

September 25, 2024

RE: IE16.9 - Establishing a Working Group to Study the Widening of Steeles Avenue East Between Ninth Line and Beare Road to Support Regional Growth

Dear Infrastructure and Environment Committee,

On behalf of Connecting GTA, I am writing to express our support for Deputy Mayor McKelvie's motion to establish a working group that will study the widening of Steeles Avenue East between Ninth Line and Beare Road.

Steeles Avenue East is an important arterial road in the Greater Toronto Area that connects east Scarborough with Durham Region and York Region. It is vital to the growth and economic prosperity of the area and the people who live and work there.

Addressing the transportation infrastructure needs of the area by widening Steeles Ave East between Ninth Line and Beare Road and adding rapid surface transit will decrease gridlock and help improve the flow of people and goods along this corridor and into surrounding neighbourhoods.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Suresh Kumar Founder & CEO