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Subject: Elimination of jog at Teston Rd

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Dear Mr. Mayor, Members of Vaughan Council and Commissioner Jankowski;

October 18, 2011

RE: City Transportation Master Plan

Committee of the Whole (Working Session) Item #2, Report #46

Intersection Jog Elimination- Teston Rd and Pine Valley Drive (Ward 1 & 3)

As a long time concerned resident, business owner and BIA member, I would like to make the following comments regarding this item

IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE ELIMINATION OF THE JOG ON TESTON RD AT PINE VALLEY DRIVE ASAP:

1. The intersection of Teston Rd and Pine Valley Drive, in its current state with the jog, is an extremely dangerous intersection that does not meet City, Regional or Provincial safety standards. The current jog poses a dangerous intersection for all cars travelling east or west along Teston Rd. and must be corrected as soon as possible to eliminate this unnecessary danger;

2. The Teston Rd. junction at Hwy 400 north and southbound are now open. The number of cars using Teston Rd to get to and off Hwy 400 from the areas of Kleinburg, Nashville, Bolton, Peel and north Woodbridge have increased dramatically, as expected. To make things worse, the amount of construction and traffic gridlock along Major Mackenzie Dr., between Hwy 400 and Pine Valley Dr. has also forced motorists to use Teston Rd as an alternate route to and from Hwy 400;

3. The visibility for motorists making a left turn onto Pine Valley Drive from either direction along Teston Rd. is simply unacceptable. The Region has left vegetation to grow uncontrolled and near the roadway blocking visibility for a safe distance up and down Pine Valley Dr. Motorists have to inch forward and into the intersection and onto the line of north/south traffic before they can attempt to turn left. This is unacceptable. This situation would be made much safer if 1. The Region cut vegetation back from the roadway to increase visibility and 2. eliminated the jog in the road.

4. The jog in the roadway causes massive confusion for motorists that think cars are going to turn onto Teston Rd at the jog and then continue straight causing a dangerous situation and potential broad side collisions.
5. I strongly disagree with Regional staff or anyone who thinks that this jog at Teston Rd can wait until Teston Rd is reconstructed between Weston Rd and Pine Valley Dr. This jog needs to be eliminated as soon as possible at the cost of the Region. Until that happens, the Region of York would not be meeting proper safety standards at this intersection and I would strongly suggest that the Region of York would be at fault for any accident or fatality at this intersection caused by the jog or lack of safe visibility at this intersection.
6. Heavy trucks continue to travel along this stretch of Teston Rd. and through into the Village of Kleinburg. The signs for No Heavy Trucks are located along Teston Rd BUT west of Weston Rd when trucks have already made the turn onto Teston Rd. These No Heavy Truck signs should be located along both sides of Weston Rd AND east of Weston Rd on Teston Rd BEFORE trucks reach the intersection going west bound. These trucks are then forced to travel along Teston Rd, thru the jog at Pine Valley Dr., and into Kleinburg. Unacceptable.
7. The average speed of cars travelling north and south on Pine Valley Dr thru Teston Rd is estimated at 90-100 kph. There are no warning signs of the hidden or dangerous intersection at Teston Rd for these motorists. Many are locals, but they think that motorists turning onto Pine Valley from Teston will see them, but they do not have enough reaction time when such speeds are reached on Pine Valley Dr. I have never seen any police enforcement of speed at thru Teston Rd along Pine Valley Dr.

Regional and Municipal Councillors have the authority to make the decision to eliminate the jog on Teston Rd at Pine Valley Dr., and make this a safe intersection for the thousands of motorists who travel on this road or on Pine Valley Dr. No one else can do this. I strongly urge Vaughan Council to make this decision now, and further that the reconstruction needs to take place in 2012, not in 3-5 years.

Please do the right thing.

Thank You!

Regards,

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