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Mr. Peter Shurman, MPP
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Dear Mr. Shurman:

Thank you for your letter, forwarded by the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, regarding the 407 Transitway Environmental Assessment Report and the Concord West Community Association's concerns. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Our government is committed to improving our integrated transportation network across the GTHA and Ontario. We know that projects which ease congestion, create jobs and build a stronger economy are vital. That is why we are pleased the Ministry of Environment recently approved the Environmental Assessment for the 407 transitway.

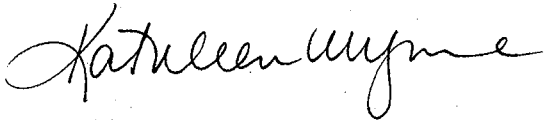
MTO has heard the concerns expressed by the Concord West Community association. During the preparation of the Environmental Project Report, MTO exchanged correspondence and met several times with the association to fully evaluate the association's proposals to move the transitway and station away from the site. Their proposals were included in the approved Environmental Project Report.

As indicated in the Project Report and articulated to the association on several occasions, the final station location remains south of Highway 7 because an alternative location would have compromised the objectives of providing seamless passenger transfers between the transitway, GO Rail Line and the York VIVA service. I am pleased that the ministry has committed to provide a safe and direct access for the community through a pedestrian bridge across the CN Railway to access valley lands and the Marita Paine Park Trail. Further, the station design and committed mitigation measures ensure protection of environmental features on the site including the valley lands.

This ministry will work closely with the City of Vaughan during the preparation of the Concord West Secondary Plan and ensure the city's planning objectives can be integrated with transit planning for this community.

Thank you again for bringing the Concord West Community Association's letters to my attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Wynne". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent loop at the end of the last name.

Kathleen Wynne
Minister

c: The Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure
Brian Denney, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority