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Dear Mr. Minnes:

Re: 407 Transitway from east of Highway 400 to Kennedy Road

At a meeting of the York Region Planning and Economic Development Committee held on March 2, 2011, members of Committee raised a number of outstanding issues with the planned 407 Transitway from east of Highway 400 to Kennedy Road. The issues focus on how best to integrate the 407 Transitway alignment and stations within a number of key urban growth areas given that land use planning is currently ongoing, including in the Richmond Hill-Langstaff Gateway, the Markham Centre and the Concord West area.

Following lengthy debate during the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting, Regional Council adopted the amended recommendations in the attached notice of decision at its meeting on March 24, 2011 (*Attachment – Clause No. 11 in Report No. 3 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, entitled 407 Transitway Environmental Assessment Project Update*).

We recognize that the Ministry of the Environment issued a notice of approval for the 407 Transitway Environmental Assessment on February 28, 2011 and we are generally supportive of this project, subject to outstanding issues being addressed through the ongoing land use planning process and subsequent amendment to the environmental assessment as needed.

The 407 Transitway Environmental Assessment recognizes that there are land use planning processes which have not been completed and in the event that significant changes to the transitway alignment and stations are warranted in these areas, the Ministry of Transportation will amend the 407 Transitway Environmental Project Report accordingly.

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