber river.

This highway as presently planned will be disruptive and accomplish very little

At this time, I have repeatably tried to organize a meeting with the local council and mayor, Steven Lecce and Mulruney, with our local Kleinburg group, but none have responded.

Yours truly,

Rene Vlahovic