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Councillor

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Robb H. Minnes, Project Manager
Ministry of Transportation, Central Region
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Dear Mr. Minnes:

**RE: 407 Transitway from Highway 400 to Kennedy Road
Submission of Draft Environmental Project Report**

I understand that a draft of an Environmental Project Report (EPR) for the 407 Transitway has been circulated for review, and as such, I wanted to take the opportunity to provide the project team with comments, in relation specifically to the Keele Street and Highway #7 (Concord West) area.

As you are probably aware, there is an existing subdivision of approximately 285 homes at the southeast corner of Keele Street and Highway #7. As well, there is an extensive trail system and green space area (Bartley Smith Greenway/Langstaff Ecopark) just east of the GO Barrie north-south line. As a result, I am concerned with the proximity and overall impact of the Highway 407 Transitway station on this existing community, as well as the green space features running just east of this community. I do not believe that an expansive parking lot and expanded GO train and/or commuter bus activities would be in keeping with this neighbourhood or the neighbouring valley lands.

Additionally, the Concord West community would like to see the Bartley Smith Greenway/Langstaff Ecopark area protected from future development in this area. They have requested safe access to this green space from their community, and I would not want to see a large transit terminus impede this community's ability to utilize or access this green space.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this ambitious project and to ensure that the voices of the Concord West residents are heard. Should you require further information or clarification on any of the above, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



Sandra Yeung Racco
Councillor, Thornhill/Concord
"For the Community"