

RCCAO urges Ontario to proceed with Bradford Bypass, Highway 413 in pre-budget submission

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VAUGHAN, ONT. — In a presentation for the Ontario Pre-Budget Consultations at Queen's Park in Toronto, Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) executive director Nadia Todorova asked for funding and policy priorities to be included in the upcoming provincial budget.

Todorova recommended the government support municipalities with necessary capital funding to maintain critical infrastructure in a state of good repair as they continue to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and proceed with building the Bradford Bypass and Highway 413 transportation corridor.

Both projects will help by reducing congestion, fostering economic recovery and long-term competitiveness, improving connectivity, supporting affordable housing initiatives, and facilitating job creation, states a release. It is also important because the Greater Toronto Area is among the fastest growing regions in North America and an additional 2.8 million people are expected in the region over the next 25 years, adds the release.

Todorova also highlighted the need to improve the delivery timeframes of the underground utility locates system and address industry labour shortages by reforming the immigration system to make it easier to attract immigrants with construction experience.