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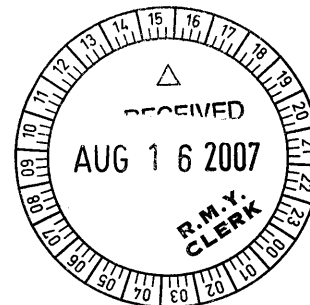
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Mr. Denis Kelly
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The Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for writing to me about regional council's recommendations on the GTA West Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment. I appreciate receiving this information and regret being unable to reply sooner.

The GTA West Corridor, identified in the provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe as a "Future Transportation Corridor", represents a strategic link between the urban growth centres in the west of the GTA, including Downtown Milton, Downtown Brampton, Vaughan Corporate Centre and Downtown Guelph.

In late 2006, the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) initiated the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the GTA West Corridor. The purpose of the EA study is to examine long-term transportation problems and opportunities to the year 2031 and consider alternative solutions to provide better linkages between the urban growth centres in the GTA West Corridor Preliminary Study Area. A draft set of terms of reference for the study was completed, circulated to affected stakeholders for comments, and has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment for approval.

Rest assured that we also recognize that growing development pressures in the GTA West Corridor study area could preclude future right-of-ways. We intend to work with MTO and municipalities in the study area, including York Region, to monitor these development pressures and to share technical information so that efforts can be coordinated to prevent corridor options from being precluded.

We look forward to continue working with York Region on the GTA West Corridor. Again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Caplan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Caplan
Minister

c: The Honourable Donna Cansfield,
Minister of Transportation

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