

Notice of Public Consultation Centre Environmental Assessment Vaughan North-South Link Subway Extension

As one of the fastest growing municipalities in Canada, the Regional Municipality of York must ensure that its ever-increasing population and robust economy can enjoy the timely and efficient movement of people and goods throughout the Region. To meet this demand, the Region's 2002 Transportation Master Plan called for the development of a transportation system consisting of both a rapid transit network and an enhanced road network. The rapid transit network included two major rapid transit corridors -- the Highway 7 and Yonge Street corridors; and two connecting links to Toronto -- the Markham and Vaughan north-south links.

In September 2005, York Region filed an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the **Vaughan North-South Link (VNSL)** with the Ministry of Environment (MOE). The EA provided an analysis of the situation and recommendations for the alignment of the subway extension that were presented in detail in Chapter 12. Similarly, in February, the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) submitted its EA but identified a different alignment for the subway line at the southern portion of the VNSL. Then in July, the MOE published its review of this EA process and set out a number of Conditions of Approval. One condition requires York Region to follow a public process to refine the subway alignment based on the results of the EA carried out by the TTC in an effort to optimize the alignment between Vaughan Corporate Centre and the TTC's Steeles West Station.

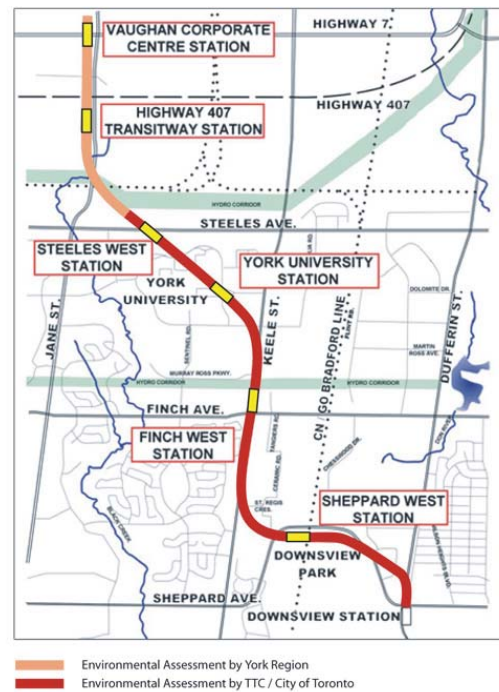
The initial steps in this task involved development of detailed alignment alternatives to achieve the link to the TTC alignment. Next, the alignments were refined and evaluated, and a preferred alignment was selected. Finally, the effects of this preferred alignment were identified and assessed.

The purpose of this Public Consultation Centre is to present the following:

1. Project Background
2. Alignment Alternatives
3. Evaluation of Alternatives
4. Selection of Preferred Alternative
5. Station Requirements
6. Assessment of Effects on the Environment

The success of the Region's study depends very much on public participation and input. You are invited and encouraged to attend the upcoming Public Consultation Centre.

Date: Tuesday, November 28, 2006
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Location: Black Creek Pioneer Village, North Theatre
1000 Murray Ross Parkway
Toronto, Ontario



To obtain further information on this study, please visit York Region's rapid transit Web site at www.vivayork.com or our homepage at www.york.ca. If you wish to have your name added to the project mailing list, or you have any questions or comments, please contact one of the individuals below:

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