

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2017

Item 1, Report No. 12, of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 21, 2017.

1 YORK REGION RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE **CITY-WIDE** **(Referred)**

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager Planning & Growth Management and the Director of Development Engineering and Infrastructure Planning, dated January 18, 2017, be approved; and
- 2) That the presentation by Mr. Paul May, Chief Engineer and Ms. Linda Filippi, Manager, Community Liaisons, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, Highway 7, Markham and Communication C1, presentation material, be received.

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Agenda

Building the future in York Region through transit

- > The vivaNext plan
- > Yonge Subway Extension [YSE]

Current BRT projects >> Highway 7–VMC

- > Jane St. to Bowes Rd.
- > Stages of commissioning
- > Transit in the rapidway



Subway >> Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension

Facilities and terminals in Vaughan

- > Bus terminal >> SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal
- > BRT station >> Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Station

Current BRT projects in Vaughan >> Phase 2

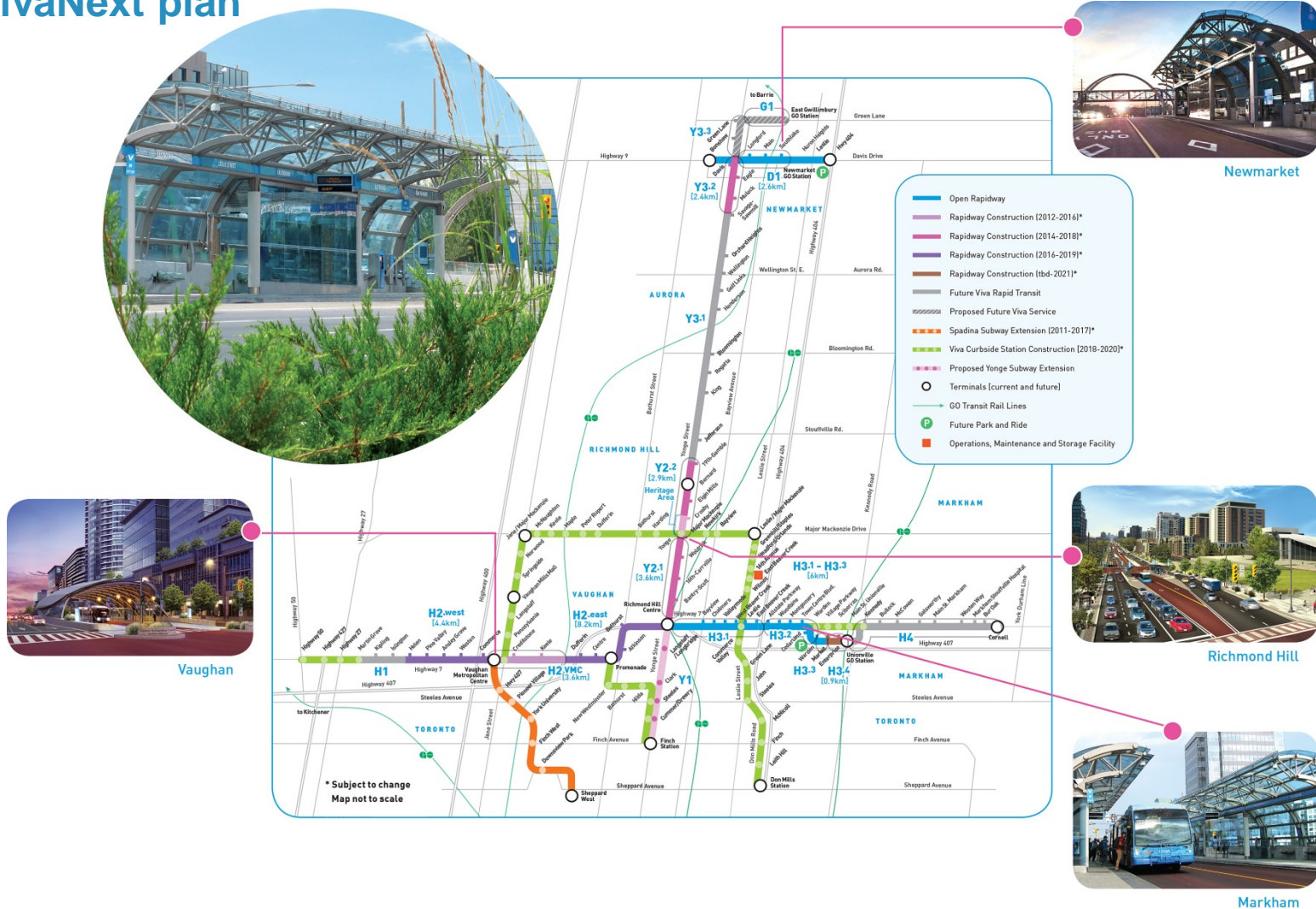
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Staying informed throughout construction >> vivaNext communications

