



# **Appendix F**

## **Project Newsletters**

# Infrastructure Master Plan Updates



Newsletter 1 - Fall 2006

## HOW ARE WE *PLANNING FOR TOMORROW?*

The Transportation Master Plan and Water & Wastewater Master Plan updates are two pieces of a much larger puzzle to address York Region’s population and employment growth between now and 2036.

In the past several years, the context of growth and planning has been changing in South Central Ontario. The changes are the result of a number of recent provincial initiatives, including the release of the Province’s Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, approval of the Greenbelt Plan and establishment of new growth forecasts. The Province’s population and employment growth targets have been updated and are more than our Regional estimates.

The Government of Ontario forecast that over the next 25 years, York Region will add 600,000 residents, expanding our population to 1.5 million people. Simultaneously, the Region is projected to add 340,000 jobs, increasing our employment base to 780,000.

To sufficiently plan for this growth with a sustainable approach, York Region, in partnership with our local municipalities and the Province, must address several key issues:

- How can we maintain and improve the health and safety of our residents?
- How can we protect and enhance our natural environment?
- How can we properly plan our communities?
- How can we preserve our vibrant economy?
- How can we best serve the transportation needs of our residents?
- How can we ensure our water and wastewater demands will be efficiently met?

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## A MESSAGE FROM

### YORK REGIONAL CHAIR & CEO, BILL FISCH

York Region is updating our Transportation and Water & Wastewater Master Plans and I look forward to your active involvement in this process. These Master Plans will serve as the “blueprints” for all major transportation and water & wastewater initiatives in the Region through to the year 2036. These updates are important undertakings – for the safety of our roads, efficiency of our transit system, quality of our water system and the economic well-being of our communities. Most importantly, the Master Plans must build on previous plans by addressing the growth challenges and strategies that will support sustainable development in York Region. This will complement other initiatives that we have championed to support the Regional goals of Sustainable Natural Environment, Economic Vitality and Healthy Communities.



I encourage you to get involved. Help plan York Region’s future!



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York Region's Growth Management Initiative called *Planning for Tomorrow* will serve as the Region's sustainability "blueprint", guiding our infrastructure needs for roads, transit, water and wastewater to position us to address future needs and challenges. Sustainable development is vital for the Region to manage our growth, ensuring that all of our initiatives aim to simultaneously create environmental, social and economic benefits and value. This is referred to as York Region's "Triple Bottom Line" approach.

In co-ordination with the Growth Management Initiative and to address the Province's growth forecasts, York Region is updating its infrastructure master plans. This newsletter is the first in a series designed to inform you about York Region's Transportation Master Plan and Water & Wastewater Master Plan updates, provide you with ideas and options as the studies progress and advise you on how to get involved.

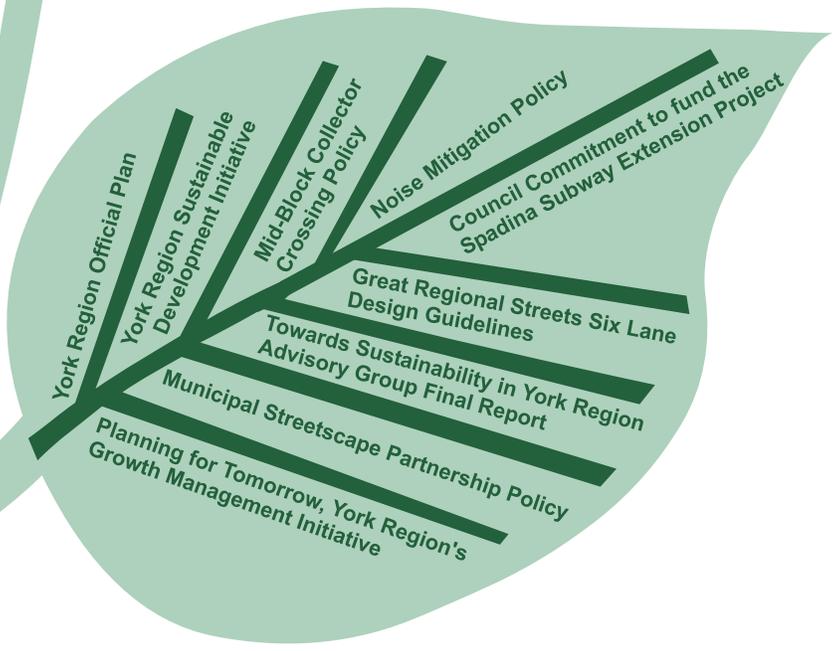


"TRIPLE BOTTOM LINE" APPROACH

## YORK REGION'S SUSTAINABILITY CONTEXT



The Transportation Master Plan update will complement several ongoing Regional and Provincial development initiatives.



**Sustainable Development:**  
"Development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own."  
- Brundtland Commission, 1987

# Transportation Master Plan Update



## A TRANSPORTATION “BLUEPRINT” FOR THE REGION

York Region is updating the 2002 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to enhance our ability to provide long-term support to our growing communities through to the year 2036. The TMP update is needed to address new Provincial growth projections and ensure that existing transportation decisions and policies are consistent with recent development trends and legislative changes. It is also being undertaken to further address the transportation opportunities and challenges first identified in the 2002 TMP. Conducting ongoing reviews and updates will ensure that the TMP continues to work towards the goals of a sustainable natural environment, economic vitality and healthy communities while providing affordable and efficient transportation systems. With a sustainability focus, the TMP update will prioritize the Region’s short, medium, and long-term transportation goals through to 2036.

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS TO DATE

York Region’s 2002 Transportation Master Plan was awarded the Transportation Association of Canada’s Sustainable Urban Transportation Award in recognition of its integration of land use and transportation growth management policies. The Region is proud of this accomplishment and looks forward to building on our success during this new undertaking.

In 2002, there was a general acknowledgement that the existing Regional road network would start to degrade without appropriate policies and plans to significantly improve transit services and sustainable land uses.

