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I am assisting a colleague to send his letter to Council for the meeting tomorrow.

Thank you.

S Beharriell

Mayor and Members of Council

My name is Dennis Starritt and I am a resident of your neighbour, King Township.....I am writing to applaud and support those wise councilors who are opposing the proposed construction of Highway 413.

Anyone who is a student of roadway transportation will know that the automotive industry is totally confident they will implement stage 5 autonomous driving possibly within 5 years and most certainly within 10 years.....Either time horizon is no doubt before the first vehicle would ever travel on the proposed Highway 413.....And the early adopters of autonomous driving will without question be the commercial truck fleet.....From delivery vans to 18 wheelers.....

Autonomous driving will constitute a major disruption to the utilization of our traffic corridors.....The major impact will be greatly increased capacity of existing infrastructure.....No longer will road traffic need to accommodate the diverse behavior of every individual driver.....Autonomously driven cars and trucks will adjust to one another much more rationally than do today's drivers.

My point: this is a huge misallocation of our scarce provincial financial resources to build a new traffic corridor paralleling Highways #401 and #407 in the face of the uncertainty regarding traffic needs as the upheaval of autonomous driving comes to bear.....And this argument simply reinforces the objection to running a traffic corridor through the environmentally sensitive areas of the proposed layout.

A much superior use of resources would be planning and facilitating the implementation of low capacity, flexible group transportation in autonomously driven electric vehicles that will be available within the next decade.....And probably sooner than we think.

What are these politicians who support Highway #413 thinking??.....Or, more appropriately, NOT thinking!!

Regards

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