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Mayor Steve Pellegrini  
Township of King  
2075 King Road  
King City, Ontario

Dear Mayor Pellegrini,

**Subject: Regional Road Upgrades Within King Township**

Concerned Citizens of King Township was pleased to receive your most recent email broadcast, including the update on the Regional Council's Planning Committee meeting decision to stop the proposal to look at creating a 400-series highway link using Hwy 9 and Hwy 27. We are happy to hear Regional Council agreed to remain with the original proposal for the planned corridor to be south of King Township, using lands around Kirby to join Hwy 404, Hwy 400 and Hwy 427.

We would like to express our continued concern for the Region's desire to create new traffic lanes to connect the Yonge Street urban core to Hwy 400 and interconnectivity to surrounding municipalities. It is our understanding that the Region is evaluating the merits of expanding various roads within King Township to accommodate population and employment growth, movement of goods and transit expansions as outlined below.

According to the Regional Street Network (Map 12 - Attachment to the Minister's Decision 2009-2010), they plan to widen the 15<sup>th</sup> Sideroad between Bathurst and Keele Street and St. John's Sideroad between Bathurst and Dufferin Street to approximately 36 meters; these expansions would appear to be significant when compared to Hwy 9/Davis Drive West which is now 43 meters in width. It is most unfortunate that the previous Township Council chose to upload portions of the 15<sup>th</sup> and St. John's Sideroad to regional control, particularly in view of the fact that Council was aware of the Region's desire to funnel more traffic through King.

Furthermore, according to York Region Master Plan of October 2009, the Environmental Assessment Schedule for Transportation Projects (Appendix Q - Needs and Justification for Recommended Projects) indicates the Region plans to expand Keele Street between the 15<sup>th</sup> Sideroad and King Road in King City to 4 lanes; King Road from Hwy 400 to the York Peel boundary through Nobleton to 4 lanes; and expansion of Hwy 27 from Major Mackenzie to north of King Road to 4 lanes.

And finally, while we have not seen any Regional documentation, anecdotal mention has been made by Regional staff regarding the potential to upgrade or expand the 16<sup>th</sup> or the 17<sup>th</sup> Sideroad to provide additional commuter traffic lanes between the Yonge Street urban core and Hwy 400.

The environmental impact caused by the proposed road expansions and subsequent traffic volumes, to our local air quality and damage to the surrounding natural features must be of critical concern to our Township. Therefore, we write to ask that Council and staff strongly oppose further degradation of our Township and in particular, the quality of life of existing King residents, including those in King City and Nobleton who currently live along these roads. Sharing the view of many environmentally-conscious groups across Ontario, we believe that the solution to gridlock and greenhouse gas emissions is not to build more road capacity, but rather, to provide more sustainable alternatives by investing in public transit and rail capacity expansion.

Yours sincerely,

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