

March 9, 2021

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua and all council members of Vaughan. My name is Bruno Malfara. I live at [REDACTED] Orico Court, Kleinburg Ontario

I'm writing to ask you folks once again to support the motion put forth to stop the 413, as was done at the Committee of the Whole meeting on March 2, 2021

I'm also asking that you support a motion requesting a Federal Environmental Assessment. As you know the Provincial Government has all but eliminated the EA process at the provincial level

We need you as our elected municipal officials to help us put a stop to this highway. We all know this highway will destroy sensitive greenspace as well as many hectares of farmland. This road is an environmental disaster. This 413 will be a highway to nowhere. It will become another underutilized 407 as there will be tolls on this road.

It has been noted by a panel of experts that there are alternatives to this Highway. Alternatives that will still help achieve economic growth and help the city prosper. I would advise you to lean heavily on their recommendations.

We need solutions now and building a Super highway will not achieve short term relieve for the community. The city cannot wait that long. It should also be noted that the existing community will not benefit from the construction of the Super Mega Highway 413. On the contrary it will only cause more gridlock (Induced Demand)

Work with the other levels of government to open up new transit and betterment of existing GO Train and freight lines as well as parking facilities. We need to better the overall experience of taking public transit. If governments can accomplish this transit will be used more often. You need to be part of the solution to providing more reliable, friendly public transit. This compared to a Super highway can be achieved using fewer taxpayer's dollars and a shorter time frame

Folks, let's not forget the 413 will cost north of Ten Billion dollars. Don't believe for one minute it will only cost Six Billion. Please think of what can be achieved with Ten Billion

A Super Highway will only increase immensely our carbon footprint. It is the responsibility of all governments to reduce carbon emissions. Why would you vote to support such a highway?

Folks, you have a great opportunity to help plan the city of the future (15-minute City) You have the opportunity to protect greenspaces so that we and our grandchildren can enjoy what nature took millions of years to build. You have the opportunity to be pioneers and help save the planet. Send a message to the Province say no to the 413. We as a community want to move forward with more responsible, environmentally developments. We as a community are not against development but it must be planned in a reasonable environmentally manner.

Folks, you have a great opportunity to be leaders and be pioneers, please vote to STOP THE 413

Thank you

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