

March 2, 2018

Honourable Kathryn McGarry
Minister of Transportation
3rd Floor, Ferguson Block
77 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Z8



Dear Minister McGarry,

At its meeting of February 20, 2018, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury passed the following resolution with respect to the Hwy 400-404 Connecting Link.

WHEREAS traffic volumes within Simcoe County and York Region continue to increase due to high growth; and

WHEREAS a well-connected road network between Simcoe County and York Region with multiple route options is necessary for goods movement, safety and ease of mobility; and

WHEREAS Hwy 11 through Bradford West Gwillimbury, East Gwillimbury and King Township provides the only high capacity link between these communities from Davis Drive to north of Lake Simcoe; and

WHEREAS poor weather conditions, road maintenance, traffic congestion and collisions can result in significant delays and closure of this high capacity link with no feasible detour route in reasonable proximity;

WHEREAS this congestion and lack of alternate routes hinders the economic productivity of the broader region, detracts from the quality of life for area residents and may preclude the attainment of provincial growth targets set for Simcoe County and York Region;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Ministry of Transportation be requested to expedite the design and construction of the Hwy 400-404 Connecting Link to provide needed traffic capacity and improve traffic connectivity; and

THAT Simcoe County and York Region be respectfully requested to review further options to improve east-west connectivity; and

THAT York Region complete a comprehensive review of the recently constructed Bathurst Street/Hwy 11/Holland Landing Road intersection configuration to improve traffic flow, reduce excessive queuing, and improve safety; and

THAT Council request that the Municipal Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Ministry of Transportation, Simcoe County, Region of York, East Gwillimbury, Township of King, and Local Members of Provincial Parliament.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Tara Reynolds
Deputy Clerk

c: Julia Munro, MPP, York-Simcoe
Clerks of Simcoe County, Region of York, East Gwillimbury, Township of King