In response to this, York Region carried out several sustainable transportation initiatives, including:

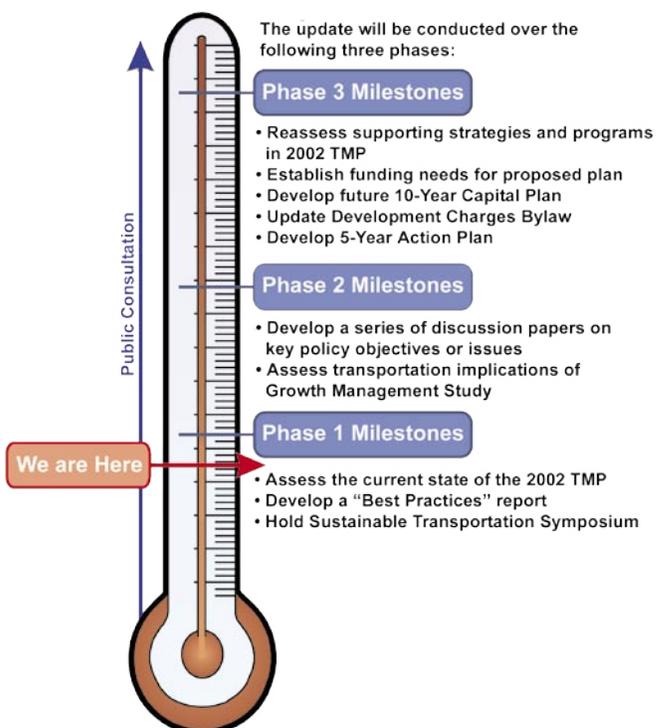
- York Region Transit (YRT) service expansion
- Viva - the first phase of a Bus Rapid Transit system
- Environmental Assessment for a subway extension and rapid transit service
- Five-Year YRT Service Plan
- 250 lane-kilometres of new arterial roads
- 109 new signalized intersections
- Support for a Regional Official Plan Amendment
- Transit oriented development guidelines
- Cycling & Pedestrian Master Plan
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives

## STUDY PROCESS

The TMP update will adhere to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Master Planning process. The study will be conducted in two parallel streams:

- Technical Analyses
- Public Consultation

These will be coordinated and integrated with the Growth Management Initiative, and follow the three phases outlined below:



## HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED IN THIS STUDY?

Both public and stakeholder involvement will be critical to the success of our Master Plan updates. Our Public Outreach Program will actively involve residents, key stakeholders and the local municipalities of the Region. The elements of the consultation program include:

- A regularly updated project Web page
- A Technical Advisory Committee comprised of key agency, municipal and regional staff
- A series of focus groups
- Project newsletters updating the study's progress at key milestones
- Public Consultation Centres designed to engage the public in every York Region municipality

## FIND US ON THE INTERNET

To keep you informed, we've set up a study Web site at [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca) under Services → Regional Planning → Infrastructure.



Throughout the duration of the study, the Web site will be used to distribute key study material and information.

Please bookmark our site and visit it often. Our goal is to use the Internet to provide information to the public and also to receive invaluable public input through interactive applications. Should you have comments or suggestions on how the Web site can be improved, please let us know.

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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## WHAT IS A MASTER PLAN?

The Transportation, Water & Wastewater Master Plan Updates will follow the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process prescribed by the Ministry of Environment. Master Plans are long range plans that integrate infrastructure requirements for existing and future land use with environmental assessment principles. These plans examine the entire infrastructure system as a group of related projects, or an overall system, in order to strategically plan out the future needs of the Region.

This overall planning approach recognizes that there are real benefits to the process when long-range comprehensive studies are undertaken for projects that have some common elements. Master planning provides the Region with a complete framework where the need and justification for specific projects can be established and the environmental assessment process initiated.



# UPDATE Water and Wastewater Master Plan



Toward a Sustainable Region | York Region's Water and Wastewater Master Plan | November '06



## Toward a Sustainable Region

Clean and safe water is essential for public health, community safety, and environmental sustainability.

Being updated as part of the York Region's Growth Management Initiative *Planning for Tomorrow* several infrastructure Master Plans are scheduled for updating in 2006. The 1st round of Public Consultation Meetings was held on November 21, 22, and 23 2006 in the municipalities of Aurora, Georgina, and Vaughan. The study team anticipates the 2nd round of public meetings will be scheduled for Spring 2007 in the municipalities of East Gwillimbury, King, and Markham. To complete the Master Plan Update Study, a 3rd round of Public Consultation Meetings will be held in Fall 2007 in the municipalities of Newmarket, Whitchurch-Stouffville, and Richmond Hill. The time and locations of these meetings will be announced at least one month prior to the events. As well, the Water Efficiency Master Plan will be wrapping up with public consultations in November 2006.

### Water and Wastewater Master Plan - Just the Facts!

- The plans are updated about every five years.
- The plans are conducted as 'studies' and look at various servicing options to meet growth demands.
- Master Plans will guide infrastructure needs for the next 40 to 50 years.
- Master Plan studies follow the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process developed by Municipal Engineering Association and approved by the Ministry of Environment.
- Estimated completion date for York Region's Master Plans is 2008

### Factors Influencing York Region's Plan

New provincial legislation relating to the natural environment and the changing urban structure of York Region will play a lead role in this Master Plan update. Legislation impacting York Region's Plan include: The Places To Grow Act, 2006. The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, 2002. The Greenbelt Protection Act, 2004. Clean Water Act.

York's Growth Management initiative will influence the water and wastewater plans by challenging engineers to design a water system that is sustainable from anecological health point-of-view and can operate efficiently from a cost-recovery perspective.





## Realizing Sustainable Infrastructure

The Master Plan will use a sustainability approach within the study that critically examines a “Triple Bottom Line” as indicators of success. Like an accountant’s balance sheet, a triple bottom line looks at three types of goals for the Region: social well being, economic strength and environmental health. Social, economic, and environmental indicators will combine to score the success of proposed recommendations for servicing.

