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Dear Mayor and Council



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RE: PLEASE SUPPORT COUNCILLOR SCHAEFER'S MOTION TO REVERSE ENDORSEMENT OF THE PROPOSED GTA WEST CORRIDOR/HWY 413

YREA strenuously supports Councillor Schaefer's motion to withdraw the Township of King's support for the GTA West Highway and join Toronto, Mississauga, Vaughan, Halton Hill, Halton Region and Orangeville in full opposition to this needless environmental abomination and taxpayer expense.

Do we really want to?:

- Pave over farms, forests, wetlands and a portion of the Greenbelt.
- Build another Highway 15 kms away from the underused Hwy 407.
- Encourage more polluting cars on the road, while doing little to relieve congestion and only saving drivers 1 minute per trip.
- Cost Ontario taxpayers billions thereby leaving less money to invest in crucial public transit.
- Degrade parts of the Credit River and Humber River watersheds that flow into Lake Ontario – a source of drinking water for millions of GTA residents.
- Pave over 2,000 acres of Ontario's most productive farmland when we should be conserving agricultural land to ensure permanent local food security and employment.
- Circumvent a proper Provincial EA and start building before the appropriate Federal Environmental Assessment is completed.

Although the pressure from developers has influenced the Province and some local politicians to make this foolhardy decision, York Region Environmental Alliance does not believe King Township truly wishes the above outcomes to become a reality. Wiser minds must prevail for the benefit of people and the environment. Please reconsider and reverse endorsement of this project by joining other enlightened community leaders.

Sincerely

Gloria Marsh, Executive Director
York Region Environmental Alliance

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