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Subject: Weston Downs Study

Dear Mr. Clerk and Members of Council,

I am in receipt of the staff report coming before Council on November 1st, 2016 at 1pm. I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with many of the recommendations and my distrust of the public consultation process by the City of Vaughan with regards to the Weston Downs Traffic Study community consultation.

My first concern has to do with why this meeting is taking place during the day when all other consultations took place in the evenings when people could attend outside of working hours. To have this meeting when most of the public is unable to attend suggests a lack of respect for community citizens and a lack of interest in hearing their input.

Secondly, the staff report indicates that there was "no short-term preferred technical solution and a lack of consensus within the community" and therefore none of the solutions considered by the community would be implemented. This is factually incorrect and a disrespect of the public consultation process. Table 4 in the staff report indicates that 30% of respondents preferred the Regional Road Turning Restrictions and an additional 22% of respondents preferred Regional Road Turning Restrictions with a permit. This indicates that at least 52% of the community prefer Regional Road Turning Restrictions. To ignore this fact, indicates that you don't care about the community's input. Furthermore, to expect a consensus is ridiculous.

I live at 172 Velmar Drive and I can assure you that the vast majority of the cars are not residents of our community, all you have to do is simply look at the cars that continue North past Village Green & Orr on Velmar Drive towards Rutherford on any given night between 5-6 pm to see that. I am very disappointed that no solution could be found to fix the problem. Instead of widening Weston Road to accommodate more cars that might fix the infiltration in our community you added a sidewalk and now there is talk of putting a bus route through our neighborhood. How is that going to fix the problem? It seems like we are being punished for asking for help with the traffic problem in our community. Please reconsider your stand on this matter and let's give it a try, if it does not work then you can always reverse it, nothing is permanent.

I appeal to you to consider the community's input and demand that you implement Regional Road Turning Restrictions.

Respectfully,

Diane Donato