The Master Plans will also work toward building the sustainability of existing Regional successes, such as the *Water for Tomorrow* Water Efficiency Program, the Greening Strategy, Oak Ridges Moraine initiatives and the Regional Official Plan that embodies the Smart Growth Principles.

## Members of the Public are WELCOME to get involved in the Plan!

A successful Master Plan is only as good as those who are making it happen! That’s why it is critical to hear your views about how we should design and operate York Region’s water and wastewater systems. We want your input:

- How do we provide infrastructure and servicing in a way that protects ecological corridors?
- Which Master Plan options will best protect York Region’s valuable aquifers?
- What should the Region do to address the potential impacts of global warming?
- What principles and criteria will make the plan more sustainable?

## York Region’s Public Consultation Plan Will:

- Provide information to assist the public to make informed decisions
- Listen to and evaluate public input
- Document public comments
- Let participants know how their views will be addressed



[www.york.waterwastewatermasterplan.ca/](http://www.york.waterwastewatermasterplan.ca/)





# Transportation and Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update Studies

**Transportation  
Master Plan  
Update**



**UPDATE  
Water and  
Wastewater  
Master Plan**



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## It's Time Again to Seek Input from the Public

The Regional Municipality of York initiated the first phase of the Master Plan Study Updates for Water and Wastewater Servicing and Regional Transportation in the fall of 2006. These studies are being updated in partnership with York Region's Growth Management and Sustainability Initiative which will adapt to a series of new and approved Provincial plans. The Provincial framework has profoundly changed the way planning and development occurs in Ontario.

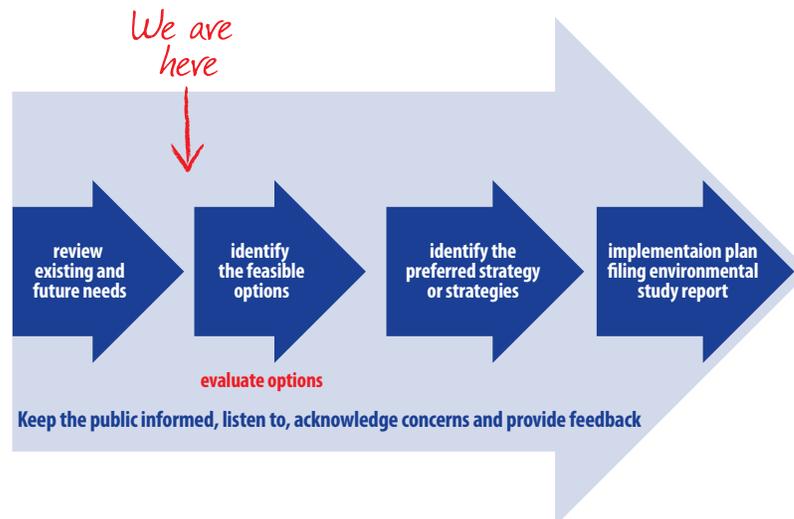
Over the last year, we have completed numerous activities for both Master Plans. This has included:

- Working with community partners to develop Sustainability Principles to guide the Transportation Master Plan Update and the Water and Wastewater Master Plan
- Engaging community groups, technical experts, university specialists, Provincial authorities and international associations on various aspects of both master plans
- Examining how *Places to Grow* and other Provincial legislation will impact the future of York Region
- Analyzing population projections and future land-use scenarios to evaluate the Region's infrastructure needs
- Developing a Best Practices Review that incorporates sustainable transportation practices across North America, and identifying initiatives with the greatest potential for application in York Region
- Assessing the Region's existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane system, and developing general guidelines to implement HOV lanes
- Studying the most current data available on traffic flows, wastewater flows and water supply and demand
- Developing strategies to service the Region based on design criteria and recommendations from the public and project experts on water and wastewater infrastructure requirements

With the previous stage of these studies now completed, residents can now examine the study findings and provide comments to be considered by study teams in advance of final recommendations for the servicing plans and the implementation of new policies and programs.

Public consultation is critical to the overall success of these Master Plans. Residents and business owners have a wealth of knowledge that can assist our Region as we plan for the future of water, wastewater and transportation services for the next 30 years.

## Master Plan Study Process



# Second Round of Public Meetings Scheduled

The first round of Public Consultation Centres (PCCs) was completed in the fall of 2006, with the study team visiting Aurora, Keswick and Vaughan. They dealt primarily with defining the study objectives and scope of the work under consideration.

The PCCs were well attended, with excellent feedback and suggestions provided by the participants. The comments received have already been taken into consideration as part of the Master Plan study process.

The second round of PCCs is scheduled for fall 2007 when the study team will visit East Gwillimbury, Markham and King City. Input from all parts of York Region will be essential in guiding the project and residents are encouraged to attend any of these meetings to provide input.

## The next PCC Dates and Locations are:

Tuesday, November 6th East Gwillimbury	Town of East Gwillimbury Civic Centre 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon Council Chambers
Thursday, November 15th Town of Markham	Markham Civic Centre (Anthony Roman Centre) 101 Town Centre Boulevard, Markham Council Chambers
Wednesday, November 21st Township of King	King City Community Centre 25 Doctors Lane, King City Auditorium, 2nd Level (Arena)

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Open House  
7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Presentation  
7:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. - Facilitated Discussion

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or the Water and Wastewater Update,  
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Seeking Input from the Public

## Objectives of the Infrastructure Master Plans

The Transportation Master Plan and Water and Wastewater Master Plan are components of our Growth Management Strategy to address York Region's population and employment growth between now and 2036. Master Plans are long-range plans that integrate infrastructure requirements for existing and future land use with environmental assessment principles. These plans examine the entire infrastructure system as a group of related projects, or an overall system, in order to strategically plan the infrastructure needs of the Region. These studies will update the approved Transportation Master Plan (2002), Wastewater Master Plan (2002), and Water Master Plan (2004).

