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**Subject:** Regional Council meeting: resident comments regarding GTA West

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Hello staff and member of Regional Council,

Please find my comments below to be added to the record for the March 11th meeting of Regional Council, related to items 17.2, 18.2 and 18.3.

This email is to highlight my strong opposition to the GTA West (Highway 413) in line with the previous Motion brought forward by Councillor Parrish here in the City of Mississauga, where I am a resident. To add to this Regional Council's consideration of the Motion which will be brought forward to consider united opposition to the GTA West highway by all of Regional Council, as well as the demand for a full Federal EIA, please consider the following points:

1. The newly-released TAF report showing that we are going in the wrong direction with our GHG emissions in the GTA - a new redundant mega-highway will only exacerbate this situation: [Carbon Emissions Inventory in the GTHA \(taf.ca\)](http://CarbonEmissionsInventoryintheGTHA.taf.ca)
2. The unanimous declaration of a Climate Emergency by this Council.
3. Consideration of the Greenbelt Plan and the need to preserve and expand our protected areas to ensure a local food ecosystem not just continues to exist but thrives, becoming a larger part of our food economy.
4. Consideration of rising Municipal debt in budget shortfalls, repair backlogs and unfulfilled Capital projects and future requests lacking as a budget priority. Has Council at the Regional and Local level considered the sum of these shortfalls, and how they will become even more dire with billions of taxpayer dollars (it is all one pool of money) diverted for the GTA West Highway?
5. A reminder to consider the Environmental Defence Report, highlighting, among other things, the substantially greater economic (jobs, dollars, people moved) impact of funding all local unfulfilled transit projects instead of this single Highway - the benefits of a diverse range of transit as opposed to this highway monolith are irrefutable. [IsBuildingHighway413TheBestOption\\_Report\\_Final.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/d36rd3gki5z3d3.cloudfront.net/IsBuildingHighway413TheBestOption_Report_Final.pdf) ([d36rd3gki5z3d3.cloudfront.net](https://d36rd3gki5z3d3.cloudfront.net))

Thank you for your time, please oppose Highway 413!

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Sincerely,

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Rahul Mehta

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