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Subject: Support for Highway 413 EA Continuation Resolution

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Hello Peel Councillors and Regional Clerk,

As you consider the resolution to support the construction of Highway 413 **I would urge you to support** the continuing 413 EA process. I sat on the CAG for the original GTA West Parkway EA and it is inevitable that this road will be required.

This highway is important for many reasons.

- The process will hold the corridor open to allow for a future road as Peel grows to accommodate hundreds of thousands of new residents.
- Existing road infrastructure is already at capacity BEFORE we add another 4 million people to the GTA, many to Peel Region in the vicinity of this new corridor.
- Gridlock is currently costing the economy billions. New infrastructure can take pressure off existing highways and relieve congestion.
- As operators of a large trucking firm, we know Highway 413 will allow trucks to bypass the congested areas of the GTA, areas we have no choice but to traverse today, exacerbating existing congestion.
- As we transition to electric cars and trucks we need to use the most efficient routes to keep these clean modes of transport viable.
- Highway 413 will save fuel and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Highway 413 will save time and make the GTA economy more efficient, an important offset given the high property values which are a big negative to business locating here.
- I am reminded of the Allan Expressway, a road that was left "too late" in the development process. Hold this corridor open now, if not for this generation then for the next.
- The Parkway Belt legislation held the Highway 407 corridor open for 20 years before the 407 was built. This road is really being built for future generations who will thank you for your foresight.

For these reasons I urge you to think ahead for the future and support the continued EA process for Highway 413.

Sincerely,

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