### Water and Wastewater Master Plan Study objectives include:

- Forecasting water and wastewater needs for the next 40 to 50 years
- Addressing servicing demands to protect the natural environment and existing ecological corridors
- Estimating infrastructure costs
- Preparing a detailed implementation plan for the capital construction program

### Transportation Master Plan Study objectives include:

- Addressing traffic congestion
- Providing reliable, convenient transportation choices
- Ensuring the transportation needs of the elderly and zero-car households are met
- Mitigating air pollution
- Facilitating healthy lifestyles
- Making residents more aware about transit, carpooling and other alternative modes of travel

## What We Heard in the First Round of Public Meetings

The first round of Public Consultation Centres (PCCs) was completed late last year. We engaged many residents over the course of three nights. The key issues raised for each Master Plan included:

### Water and Wastewater

- Water conservation and water recycling
- Cost of infrastructure renewal
- Capacity of existing infrastructure
- Defining sustainability
- Aquifers vs. surface water
- Phosphate management
- Intra-basin water transfers



### Transportation

- Intensify major arteries such as Yonge Street
- Develop liveable communities that do not rely on the automobile
- Reduce urban sprawl development
- Develop high order transit, including bus rapid transit and subways, along major corridors
- Increase transit routes and service frequency
- Incorporate bicycle lanes on existing roads
- Stop focusing on road widening projects
- Develop incentives or disincentives to reduce single occupant driving

***There was strong support for sustainable transportation and water and wastewater infrastructure.***

# Sustainable Infrastructure Planning: The Foundation of the Master Plans

York Region has developed a corporate-wide, long-term vision embodied in our Sustainability Strategy - *Towards a Sustainable Region*. The strategy provides a long-term framework for making smarter decisions about growth management and municipal responsibilities that better integrate the economy, environment and community.

The Transportation and Water and Wastewater Master Plans will use the 'Triple Bottom Line' approach (economy, environment and community) within the studies to determine servicing and program alternatives that meet this sustainable vision.

York Region's approach in coordination with the Sustainability Strategy includes the development of specific "Sustainability Principles" for the Transportation and Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update studies.

## What Does Sustainability Mean?

- Evaluating the community, environmental and economic effects of our actions
- Making smarter decisions about our lifestyles, community design, infrastructure and finances
- Thinking differently, and being more innovative and collaborative
- Leaving our communities, our Region and our world in a healthy state for our children and grandchildren



## Sustainability Principles for Infrastructure Master Plan Update Studies

Each study team for the Master Plan updates has developed a set of study-specific sustainability themes to guide the preferred solutions for servicing transportation, water and wastewater needs in York Region.

### Water and Wastewater

1. Ensuring safe and clean drinking water
2. Maintaining healthy watersheds
3. Respecting our natural and cultural heritage
4. Using water wisely
5. Protecting community well-being
6. Providing full and equitable funding and value for money
7. Promoting timely and integrated service delivery
8. Planning for climate change and enhance energy efficiency
9. Encouraging more communication, consultation, and stakeholder engagement
10. Monitoring performance and using adaptive management

### Transportation

1. Integrating transportation and land use planning
2. Protecting and enhancing environment and cultural heritage
3. Supporting our economic well-being
4. Providing access and mobility for everyone
5. Adopting energy efficient transportation systems
6. Putting pedestrians and transit first
7. Implementing and supporting transportation demand management
8. Implementing and supporting transportation supply management
9. Ensuring fiscal sustainability and equitable funding
10. Encouraging more communication, consultation, and stakeholder engagement
11. Conducting ongoing performance measurement and monitoring

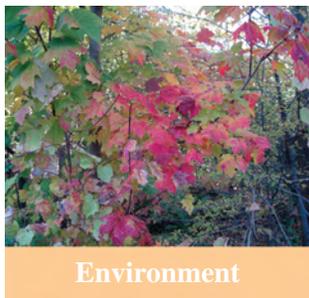
The Sustainability Principles are in draft form

# We appreciate your input

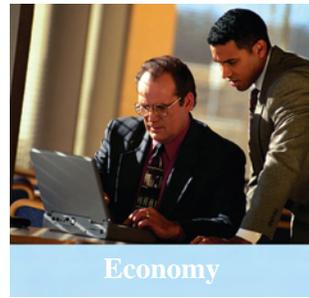
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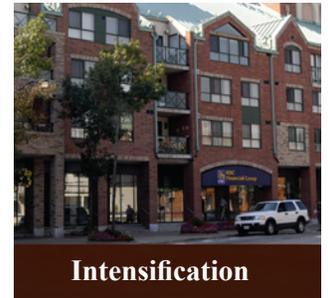
Growth



Environment



Economy



Intensification



## Integration of Sustainability Principles

In addition to the sustainability principles, York Region has defined common transportation and water and wastewater principles including:

1. Restoring and enhancing the natural environment and protecting First Nation and archaeological heritage
2. Meeting the needs of customers, while being cost-effective
3. Full and equitable funding of infrastructure and providing value-for-money in delivering services
4. Supporting economic growth through the timely delivery of services
5. Recognizing the reality of climate change and adapting the design and operation of services/facilities
6. Planning and implementing transportation and water and wastewater services in an open and transparent manner based on broad consultation, strong communications and the building of public consensus
7. Monitoring and reporting on transportation and water and wastewater services through a range of objective performance measures