Business Support Programs in Vaughan

Building the future in York Region through transit

The vivaNext plan



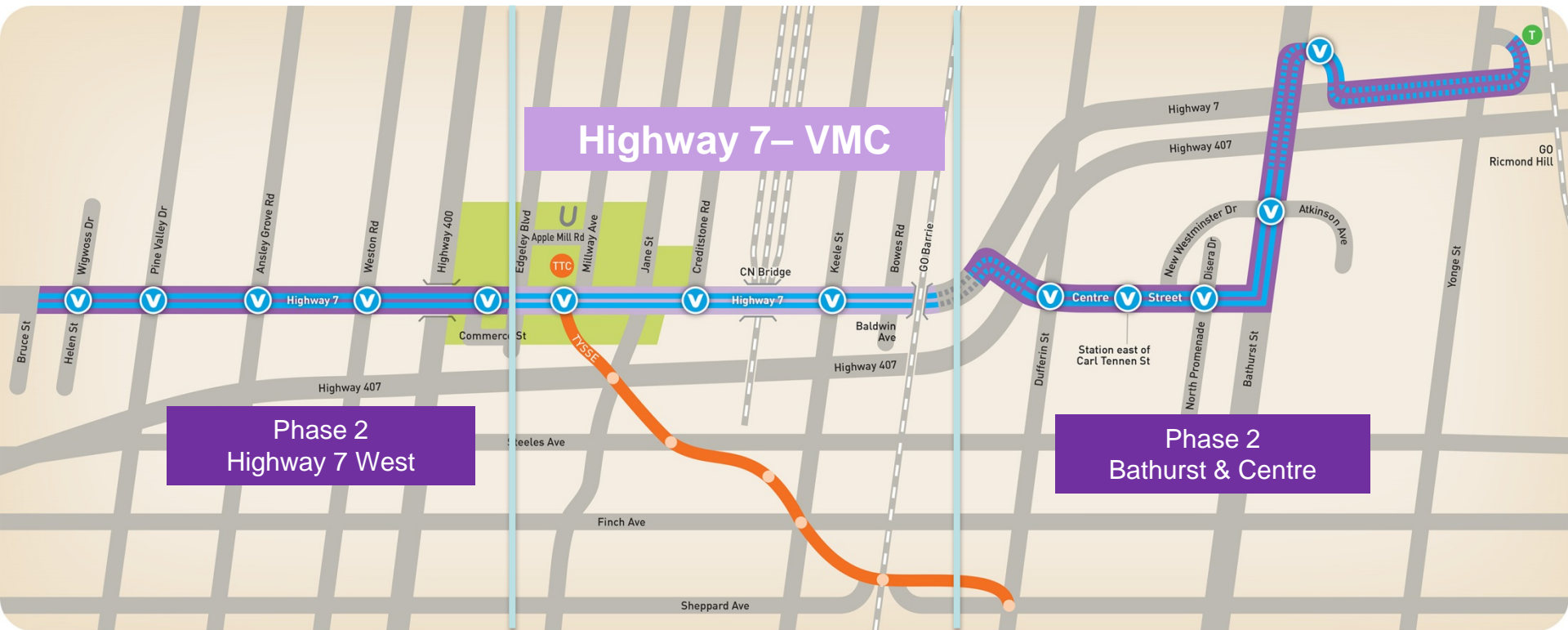
Yonge Subway Extension [YSE]



- > The YSE project is moving forward with preliminary engineering, thanks to the \$55M support from the Government of Ontario
- > Currently working on governance arrangements and procurement activities to move the project forward
- > Pursuing \$36M in federal funding for detail design & construction through the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund. Submitted October 2016



Current Vaughan BRT projects >> Highway 7-VMC



Legend

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| Phase 1 rapidway construction [2012–2016/2018] | Vivastation |
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| Full dedicated rapidway | Richmond Hill Centre Terminal |
| Partial rapidway | Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension [2011–2017] |
| Transit in mixed traffic | VMC development area designated by City of Vaughan |

Highway 7–VMC >> Jane St. to Bowes Rd.



