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Good morning

Please see attached letter which will serve as my official opposition to the proposed 413.

Please note my opposition and request for a Federal EA in the records of the council meeting March 2, 2021

Bruno Malfara

Feb 28, 2021

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua and Councilors,

My name is Bruno. I currently reside at [REDACTED] Kleinburg, Ontario. I built my own home at this current location because it offered a great suburban feel – Beautiful trails and natural areas where my family could enjoy the best of what nature offers.

As a resident and taxpayer of Vaughan I'm asking the Mayor and all the councilors to consider my request for at the March 2, 2021 Vaughan Council meeting:

- I am asking you to support the request for a federal Environmental Assessment as the Provincial EA process, now in place recently revised by the Province, is now a flawed process
- I am asking you to reverse Vaughan Council's support of the proposed GTA West Highway originally approved in 2015 and ask that you require the Provincial Government to fully assess the solutions identified in the 2018 Independent Advisory Report commissioned by the former Provincial Liberal Party and ask them to explain why the recommendation, have for the most part been ignored.

No matter where this road is located it will have and everlasting negative impact on our environment and the quality of life. This road will not alleviate traffic congestion but on the contrary this road will create further sprawl (induced demand) This road will destroy greenspace that took nature so long to create. Once it's gone its gone. It will have negative affects on our drinking water as well our wildlife. You will only add massive amounts of carbon to the environment when you should be looking at reducing our carbon footprint.

This road will not save commuters much time; according to the experts' 30 to 60 seconds. The issue is with the north – south routes not east – west. The highway 413 will terminate at highway 400 – What a mess this will create; you will create even more gridlock. The experts did recommend you widen the north – south roads. They recommended expansion and or additional transit. They recommended using more efficiently the 407. The 407 approx. 18 kilometers away is so underutilized. Truckers do not use it due to the tolls they must pay. The experts recommend subsidies for the trucking companies. Let's not forget that the new 413 might be another toll road. If this is the case the truckers will not use it. My two-part question to you is How can Vaughan Council support the construction of this highway without having all the facts and information (tolls, environment, community input). How come Vaughan council is not taking the advice from the experts – they have determined this highway should not be built. The previous Liberal provincial government listened and cancelled the project.

We need you to listen to us and not ignore us. We need you to do the right thing here "stop the 413". Development is good but it must be controlled. The provincial government has chosen for the most part to ignore us (we will not forget this when the next provincial election comes around. We need you to be our voice.

In closing I ask you folks to support the request for a federal EA and I encourage you to join Mississauga, Halton Region, Orangeville oppose the 413 altogether. I am asking you to reverse Vaughan Council's 2015 decision to support the Province's proposed GTA West Highway originally approved in 2015. I would also ask you to endorse the independent advisory report as our former Liberal provincial government did.

Thank you,

Bruno Malfara – concerned community member
Kleinburg Ontario