Infrastructure



Quality of Life



Quality Communities

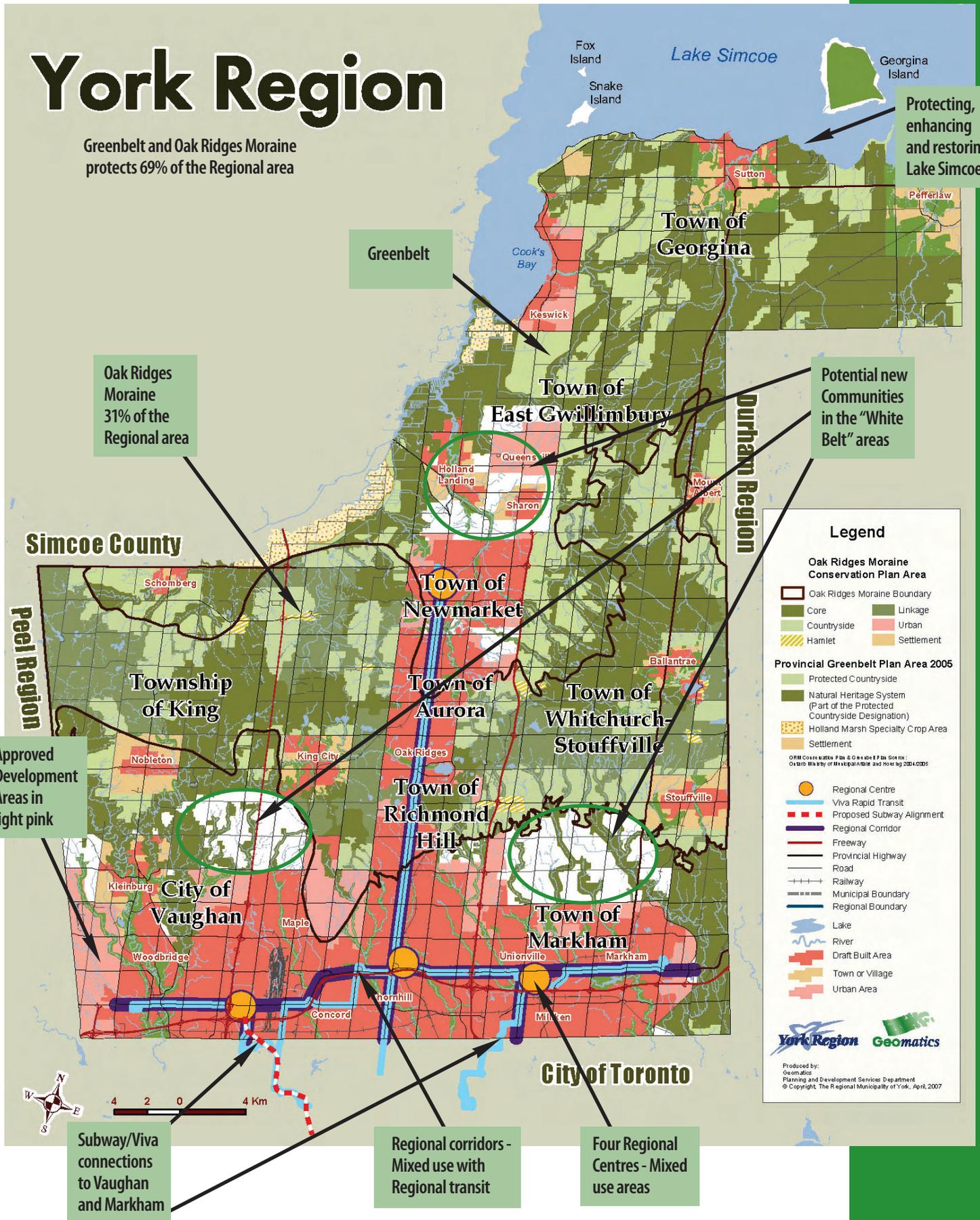


Fiscal Responsibility

# Opportunities and challenges for the Regional Growth Management Strategy

## York Region

Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine protects 69% of the Regional area



Protecting, enhancing and restoring Lake Simcoe

Greenbelt

Oak Ridges Moraine  
31% of the Regional area

Potential new Communities in the "White Belt" areas

Approved Development Areas in light pink

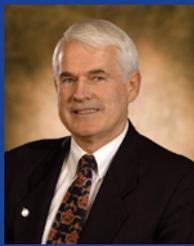
Subway/Viva connections to Vaughan and Markham

Regional corridors - Mixed use with Regional transit

Four Regional Centres - Mixed use areas



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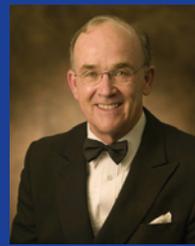
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Regional Councillor  
Joyce Frustaglio  
City of Vaughan

## Message from York Regional Council

York Regional Council is pleased to present our second Transportation and Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update newsletter. York Region faces a number of issues, including a fast-pace of growth, protecting and restoring our natural heritage system and providing supportive infrastructure and human services.



Regional Councillor  
Vito Spatafora  
Town of Richmond Hill

These challenges warrant a new and fresh approach to our operations and decision-making processes – a sustainability perspective. The Transportation and Water and Wastewater Master Plans support our overall Sustainability Strategy. They provide a model for municipal decision making that integrates the values of sustainable natural environment, healthy communities and economic vitality. This model also addresses the way we engage our public, monitor our progress and improve on our successes.



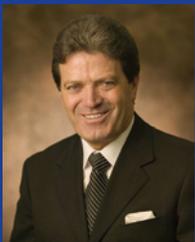
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Mario Ferri  
City of Vaughan

Before York Regional Council finalizes these Master Plans, we need your thoughts and comments. Your input is vital to the overall process.



Mayor  
Tony Van Bynen  
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## We encourage you to get involved. Help plan York Region's future!



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*Planning for Tomorrow*

York Region Growth Management

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# Moving on Sustainability

## Regional Initiatives

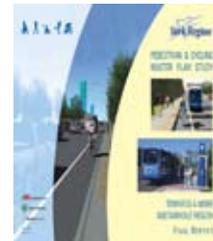
The Regional Municipality of York will remain a vibrant community by continuing to provide a reliable and efficient transportation system to move people and goods. Our communities are slated for significant growth over the next two decades. To accommodate this growth, transportation planning that includes new roads, transit and rapid transit services, alternate travel options and opportunities for more walking and cycling are paramount. This is what our Transportation Master Plan Update Study hopes to achieve.



York Region began the Transportation Master Plan Update in the spring of 2006. The Study is part of York Region's Growth Management and Sustainability Initiative, a program to bring the Region's growth management policies into conformance with the Provincial Growth Plan Places to Grow, as well as the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Greenbelt Plan. The provincial government has forecasted that York Region will grow to 1.5 million residents and 800,000 jobs by 2031. Through the integration of these studies, the Region has positioned itself to approach this growth in a more sustainable manner.

