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Dear Mr. Wong

**Subject: Class EA King Rd., from Hwy 27 to Hwy 400 (York Region File P-11\_07)**

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✓ My group/agency is interested in participating in this study.

Group's/Agency's area of interest or concern/preliminary comments:

1. The vast majority of the current vehicular traffic is not destined for King City but rather headed to and from surrounding urban centres, using King Road instead of alternative routes that have more frequent traffic lights. In view of the Provincial plan to develop a major east-west GTA corridor just south of King Road, one can reasonably expect to see a significant reduction in truck and to a lesser extent, commuter traffic along King Road. We seriously question whether past needs assessments by the Region are still relevant in light of recent Provincial transportation decisions.
2. As you are required as part of your study to confirm the need for improvements to the corridor and assess alternative solutions, we would hope that you will conduct a new

comprehensive analysis to critically appraise traffic projections based on more current factors which include; the rising price of fuel; Ontario's evolving commercial/industrial economy and more recent growth projections; and the forthcoming GTA West major traffic corridor to the south of King Road.

3. Population estimates to 2031 (residential and employment growth) for King City and Nobleton will see relatively insignificant gains. Therefore it is our view that this expansion will not play an important community role for residents and businesses in King City and Nobleton. Local need will not provide justification for the significant financial investment of tax dollars to pay for this major road modification.
4. Widening and flattening out this section of King Road will encourage a larger volume of traffic traveling at higher speeds, thus resulting in significant safety issues for the residents along King Road and on the adjoining concession roads (as we have witnessed with the widening of Hwy 9/Davis Drive West a few years back).
5. The Township of King has already indicated their concern with the amount of flow through truck traffic, and a desire to seek alternative corridors to reduce existing traffic volumes through King City and Nobleton. Therefore, this project does not address local concerns; in fact it will only create more traffic problems at the intersection of Hwy 27 and King Road in the heart of Nobleton and Keele and King Road, the main intersection in King City.

In summary, clearly this proposed upgrade to King Road is meant to serve the business community of York Region as well as to other regions to the west, but does not materially benefit the local community or the environment. Consequently we do not support the Region in this plan to turn King Road into an arterial commuter road and shipping corridor. We support transportation solutions which help to alleviating greenhouse gas emissions and protect prime agricultural land in Ontario and encourage individuals and businesses to adopt more sustainable alternative forms of transportation. It will be far more cost-effective in the long run to invest in regional and provincial public transit and rail capacity expansion.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you, the Township, and York Region, to come to a mutually agreeable solution to meet regional transportation needs.

Yours truly,

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