Rapidway from Jane to Bowes was completed in December 2016

- > Completion includes vivastations at Keele St. and Creditstone Rd.
- > Operation of YRT Route 77 and Viva Purple in the rapidway started on February 26, 2017



Highway 7–VMC >> stages of commissioning



Stages of service

> The opening of the Highway 7 West rapidway will be happening in 3 stages

COMPLETE

rapidway Jane St to Bowes Rd



OPENING

subway and bus terminal



OPENING

VMC vivastation



training

January –
February 2017



YRT 77 in rapidway

February –
December 2017



Viva replaces YRT in rapidway

December 2017

Spring 2018

Highway 7–VMC >> transit in the rapidway

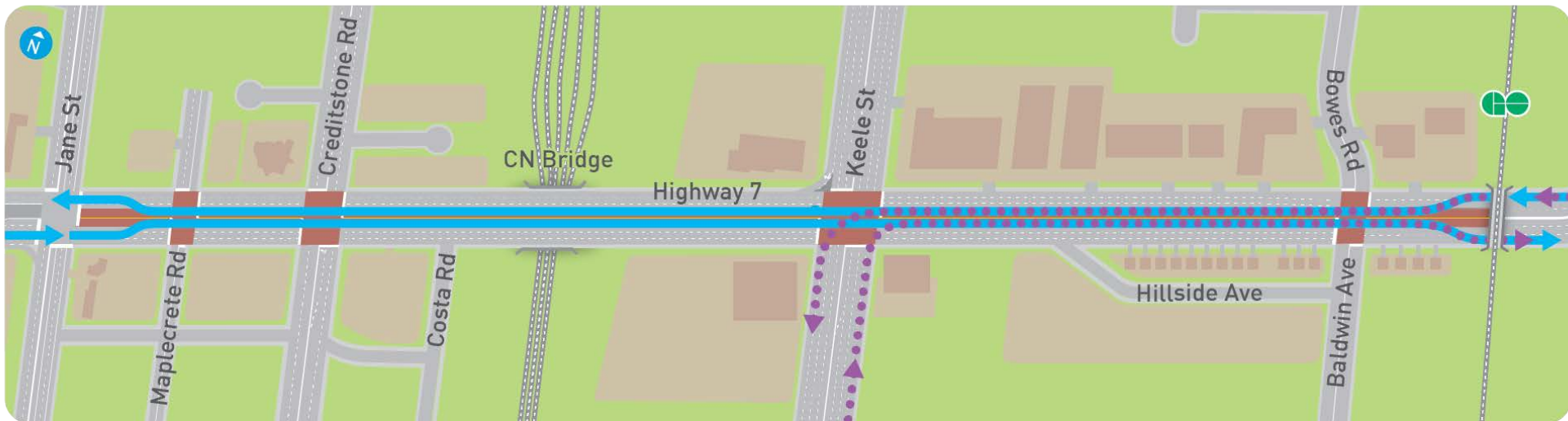


Highway 7–VMC >> transit in the rapidway



YRT 77 and Viva Purple temporary route changes

- > **YRT 77** is temporarily running in the rapidway until subway opening
- > **Viva Purple** is running in the rapidway between Keele and Bowes. Route to change substantially when subway opens



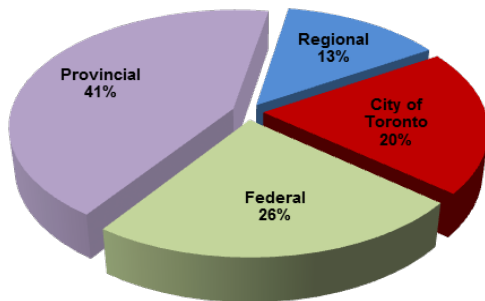
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Subway >> Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension



**Spadina Subway
Extension 8.6 km**

**Funding Sources – Total Project Cost
of \$2.6 Billion**



Pioneer Village Station



Highway 407 Station



Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Station



Facilities and terminals in Vaughan



Bus terminal >> SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal



- > The 9-bay inter-regional bus terminal connecting to the VMC subway station is scheduled for completion in time for subway opening in December 2017



