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Subject: Addressing the Impacts of Removal of Hwy 407 Tolls on Regional Roads in Pickering

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The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on June 23, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Province's removal of tolls on Highway 407 east of Brock Road as of June 1, 2025, is a positive step and will benefit many residents of Durham Region;

**And Whereas**, as tolls remain in place on Highway 407 ETR west of Brock Road, many drivers will be entering or exiting Highway 407 at Brock Road in Pickering. This significantly adds to traffic on Brock Road and Whites Road as they navigate through Pickering to reach Highway 407.

**And Whereas**, ideally these drivers should utilize Highway 412 to connect between Highway 407 and Highway 401;

**And Whereas**, Pickering Council requested that the Region of Durham install traffic signals at Palmers Sawmill Road and Brock Road and at Usman Road (south leg) and Brock Road through Resolution # 471/24 at the April 22, 2024 Council Meeting;

**And Whereas**, the Region of Durham has plans to widen Brock Road to four lanes between Taunton Road and Alexander Knox Road, along with improvements to street lighting, signage and signal modifications;

**And Whereas**, the traffic concerns are impacting the flow of traffic and safety in Pickering;

**Now therefore be it resolved**, that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering requests:

1. That the Region of Durham immediately review the change in traffic conditions in Pickering, particularly on Brock Road and Whites Road, due to the removal of tolls on Highway 407 east of Brock Road;
2. That the Province and the Region of Durham explore methods to encourage and incentivize drivers to use Highway 412 to connect between Highway 407 and Highway 401;
3. That the Region of Durham recommend and expedite means to address the congestion, traffic and safety concerns including widening Brock Road to four lanes between Alexander Knox Road and Taunton Road, and possibly widening to six lanes where appropriate. Additionally, that the Region of Durham recommend and expedite the installation of traffic signals on Brock Road at Palmers Sawmill Road and at Usman Road, along with other operational improvements;
4. That the Region of Durham recommend and expedite improvements to Whites Road and other roads to address congestion, traffic and safety concerns; and,
5. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Region of Durham for immediate consideration.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



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