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Subject: Congratulations on passing CEERP and Williams Parkway Widening

Mayor Brown and Councillors,

I would like to congratulate you on the steps you are taking to address the climate emergency that we face.

As discussed in the Williams Parkway workshop with councillors, "we cannot continue to do things the same way".

According to Brampton's 2040 vision passed by council, and presented in the workshop, "Brampton will be a mosaic of safe, integrated transportation choices and new modes, contributing to civic sustainability, and emphasizing walking, cycling, and transit."

Road widening is **not** compatible with addressing the climate emergency or the prioritizing of walking, cycling and transit.

This year I have seen a remarkable number of road narrowings (Vodden, North Park, Guru Nanak) with respect to motor vehicle lanes, and have experienced firsthand how it slows down the cars to speeds closer to the limit, does **not** cause congestion, and creates space for cyclists. I regularly see more cyclists on these routes compared to prior years. I feel safer in these spaces.

I encourage you to choose option 3 which most closely fits the 2040 vision and best addresses the climate emergency.

Widening to six lanes, even if two lanes are reserved for high occupancy vehicles will simply create induced demand.

Brent Toderian, former Chief Planner for Vancouver, shared this very funny, but very true video, about what induced demand means. I encourage you to take 90 seconds to follow this link and watch the video. <https://twitter.com/brenttoderian/status/1192568535009988608?s=21>

Finally, once Brampton develops their final large tracts of land, Development Charges will decline dramatically. Choosing Option 1 because most of the funding will come from DC instead of property tax is a shortsighted false economy, and should not be considered a good reason to support that option.

Thank you in advance for choosing Option 3, which most closely aligns with the vision that this Council is already moving towards.

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