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Mayor and Councillors:

As a resident of Vaughan, I am requesting that the motion and yes vote to reverse the endorsement for the GTA West Corridors/Highway 413 (at the COW meeting on March 2, 2021) and passing a motion to support the request for a Federal Environmental Assessment of the HWY 413 be supported by all of Vaughan Council.

I am asking for this to be done as a resident of Vaughan, as the environmental impact would be significant in terms of marring the Humber Valley and other waterways. In addition, funds from this unnecessary highway could be spent on badly needed transportation infrastructure, roads, and contributing to Vaughan GO stations. Other objections to this project include the following: the unnecessary paving over of important farmland which feeds our city and fuels our economy; paving over approximately 400 acres of protected Greenbelt lands, mostly in Vaughan; bulldozing 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 [Vaughan's 2019 climate emergency](#) declaration by increasing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle traffic and reducing climate resilience; and creating more local air pollution from vehicle traffic.

Best,

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