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Mr. Jesse McBride
11180 Winston Churchill Boulevard
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Dear Mr. McBride:

Thank you for your e-mail regarding your concerns over the planning of the proposed north–south highway (corridor), north of Highway 401 and east of Winston Churchill Boulevard in the Town of Halton Hills. Ted Arnott, MPP, Halton Hills, forwarded me a copy of your e-mail and I am pleased to respond.

This north-south corridor is being studied as part of the Halton-Peel Boundary Area Transportation Study (BATS). Halton Region and Peel Region collaborated to administer this study on behalf of the City of Brampton, Halton Region, Peel Region, Town of Caledon and the Town of Halton Hills. The Ministry of Transportation participated to share information and coordinate between municipal and provincial transportation initiatives, such as the GTA West Corridor Study.

The purpose of the Halton-Peel BATS was to identify long-term transportation improvement needed to serve future transportation demands within the study area consisting of northeast Halton and northwest Brampton.

Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* requires planning for transportation infrastructure to consider the impact on the natural, social and cultural environment, and must provide opportunities for the public and stakeholders to provide comments and input. The Halton-Peel BATS held two public information centres about the study on September 24, 2009, and November 24, 2009. These consisted of presentations, display boards and a public open house. More information about the BATS consultation process is available at www.halton-peelbats.ca.

The GTA West Corridor Study is a provincial planning study initiated by the Ministry of Transportation in January 2007 to support the transportation objectives of the provincial *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. The GTA West Corridor Study Area extends from City of Vaughan to the City of Guelph and includes the Halton-Peel BATS area.

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The GTA West Corridor Study presented a draft Transportation Development Strategy at public information centres in June 2010. The strategy contains a wide range of recommendations to address transportation needs in the GTA West area, including rapid transit, high occupancy vehicle lanes, bus bypass lanes, improving access to airports and inter-modal facilities, widening of existing highways and potential new transportation corridors. One of the new corridor alternatives recommended has a section located in the same general area of the Halton-Peel BATS area. Please visit the GTA West Corridor Study website at www.gta-west.com for more information about the Transportation Development Strategy.

The two study teams have been working closely over the past two years. The Ministry of Transportation will continue to coordinate with the municipalities as both studies move into the next stages.

I am also copying this letter to Emil Kolb, Regional Chair of Peel and Gary Carr, Regional Chair of Halton for their information and consideration.

Thank you again for your e-mail.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynne

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Minister

c: Ted Arnott, MPP, Halton Hills
Gary Carr, Chair, Region of Halton
Emil Kolb, Chair, Region of Peel