BRT station >> Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Station



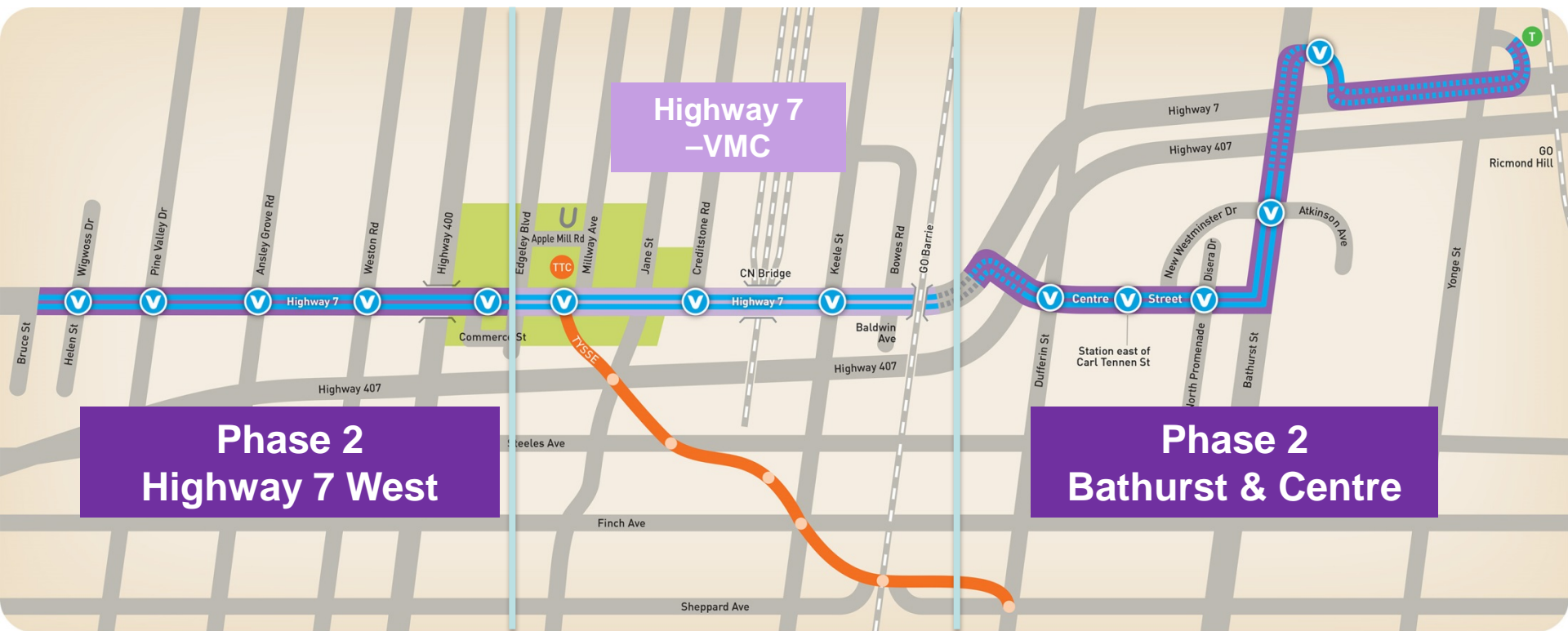
- > The VMC vivastation will connect customers to the subway, the VMC area and the new bus terminal, and is scheduled to open in Spring 2018



Current Vaughan BRT projects >> Phase 2



Highway 7 West and Bathurst & Centre



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Current BRT projects >> Phase 2



Bathurst & Centre in 2016

- > Bathurst St. water main replacement from Centre St. to Highway 407 completed Q4-2016
- > Centre St. gas main replacement began last fall
- > 38 trees transplanted to three local parks
- > Property work saw significant progress
- > Temporary traffic signals installed
- > **Upcoming works in 2017:**
- > Bathurst St. road widening begins
- > Centre St. water main to be completed in August
- > Utility relocations, including gas main, hydro poles and telecommunications



Current BRT projects >> Phase 2 Highway 7 West



Highway 7 West in 2016

- > Tree removals completed in early 2017
- > Property work saw significant progress
- > Pre-construction surveying, utility relocation design and environmental investigations began



> Upcoming works in 2017:

- > Property work ongoing, e.g. sign and pylon relocations
- > Utility relocations, including gas main, hydro poles and telecommunications
- > Highway 400 bridge works to begin this spring



Staying informed throughout construction >> vivaNext communications



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construction bulletin » Bathurst & Centre
October 28, 2019

gas main installation begins on Centre Street
Starting next Monday, crews will begin replacing an existing water main along Centre Street from New Westminister Drive to Dufferin Street. The existing water main is approaching the end of its lifespan and will be upgraded with new infrastructure as part of a vivaNext rapidway project in the Bathurst & Centre area. Please see below for further details.

