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Subject: [External] Council Meeting March 10, 2021 (#7, Item 12) GTA Highway 413

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

I am a Vaughan resident, and have been residing here for more than 20 years.

As a resident of Vaughan I want to thank Councillors lafrete, Carella, DeFrancesca, Racco and Shefman for their opposition to Highway 413.

I respectfully request that members of Council reaffirm their motion and vote yes to ratify opposition to the GTA West Corridor/Highway 413.

I firmly believe that the proposed Highway will not benefit Vaughan, contrary to the information about its benefits that are being spread by elected officials. I believe that this mega-highway will rip through our community with devastating impacts on our homes, our communities, our farmland, our wetlands, and will pave over many hectares of Greenbelt in Vaughan despite the Province's promises to protect the Greenbelt. It will also add more polluting cars and trucks to our roads and increase the region's greenhouse gas emissions. Your constituents could see devastating impacts to their farms, wetlands, and water sources that will not be known until it's too late. Your continued endorsement of the Province's plans for this highway tells residents that York Regional Council does not support preserving the Greenbelt, prime agricultural land, wetlands and water sources, and urgent action on climate change.

The [expert advisory panel report](#) which led to the cancellation of this highway in 2018 outlined a number of reasons that the Highway is not a good option to move people in the GTA West Region. This report is still relevant today.

Mississauga, Brampton, Halton Region and Orangeville have all chosen to oppose Highway 413. It's time the Mayor and Regional Councillors to do the same.

Thank you,

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