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Honourable Kathryn McGarry, Minister
Ministry of Transportation
Queen's Park/Minister's Office
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Honourable Madam,

**Re: Township of King Resolution -
Re: Request to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to Expedite the Design and Construction of the Highway 400 – 404 Connecting Link**

At the Council Meeting of February 5th, 2018, Council received and unanimously supported a Resolution regarding the design and construction of the Highway 400 – 404 connecting link.

Council of the Township of King formally requests that the Ministry of Transportation endorse and convey support of the following Resolution and with further intent to enter into discussions:

“WHEREAS municipalities surrounding the Township of King are all experiencing rapid and extensive growth resulting in increased volumes of traffic; and

WHEREAS a well-connected road network between Simcoe County and York Region with multiple route options is necessary for movement of goods, safety and ease of mobility; and

WHEREAS the roads system for the area is not designed to carry the extra traffic generated by the population growth in the surrounding municipalities, and much of the traffic is from outside of King traveling through the Township in order to access main arteries such as Regional Road #27, Regional Road #11 (Highway 11), and Provincial Highway #400; and

WHEREAS Highway 11 through King Township gets a high volume of traffic destined for East Gwillimbury and Bradford West Gwillimbury and provides the only high capacity link between these communities from Davis Drive (Highway 9) to north of Lake Simcoe; and

WHEREAS poor weather conditions, road maintenance, traffic congestion and collisions can result in significant delays and closure of this high capacity link with no feasible detour route in reasonable proximity; and

WHEREAS produce from the Holland Marsh (the ‘Marsh’) region is being transported to the distribution centre(s) for the big chain stores and must arrive by a certain time and be time-checked, road delays could result in the farming community in King Township being penalized financially for ‘arriving late’ as timely movement of goods and services is crucial to the bottom line of the Marsh’s agri-food businesses, and

WHEREAS as a result of traffic delays/disruptions along Highway #9, Highway #400 and Highway 11, commuters are often rerouted through the northern region of King Township (the Marsh),

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which at certain times of the year, spring planting, fall harvest and the growing season in between, is affecting the safety of our roads, our residents and our farming community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

As traffic patterns have changed and traffic loads through King Township have significantly grown since 2007, the Council of the Township of King requests;

THAT the Ministry of Transportation be requested to expedite the design and construction of the Highway 400-404 Connecting Link to provide needed traffic capacity, and improve traffic connectivity and flow; and

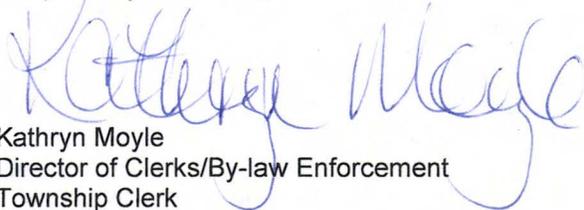
THAT the Regional Municipality of York and the County of Simcoe be respectfully requested to review further options to improve east/west and north/south connectivity; and

THAT the Regional Municipality of York complete a comprehensive review of the recently constructed Bathurst Street/Highway 11/Holland Landing intersection configuration to better improve traffic flow, reduce excessive queuing, improve safety, reduce future road maintenance costs; and

THAT Council direct the Township Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Ministry of Transportation and the local Members of Provincial Parliament;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of York, the County of Simcoe, the Town of East Gwillimbury, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury; the Town of Georgina, the Town of Aurora, the Town of Newmarket, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville seeking their consideration and support.”

Respectfully submitted,



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Township Clerk

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