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Subject: [External] Hwy 413

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

First, I would like to thank you for your time and considerations for tis matter and thank you for discussing the subject at your last council meeting.

As a resident of Vaughan, I would like to ask you again to reaffirm your motion and vote yes to reverse endorsement for the GTA West Corridor/Highway 413 as was done at the Committee of the Whole Meeting Mar 2nd; and,

pass a motion to support the request for a federal Environmental Assessment.

This Hwy will affect the life of people and nature of the proposed corridor in a negative way by:

- Paving over important farmland which feeds our city and fuels our economy
- Paving approximately 400 acres of protected Greenbelt lands, mostly in Vaughan
- Bulldozing right through the Nashville Conservation Area
- Destroying important forests in Vaughan including a 1.5 km stretch around the twin valleys of the Humber and East Humber Rivers
- Undermining <u>Vaughan's 2019 climate emergency</u> declaration by increasing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle traffic and reducing climate resilience
- Creating more local air pollution from vehicle traffic

My view is shared by thousand of Vaughan residents that are affected by the proposed Hwy 413.

Please consider other options:

- Prioritizing goods movement on the 407,
- Improving transit,
- Extend Hwy 427 further to the north,
- Construct the proposed link to Hwy 400 north of Hwy 9.

Thank you again for representing us at the helm of City of Vaughan

Dan Ifrim

