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From: Susan Sigrist <[redacted]>
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To: Clerks@vaughan.ca; Council@vaughan.ca
Cc: Mark Hubbard <[redacted]>; Melissa Hubbard <[redacted]>; Daniel Hubbard <[redacted]>
Subject: [External] Reverse Endorsement of Proposed GTA West Corridor / Hwy 413

Dear Mayor and Council, Mar. 1, 2021

PLEASE REVERSE ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROPOSED GTA WEST CORRIDOR/HWY 413

Vaughan Council has listened to residents in the past and we ask you to do the right thing and reverse your endorsement of the Highway 413 project. As a residents of Vaughan, we ask you to oppose the Province's proposed GTA West Hwy 413, reverse your previous support, and support the request for a federal Environmental Assessment.

The impacts to our family and others are:

- Pushing climate change in the wrong direction and reducing resiliency in Vaughan and southern Ontario by paving over farms, forests and wetlands that feed us, capture carbon for us, capture, hold and clean our water, give us shade, prevent flooding and support diversity in our local area
- Losing approximately 400 acres of protected Greenbelt lands that are mostly in Vaughan
- Building another Highway only 15 kms away from the underused Hwy 407
- Encouraging more polluting cars on the road
- Creating more air pollution and noise from vehicle traffic in our local neighbourhood. Very concerned about the routes the traffic will take as it continues eastward.
- Likely increasing traffic, congestion and noise along Kirby Road
- Saving drivers only 1 minute per trip
- Costing Ontario taxpayers billions thereby leaving less money for investing in crucial public transit.
- Degrading parts of the Credit River and Humber River watersheds that flow into Lake Ontario – a source of drinking water for millions of GTA residents.
- Paving over 2,000 acres of Ontario's most productive farmland when we should be conserving agricultural land to ensure permanent local food security and employment.

A federal Environmental Assessment is necessary because the Province has proposed weakening their EA process for this highway so that construction can begin before an EA has even been completed

Although the pressure from developers has influenced the Province to make this decision, we do not believe Vaughan Council truly wishes the above outcomes to become a reality. Wiser minds must prevail for the benefit of the people and the environment. Please reconsider and reverse endorsement of this project by joining Mississauga in opposition to Highway 413.

Sincerely,
Ward 1 Residents L6A2V4
Susan Sigrist, Mark Hubbard, Melissa Hubbard, Daniel Hubbard