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Dear Councillors Groves and Payne:

Thank you for your letter regarding the GTA West Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study.

This study is examining transportation needs and alternative solutions to provide better linkages between Urban Growth Centres in the GTA West Study Area. The Provincial Policy Statement under *The Planning Act* and the Greater Golden Horseshoe Growth Plan provide specific policy directions to all planning authorities to plan and protect transportation corridors for current and future needs.

We are moving as quickly as possible towards the completion of Stage 1 of the EA, which is a recommended Transportation Development Strategy for the study area. If a new transportation corridor is recommended in the strategy, the general location of the corridor will be identified, thereby permitting the region, the municipalities and the ministry to work together to manage the implications on development. The actual alignment of the corridor will be determined in Stage 2 Route Planning Study, which could be initiated in 2011 following with the completion of Stage 1, and would typically take 2-3 years to complete. We will continue to take into account the comments we receive from the councils of the Town of Caledon and the Region of Peel.

I have directed ministry staff to work proactively with the planning staff at the Region of Peel and Town of Caledon, as well as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and other relevant provincial ministries.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns about the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment to my attention.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynne
Minister

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