The Transportation Master Plan Update is one of many successful initiatives undertaken by York Region relating to growth management and sustainability. The others include:

- Public Transit and Viva Rapid Transit
- Water for Tomorrow
- Greening and Land Securement Initiatives
- Human Services Plan/Housing Strategy
- Sustainability Strategy
- Tom Taylor Place: Energy Efficient Affordable Housing
- Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan
- Corporate Clean Air Strategy
- LEED Buildings Program and Retrofits
- Smart Commute Initiative
- Centres and Corridors Strategy
- Water Diversion Strategy



## Activities to Date

In updating the Transportation Master Plan, we have:

- Collaborated with community partners to develop Sustainability Principles to guide the update
- Analyzed population and employment projections
- Developed a Best Practices Review of sustainable transportation practices for York Region
- Produced several Issue Papers to develop a better understanding of how the Region can address major features of the transportation system
- Conducted a comprehensive consultation program, including:
  - A public opinion survey of more than 1,000 York Region residents on transportation issues
  - Two rounds of Public Consultation Centres
  - Two stakeholder symposiums
  - Five Technical Advisory Committee meetings
  - Published a website of study materials
  - Three study newsletters

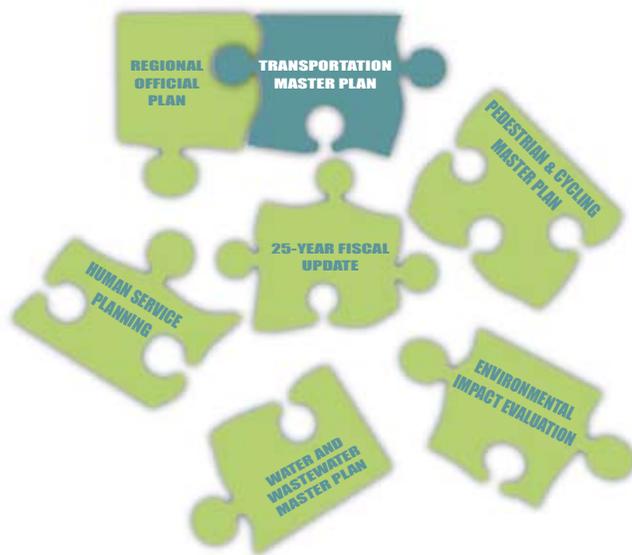


# A new approach to Transportation Planning!

## Study Objectives

Here is what we set out to do when we began this Study:

- Make sustainability the cornerstone of our Transportation Master Plan
- Integrate and co-ordinate infrastructure with other components of long range planning
- Confirm York Region's transportation needs for the next 30 years
- Estimate the cost of providing the infrastructure needed to accommodate forecasted growth
- Address the Region's transportation demands while providing solutions that protect the natural environment
- Establish an Implementation Plan



## Co-ordinated Effort

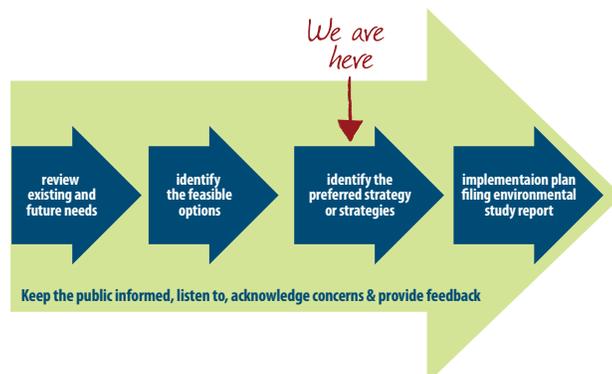
York Region is committed to an integrated and co-ordinated approach to planning. When complete, the Transportation Master Plan will be part of the Region's integrated approach to growth management.

Other key growth management initiatives include:

- Regional Official Plan
- Water and Wasterwater Master Plans
- Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan
- Human Services Plan
- 25-Year Fiscal Update
- Environmental Impact Evaluation

## Current Status

We have identified a preferred Transportation Network and Transportation Sustainability Strategy and would appreciate your feedback prior to finalizing the study.



# York Region 2031 Transit Network

## DRAFT

### Transit Network Improvements

- Existing GO Station
- Proposed GO Station
- Gateway to Transit Network
- Commuter / HOV Parking
- Regional Centres
- GO Rail Service
- 407 Transitway
- Rural Links
- Expressway Bus Service
- Subway Extension
- Rapid Transit Corridor
- Transit Priority Improvements
- TTC Rapid Transit

