



Life-side Assistance

June 22, 2012

Regional Chairman Bill Fisch and Members of Regional Council
c/o Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
Corporate Services Department
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario
L3Y 6Z1

Re: Highway 404-400 Link (Bradford Bypass)

Dear Chairman Fisch and Members of Regional Council,

CAA South Central Ontario has almost 1.9 million members in our territory. With 1 in 3 households in Ontario having a CAA membership we are one of the largest member organizations. For more than 100 years we have advocated on transportation-related issues including, infrastructure, traffic safety, mobility, the environment and consumer protection.

We have reviewed and we are writing in support of the region's move to advocate that the Highway 400-404 link also known as the Bradford Bypass be included in the province's more immediate transportation plans.

As a strong advocate of improved mobility in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), CAA supports moving sooner rather than later on putting the Bradford Bypass back on the province's priority list.

Boundary traffic between Simcoe County and York Region has increased by 16.4 per cent over the past decade and with increased population and employment densities projected until 2031 in city and town centres such as Newmarket, Bradford and Barrie, and key employment areas designated in West Gwillimbury and Innisfil, that trend will continue at a more rapid pace.

Given that the planning, environmental assessment, property acquisition and construction stages of building a new highway can take anywhere up to eight years from its initial approval, the Bradford Bypass is a necessary piece of traffic infrastructure to ease congestion in York Region and Simcoe County, that needs to be included within the province's growth plans.

A new link, in conjunction with numerous Highway 400 improvements already in the works, will ensure residents won't be as impacted in their daily commutes as growth continues in both regions.

We look forward to working with you. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,
Caroline Grech
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