

Highway 7 Regional Corridor – Concord

With the building of Highway 400 and the largest rail yard in Canada, the 1950s transformed Concord and York into a nationally-significant industrial and economic hub. Linked together by Highway 7, the corridor is a hub for prestigious employers and a centre for freight transportation and logistics.

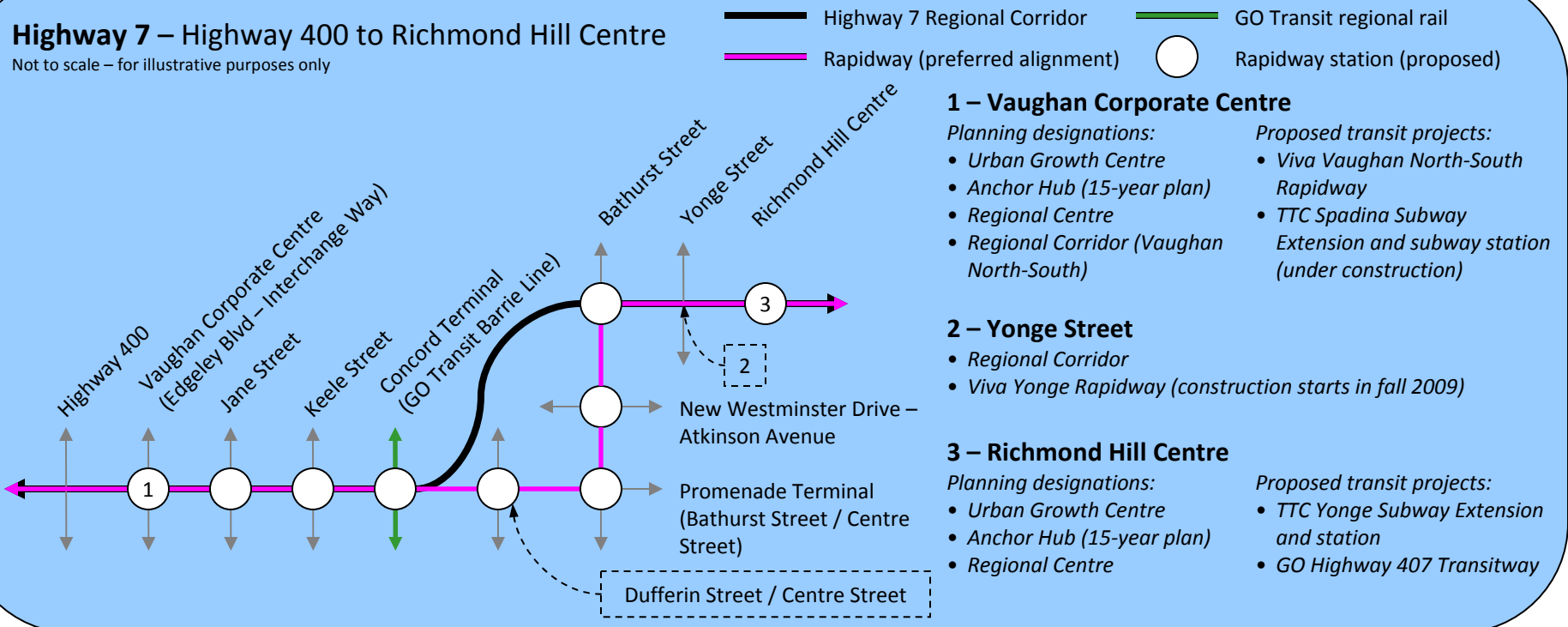
Planned to open in 2013, the Viva Highway 7 Rapidway will add to the corridor's strategic importance as a vital artery of trade and commerce. Connecting the industrial and transportation areas with the Vaughan Corporate Centre and the Spadina Subway Extension, the Rapidway will drive York's progress in city-building.

Statistics Canada 2006 Census

- 46,865 people live in census tracts along Highway 7 between Highway 400 and Yonge Street
- Where do area residents work?
 - 44.6% of residents work outside York Region
 - 12.5% work outside their municipality (Vaughan or Richmond Hill) but within York Region
 - 21.9% work within their own municipality (Vaughan or Richmond Hill)
 - 9.9% work at home
- How do area residents get to work?
 - 84.5% of residents drive or carpool to work
 - 12.3% take transit
 - 2.4% walk or cycle

Highway 7 – Highway 400 to Richmond Hill Centre

Not to scale – for illustrative purposes only



Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure

*Richmond Hill/Langstaff Gateway
Vaughan Corporate Centre*

- Designated as Urban Growth Centres
- Planned to achieve minimum densities of 200 residents and jobs per hectare by 2031

Highway 7

- Potential to be defined as an Intensification Corridor
- Calls for increased residential and employment densities to support and ensure the viability of existing and planned transit service levels
- Higher order transit proposed to 2031

CN MacMillan Yard (Highway 7 / Keele Street)

- Designated as an Inter-modal Facility
- Requires the establishment of priority routes for goods movement, where feasible
- Land uses in adjacent settlement areas are required to be compatible with and supportive of goods movement

The Big Move (Regional Transportation Plan)

Metrolinx

*Richmond Hill/Langstaff Gateway
Vaughan Corporate Centre*

- Designated as Anchor Hubs in the 15-year plan
- Located at the interchanges of several proposed rapid transit lines
- Forecasted to achieve a minimum of 10,000 people and jobs within an 800 metre radius circle

Regional Official Plan

The Regional Municipality of York

*Richmond Hill Centre (Yonge Street / Highway 7)
Vaughan Corporate Centre (Highways 400 / 7)*

- Identified as Regional Centres, serving as major focal points for urban development
- Densities should support an overall, long-term density target of 2.5 Floor Space Index

Highway 7 (Highway 50 to Reesor Road)

- Identified as a Regional Corridor

Local municipal planning studies

Richmond Hill Regional Centre Design and Land Use Study (Richmond Hill)

- Commenced in June 2008 to facilitate the development of the Regional Centre as a mobility hub
- Will create an area land use and design strategy in conjunction with the local Strategic Plan and Official Plan updates
- Design and land use options to be created by Q2 2009, with a preferred strategy recommended in September 2009, and implementation from Q3 2009 to Q1 2010

Vaughan Corporate Centre Update (Vaughan)

- Focused Area Study examining the Corporate Centre's existing Secondary Plan and create an updated comprehensive policy framework to maximize the site's development potential
- Will create urban design guidelines, a tall buildings policy, and a zoning by-law
- A planning services contract was awarded in December 2008; 16 month timeline for study

Viva Highway 7 Rapidway – my way is the highway

Have you ever wanted to speed past traffic and reduce commute times? VivaNext will make travelling on Highway 7 faster. Planned to open in 2013, VivaNext, the next generation of rapid transit in York Region, will take the Viva rapid transit vehicles out of traffic and into Rapidways, a series of dedicated lanes just for Viva, providing fast and reliable connections between Richmond Hill Centre, Promenade Centre, and Vaughan Corporate Centre. The Viva Highway 7 Rapidway will also link with the Spadina and Yonge Subway Extensions and with all-day GO Transit train services.

Construction of the Highway 7 Rapidway from Jane Street to Kennedy Road begins in fall 2009. Please see www.vivayork.com for more details.

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