### LEGEND

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- Road
- Railway
- Municipal Boundary
- Regional Boundary
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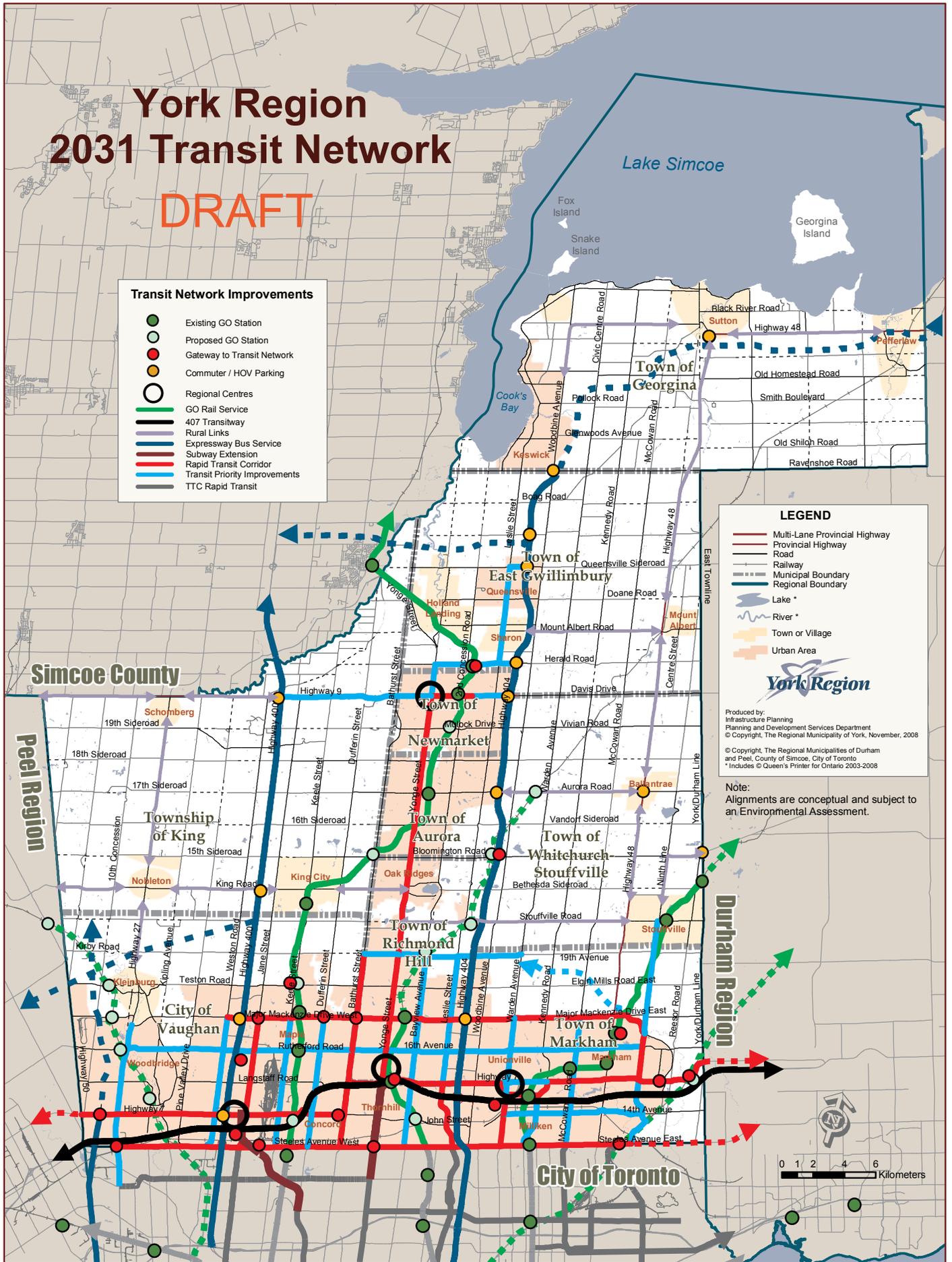
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# York Region 2031 Road Network DRAFT

**Road Network Improvements**

- Jog Elimination
- New or Improved Highway Interchange
- Special Study Area (see footnote)
- Regional Centres
- New Local/Regional Road
- Arterial Road Improvement
- Arterial Road Improvement to 6 lanes
- Road improvements to support Transit
- New Provincial Road
- Provincial Road Improvement

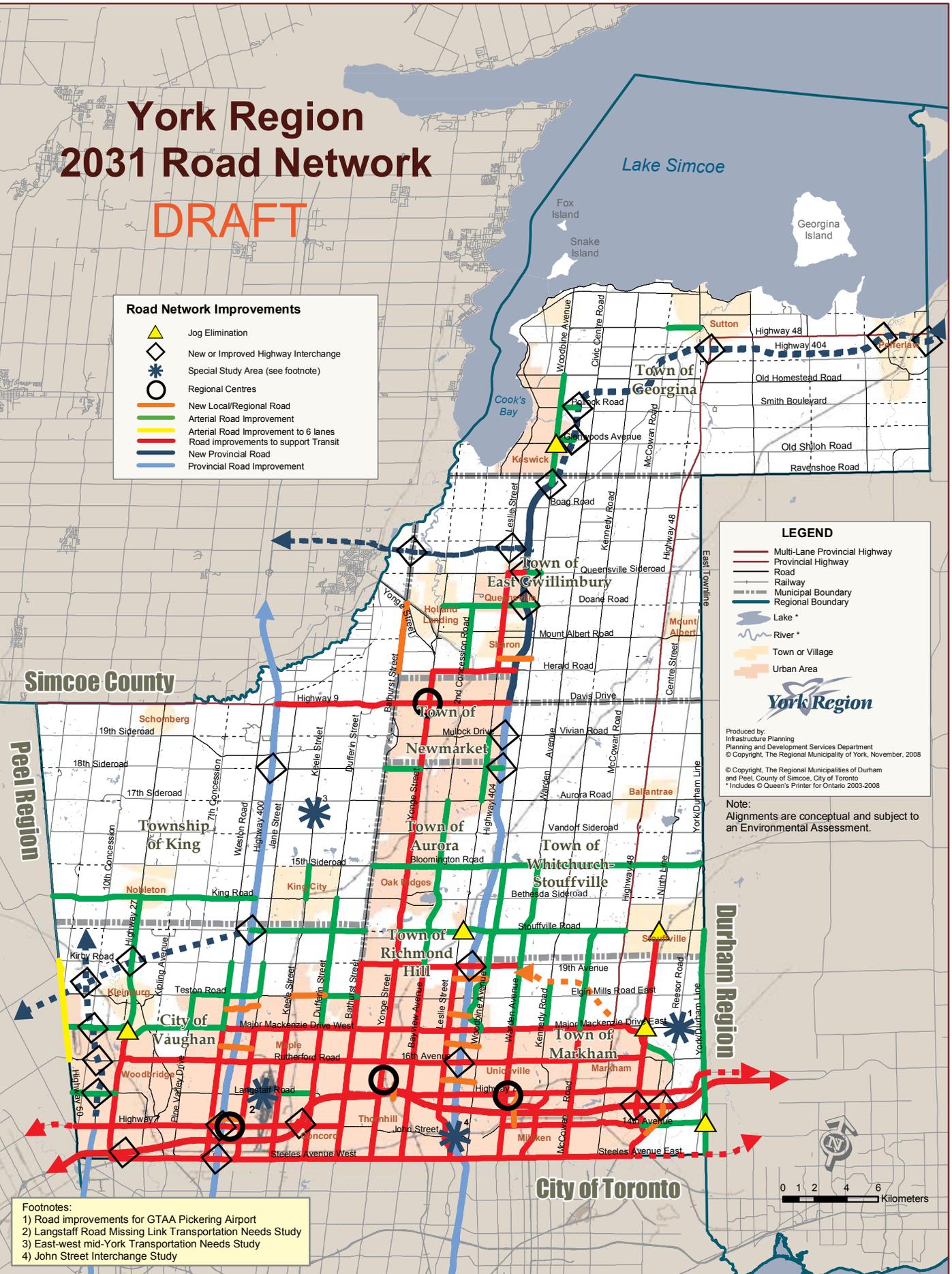
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**Footnotes:**

