

# HIGHWAY 7 CORRIDOR AND VAUGHAN NORTH-SOUTH LINK Transit Improvements Environmental Assessment (EA) Subway Alignment Selection Report

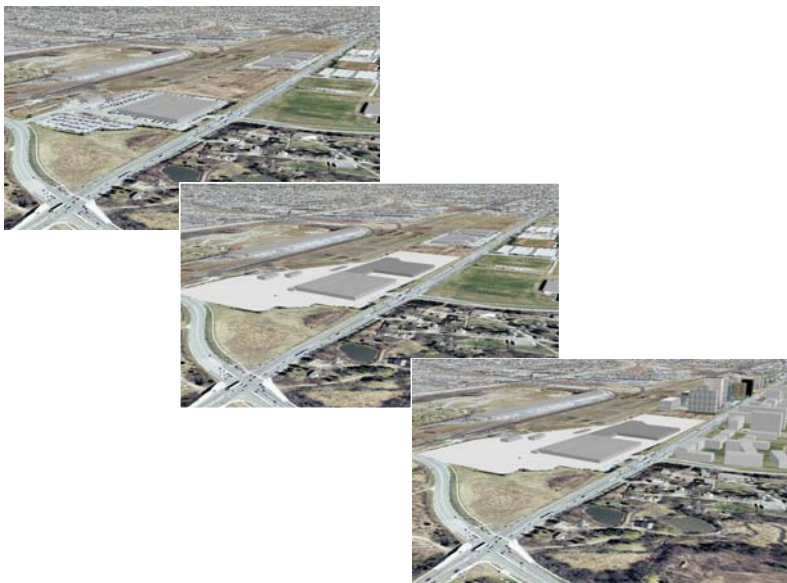
## City Shaping and Urban Form

### Vaughan Corporate Centre (VCC)



- The adoption of OPA 500 – Vaughan’s Corporate Centre Secondary Plan - and the Vaughan Corporate Centre Streetscape and Open Space Master Plan Study describe and substantiate the need for the VCC.
- The VCC, strategically located on Highway 7 and Jane Street is one of four key pivotal emerging mixed use town centres in the Regional Municipality of York.
- The sustainability of GTA growth is founded on successful implementation of these major new centres and is a cornerstone of the provincial “Places to Grow Strategy”.
- The VCC Secondary Plan supports the broader Regional goals for city-building via a “Centres and Corridors” urban structure.
- The Region’s goal is to establish a transit supportive land use plan that includes a series of urban centres and provides broad direction to the public and private sectors with respect to street and block patterns, land use, building height and density, and urban design.

### Steeles Avenue Corridor



- There is significant development activity occurring in the Steeles corridor area, reinforcing the vitality of the surrounding areas.
- The planned transit extensions to and through the Steeles Ave corridor, combined with the potential investment by York University along its Steeles Avenue frontage, will change the historic orientation of the Steeles corridor as an area for predominantly lower density employment uses.
- The City of Vaughan’s Steeles Avenue Corridor – Land Use Review sets out the following objectives for this corridor:
  - Create a compact, mixed use precinct, centred on the future rapid transit station.
  - Concentrate worker and resident population within a 10 minute walking distance of the transit station.
  - Ensure future residential neighbourhoods are adequately served by community amenities such as schools, parkland, libraries, emergency services and recreational facilities.

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