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what you need to know:

- The gas main will be installed using directional drilling, a tunneling technique that minimizes disruption and excavation. Trenches will also be used in select areas where needed.
- This work will require curb lane closures around the work areas.
- Sidewalks will remain open wherever possible. If a sidewalk is closed, directional signage will be in place to help guide pedestrians.
- Bus stops may be temporarily relocated as work progresses. Directional signs will guide pedestrians to the nearest open stop.
- Access will be maintained to properties and businesses.
- Due to the nature of the work, there will be construction-related noise, dust and vibration from equipment and trucks.
- There may be noise prior to 7am as crews assemble and arrange the equipment they require.
- Some overnight and/or weekend work may be required.
- Towards the end of the work, crews will connect gas services to the new gas main and restore the work area. If there are planned service interruptions, advance notice will be given to impacted businesses and/or residences.

work dates: Friday, Oct. 26 to Friday, Dec. 23
work hours: 7am-7pm

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Highway 7 West and Bathurst & Centre / Vaughan

Interested in learning more about the next phase of the rapid transit system in the Bathurst & Centre area? Click here to read more.

Connections are coming to Vaughan.

project status
phase 2 - gas construction
sidewalk completion: 8%
2019
view project timeline

building transit with safety and the environment in mind.
Bathurst & Centre

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project news » Highway 7 West Bathurst & Centre
Fall 1 - Winter 2020

we're building a transit network that connects east, west, north and south

This fall, people travelling along Highway 7 West in Vaughan have been watching the dramatic drop in canopy height out of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) area. This unique visualisation is part of a key hub where passengers will be able to connect with other TTC bus routes, the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE), get on an interregional bus, hop on their bike and continue their journey, or simply walk and shop in the VMC area.

The vivaNext project is all about connecting people and places. The VMC area is in the midst of becoming more connected to other urban centres via several transit corridors. And as the rapidway construction on Highway 7 from Jane Street to Downs Road wraps up, the end of this year another piece of the puzzle will be in place.

Emerging from both sides of the VMC area is Phase 2 of the rapidway project, extending east along Highway 7 to Brimley Street, and west from Downs Road to Yonge Street via the existing Viva route along Bathurst and Centre Streets. This connects riders from Woodbridge, Concord and Thornhill to the VMC and the TYSSE. It will also connect riders to the rest of York Region via the Richmond Hill Centre Terminal at Yonge Street, and the future Yonge Subway Extension.

All transit services need to work together in a well-planned network to connect various modes of transit and other key destinations and urban centres. When transit works as an integrated system, customers, residents and businesses are better served.

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#Vaughan: tomorrow, sidewalk work north side of Centre, E and W of Concord >> details [ow.ly/3606KPH](https://www.toronto.ca/360/3606KPH)

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#Vaughan tomorrow #Maplecrete left turn to Hwy7 loops installed, flag person onsite to allow left turns, 9-5.

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#Vaughan: tomorrow, crews continuing work at so NB Jane right turn lane onto Hwy7 closed 9

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Business Support Programs in Vaughan



Shop7 and Shop Bathurst & Centre

- > Developed in collaboration with Vaughan Chamber of Commerce
- > Supported by Vaughan Business Enterprise Centre
- > Campaigns include:
 - Newspaper, radio, digital and social media
 - Bus advertising (inside and out)
 - Geo targeting
 - Community engagement
 - Website and social media posts
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 - Complimentary Chamber memberships



billboard



bus-back ad

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memorandum

DATE: JANUARY 17, 2017

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: JOHN MACKENZIE, DEPUTY CITY MANAGER, PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT

RE: COMMUNICATION
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CITY WIDE

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CW (Wg) - January 18 / 2017
ITEM - 2

Recommendation:

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Background:

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Accordingly, staff is recommending that Item No. 2, Report No. 4 on the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) - January 18, 2017, entitled York Region Rapid Transit Update, be deferred the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting on March 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,


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Deputy City Manager, Planning & Growth Management


ANDREW PEARCE,
Director Development Engineering & Infrastructure Planning

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Stephen Collins, Deputy City Manager, Public Works
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