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November 20, 2024

Environmental Registry of Ontario
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation
Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education and MPP for Simcoe-North.

Sent via email to: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org
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Dear Honourable Members:

Re: Comments on Bill 212, Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024

The following is a copy of a recommendation adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the City of Orillia, at its meeting held on November 18, 2024:

“THAT, further to the correspondence dated November 1, 2024 from the City of Orillia Transportation and Parking Working Group, Council provide correspondence to the Ministry of Transportation to oppose the provisions contained in Bill 212 - Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024 regarding restrictions to municipal bike lane placement as being counter to:

- best practices in transportation management;*
- climate change initiatives;*
- cost management for future infrastructure maintenance;*
- development goals contained within Bill 185, and*
- economic benefits to businesses;*

AND THAT the correspondence further request the provincial government to consider investing in funding public transportation goals to reduce traffic congestion and aide future developments to be built with less parking;

AND THAT the correspondence include support for the resolution dated September 24, 2024 from the City of Guelph;

AND THAT the correspondence be submitted to the Ministry of Transportation's online comment tool found at: <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-9265>, by the November 20, 2024 comment deadline, and copied to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; and the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education and Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-North.”

Ministry of Transportation

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This correspondence is provided to formalize comments in response to the Environmental Registry of Ontario related to Notice 019-9265 and will be submitted at the link above.

At that same meeting, Council also received correspondence from Sustainable Orillia, a local not-for-profit group supporting the resolution above, which is attached to this submission of comments.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kristine Preston".

Kristine Preston, CMO, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk

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Attachments:

1. City of Orillia Transportation and Parking Working Group including the City of Guelph Resolution
2. Sustainable Orillia Letter of Support

Copy to: Transportation and Parking Working Group
 Sustainable Orillia