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We do not agree with the Region's Rapid Transit plan for our community since it will create a much wider and busier Centre Street with added lanes and express buses that will pose a significant safety risk to our families. Especially for seniors and children who must walk across Centre Street on a daily basis to get to school, to buy their groceries, to shop and to attend their places of worship.

In addition, the York Region Rapid Transit plan will be detrimental for those of us whose homes back on to Centre Street. The plan will create an increase in traffic and drastically reduce our ability to enjoy our backyards due to the increase in noise, fumes, pollution and poor air quality as a result of the closer proximity to the traffic chaos. This situation would essentially be forcing us to give up the use of our own privately owned backyard green space.

We believe this York Region plan will cause significant disruption to our area residents' daily lives and it is likely to actually influence area residents to move resulting in more urban sprawl. We trust that encouraging urban sprawl is not the intended goal of the York Region's transit plan.

We understand that York Region also has plans to change the bus only lanes into light rail transit in the future. If the Region believes that bus only lanes are essential along Centre Street, then we ask the Region for the express transit service to remain on Hwy 7 without detouring the Centre Street community.

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