

MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Carolyn Parrish

Whereas Mississauga Council continues to strongly oppose construction of the 413 Hwy;

Whereas Mississauga Council recognizes some relief of traffic congestion on the 401 Hwy, especially for thousands of truckers, is required;

Whereas some public support for the 413 Hwy is based on a real concern over continued congestion on the 401 Hwy and a lack of viable alternatives to the environmentally destructive 413 Hwy;

Whereas the proposed 413 Hwy will not provide the needed congestion relief for many years - through design, approvals and construction phases - while other solutions need to happen now;

Whereas the 407 ETR was created to provide a truck by-pass across the GTA and in doing so, relieve congestion on the 401 Hwy;

Whereas current high tolls act as a disincentive to the transfer of traffic to the underused 407 ETR from the 401 Hwy as well as from surrounding local and regional roads;

Whereas alternatives to the construction of the 413 Hwy were recommended by the Expert Panel appointed by the previous government, the work of that panel contributing to the cancellation of the proposed highway;

Whereas one suggestion by the Expert Panel included the reduction or elimination of tolls for truck traffic on designated lanes of the 407 ETR;

Whereas the current provincial government has been demonstrating there is Budget room for creative solutions to traffic congestion:

- A. Licence renewal stickers and fees for 7.5 million vehicles have been eliminated as of March 13, 2022 at a loss of \$1.1 billion a year. Refunds from March 2020 are also coming, with some conditions, at another \$1.1 billion. Future renewals will be free with no stickers to show renewals have been completed or alert police to check for unpaid traffic fines, more billions lost.
- B. A \$1 billion penalty to the 407 ETR operators was forgiven by the province for failure to reduce tolls during COVID, to meet 401 Hwy traffic reduction targets by attracting drivers. It is expected the same penalty will be forgiven for 2021.
- C. Tolls are being eliminated as of April 1/22 "to help Ontarians financially after hardships of the pandemic" on Durham highways 412 (Whitby) and 418 (Clarington) at \$20 million a year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Council of the City of Mississauga continue its strong opposition to the environmentally destructive 413 Hwy; and
2. That the Council of the City of Mississauga strongly supports initiatives that promote increased diversion of traffic from the 401 Hwy to the under-utilized 407 ETR; and
3. That the Council of the City of Mississauga request the Province of Ontario work with 407 International Inc. to devise strategies to increase 407 ETR usage and enforce penalties provided to encourage efforts at congestion relief on the 401 Hwy and all surrounding roads; and
4. That the Council of the City of Mississauga request the Province of Ontario provide immediate congestion relief on the 401 Hwy by investing sufficient yearly subsidies to support zero, or greatly reduced tolls, for exclusive truck lanes on the 407 ETR, one east and one west; and
5. That the capital cost for the proposed 413 Hwy be re-designated to the expansion of long term, environmentally sustainable rapid transit throughout the GTA; and
6. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to every Council in the GTA as well as every MPP in Ontario.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carolyn Parrish". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'C'.