- 1) Road improvements for GTAA Pickering Airport
- 2) Langstaff Road Missing Link Transportation Needs Study
- 3) East-west mid-York Transportation Needs Study
- 4) John Street Interchange Study



## What we Heard from the Public

This past summer, EKOS Research Associates, an independent market research firm, conducted a telephone survey of more than 1,000 York Region residents to gauge their opinions on transportation issues facing the Region. The survey was designed to collect resident's views on traffic congestion, public transit and opinions on potential strategies.

In order to compare and contrast responses from residents of different municipalities, 250 residents were surveyed in each of four areas: Markham, Vaughan, Richmond Hill and the other six communities combined. This survey, in addition to the comprehensive public and stakeholder meetings, provided significant input to the development of the plan.

Key suggestions from the public and stakeholder meetings and survey included:

- Transportation and traffic congestion are most important issues in York Region
- Providing bold ideas and initiatives are required
- Public transit solutions are favoured
- Engaging residents is critical
- Expand the road network
- Consider other solutions - High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies and pedestrian and cycling networks
- We don't need more plans, we need more implementation

The results of the survey were used to help guide the Transportation Master Plan in developing practical strategies to address traffic congestion and future growth. For an electronic copy of the survey, please visit our website at [www.york.ca/tmp](http://www.york.ca/tmp)



## Proposed Policies & Strategies

More than 100 policies and strategies have been developed in the Transportation Master Plan. Some of the key initiatives include:

- Developing mixed land uses that support transit stations and corridors (such as an apartment building or condominium with offices and stores)
- Developing a framework to establish a Regional or Municipal Parking Authority that would set parking policy within York Region
- Adopting a "Putting Pedestrians and Transit First" policy into the Official Plan
- Aggressively implement our Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan
- Developing new approaches to market sustainable transportation programs and initiatives to youth, the elderly, the disabled and various ethnic groups
- Pursuing creative funding strategies that support sustainable transportation initiatives

To learn more about the policies and strategies and draft network plans, please attend one of our upcoming community meetings.

# You're Invited!

## York Region Transportation Master Plan Update Community Meetings

York Region is pleased to host open house meetings in five communities to outline the Master Plan's draft recommendations. The study team will be on-hand in each community to present the recommendations, followed by a question-and-answer period and one-on-one discussions.

The schedule is as follows:

DATE	LOCATION
Wednesday, November 12th Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville	Latcham Hall 8 Park Drive South
Tuesday, November 18th City of Vaughan	Vaughan Council Chambers 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Thursday, November 20th Town of Markham	Markham Council Chambers 101 Town Centre Boulevard
Tuesday, November 25th Town of Newmarket	Newmarket Council Chambers 395 Mulock Drive
Thursday, November 27th Town of Richmond Hill	York Region South Service Centre- Rooms ABC 50 High Tech Road, 1st Floor

### MEETING AGENDA

6 p.m. to 7 p.m. - Open House / 7 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. - Presentation / 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Facilitated Discussion

### Other Ways to Provide Input

Those unable to attend the upcoming community meetings can provide input by contacting the Region's Manager of Transportation Planning:

**Loy Cheah, P.Eng.**

Email: [masterplan@york.ca](mailto:masterplan@york.ca) | Phone: 905 830-4444 ext 5024 | Toll Free: 1 877 464-9675 ext 5024 | Fax: 905 895-0191



### For More Information

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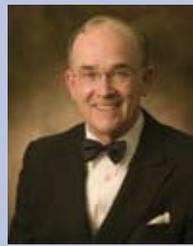
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## MESSAGE FROM YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL



Regional Councillor  
Joyce Frustaglio  
City of Vaughan

The Regional Municipality of York remains one of the fastest growing communities in Canada and is expected to continue to experience extensive growth over the coming decades. To ensure we meet our growing travel demands in an economically sound and environmentally sustainable manner, York Regional Council is determined to continue to work with residents, stakeholders and partners and further develop our transportation infrastructure.

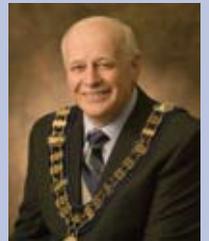


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Vito Spatafora  
Town of Richmond Hill



Regional Councillor  
Mario Ferri  
City of Vaughan

The Transportation Master Plan Update study incorporates the Province's significant increases in population and employment forecasts, changes in land use planning and environmental policies, in addition to the Region's growth management initiative, *Planning for Tomorrow*. The update also integrates our sustainability objectives – to preserve and enhance our natural environment, economic vitality and healthy communities while providing safe, affordable and efficient transportation for people and goods.



Mayor  
Tony Van Bynen  
Town of Newmarket



Regional Councillor  
Gino Rosati  
City of Vaughan

Throughout the study, York Region residents and stakeholders have provided valuable input to the study team that has worked hard to prepare draft policies, programs and transportation networks for recommended implementation over the next 30 years.



Regional Councillor  
John Taylor  
Town of Newmarket

Please share your thoughts and comments now – they are vital during this important planning process. Help plan York Region's future!



Mayor  
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Town of Georgina



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