



December 8, 2022

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier, Province of Ontario
Room 281. Legislative Building, Queens Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

The Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE) is the advocacy body and voice of the engineering profession. Ontario currently has more than 85,000 professional engineers, 250,000 engineering graduates, 6,600 engineering post-graduate students and 37,000 engineering undergraduate students.

Last week, the Auditor General of Ontario disclosed that there were numerous recommendations from qualified subject matter experts to defer pending highway projects. In April 2021, OSPE echoed the recommendations, strongly opposing the proposed highway projects, specifically Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, based on feedback from Ontario's engineering community.

Highway projects falls under the engineering scope of practice, a profession that consistently delivers results that are environmentally and fiscally sound. It is public record the Government's network of trusted engineering experts share the same recommendations as OSPE's network of engineers, further proving the value that engineering professionals offer the Ontario Government. Given the impeding climate crisis and Ontario's pending Bill 23, the need to listen to Ontario's engineering community is vividly apparent.

Ontario's engineering talent are bringing internationally competitive solutions to global problems. Their work protects the public interest, as well as the natural environment, and catapults the province into economic prosperity. OSPE has been advocating for adequate oversight to Ontario's Engineering Regulator for several years, calling for accountability that secures the safety of Ontarians, welcomes new talent into the province, and holds Ontario's Engineering standards high.

OSPE will continue to advocate for the best interests of the citizens of Ontario, flagging the investment opportunities the province has in technology, infrastructure, artificial intelligence, and data governance. The recommendations are consistently grounded in data and supported by the brightest minds in Ontario. Following these recommendations will provide economic prosperity, help achieve Ontario's environmental goals and position your government to be Canadian leaders in growth.

OSPE strongly urges the Ontario government to abide by the recommendations of your engineering subject matter experts and defer the highway projects, specifically Highway 413 and the Bradford Bypass, and reinvest

that money into higher priority projects. Our network of engineering experts continues to offer valuable information to the Ontario government and is willing to support your government's objectives on an ongoing basis. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



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