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The Region Municipality of York  
Transportation and Community Planning  
17250 Yonge Street  
Newmarket, ON  
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Re: Roundabout design at York/Durham Line and Durham Regional Road No. 5

Attention: Jamal Ahmed, Project Manager

On behalf of the York Federation of Agriculture (YFA), I wish to extend my appreciation for the quick response to the issues raised with the design of the roundabout. I would like to thank everyone involved in listening to the issues raised yesterday by some of the local farmers and coordinating this morning's meeting. Everyone that was involved from Jamal Ahmed, Gary Leonard, Stephen Collins, Brian Titherington, to Mayor Emmerson took our concerns seriously and acted right away to address those concerns.

As was discussed this morning, the ideal process to follow going forward when projects are proposed would be to have agriculture consulted to provide input into any concerns addressed at the initial planning stage of the project.

Further to the notion of gathering input from farmers, the York Federation of Agriculture and the Region of York Agriculture Advisory Liaison Committee are both available to provide comment on projects from a farming perspective. The YFA would also like to suggest setting up a workshop for both lower tier Municipal Roads Planning Staff and Region Roads Planning Staff to meet with farmers and agricultural industry experts to discuss best practices involving road design that incorporates the needs of farmers and their equipment.

Sincerely

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