

# Highway 7 Regional Corridor – Woodbridge

Woodbridge's growth is linked with improvements in transportation; in 1908, the Canadian Pacific Railway connected Woodbridge with York, proving a faster and more reliable method to travel. The paving of Woodbridge Avenue in 1912 made it possible to ride comfortably in the heart of the village. Finally, the opening of Highway 7 in the early 1930s connected Woodbridge with the flow of trade and commerce across York.

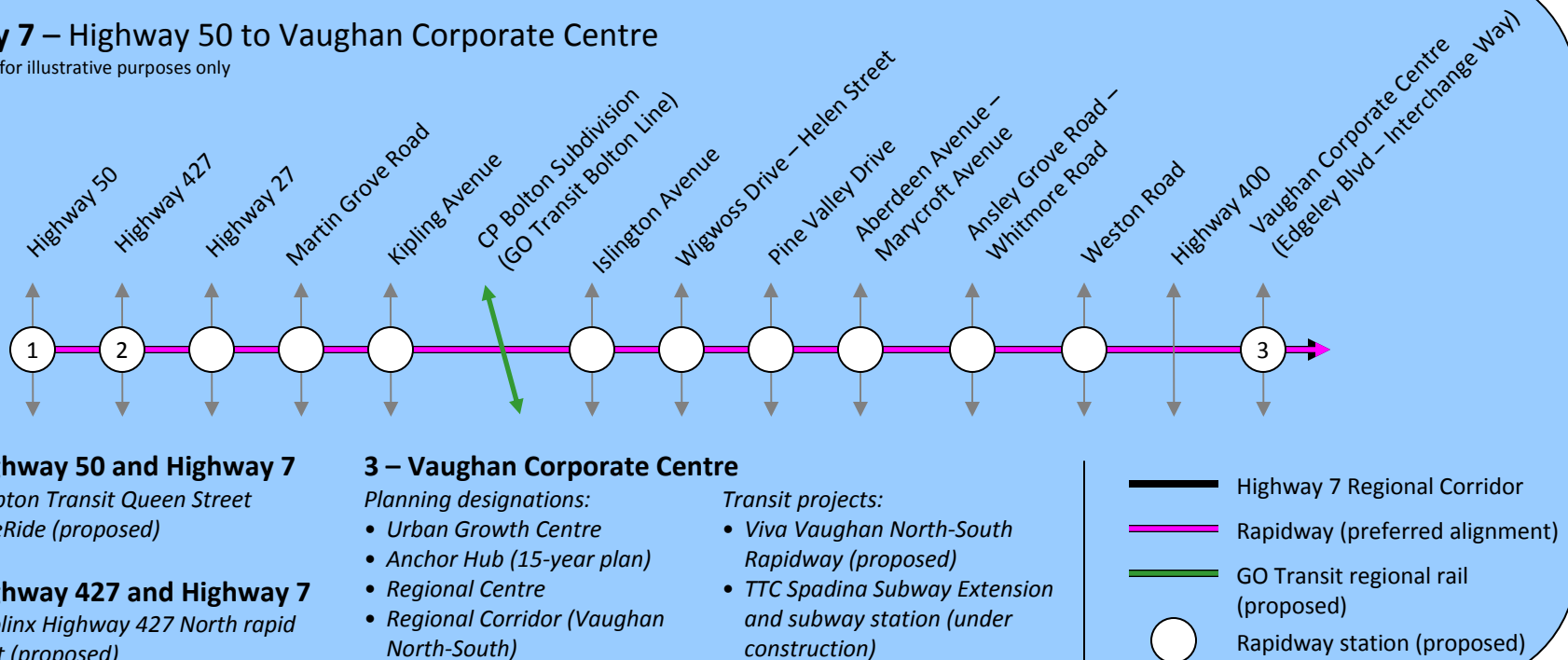
Woodbridge's future is still connected to Highway 7. The Viva Highway 7 Rapidway, linking Woodbridge and Vaughan with York and the Greater Golden Horseshoe, will accelerate York's city-building by providing a fast and reliable connection to jobs and shopping at the Vaughan Corporate Centre, and to York University via the Spadina Subway Extension.

## Statistics Canada 2006 Census

- 31,116 people live in census tracts along Highway 7 between Highway 50 and Highway 400
- Where do area residents work?
  - 45.1% of residents work outside York Region
  - 4.2% work outside of Vaughan but within York Region
  - 33.4% work within Vaughan
  - 4.8% work at home
- How do area residents get to work?
  - 92.1% of residents drive or carpool to work
  - 5.3% take transit
  - 2.1% walk or cycle

## Highway 7 – Highway 50 to Vaughan Corporate Centre

Not to scale – for illustrative purposes only



**Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe**

Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure

*Vaughan Corporate Centre*

- Designated as an Urban Growth Centre
- Planned to achieve, by 2031 or earlier, a minimum density target of 200 residents and jobs combined per hectare

*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

**The Big Move (Regional Transportation Plan)**

Metrolinx

*Vaughan Corporate Centre*

- Designated as an Anchor Hub in the 15-year plan
- Located at the interchange of two proposed rapid transit lines:
  - Viva Highway 7 Rapidway
  - TTC Spadina Subway Extension
- 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

*Vaughan Corporate Centre (Highway 400 and Highway 7)*

- Identified as a Regional Centre, serving as a major focal point 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

**City of Vaughan planning studies**

*Vaughan Corporate Centre Update*

- Focused Area Study examining the Corporate Centre's existing Secondary Plan (Official Plan Amendment 500) 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

*Highway 7 Land Use Futures Study*

- Examined the Highway 7 corridor to identify development intensification nodes at key intersections
- Established a policy framework to guide intensification, including urban design and built form policies
- Implemented in June 2007 through Official Plan Amendment 661, amending the existing *Woodbridge Community Plan*

**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. 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 Woodbridge and Vaughan Corporate Centre by 2013, linking to the Spadina Subway Extension and further along Highway 7 to Yonge Street and Richmond Hill Centre, and towards York's western gateway later on, connecting to Brampton Transit's proposed AcceleRide rapid transit line.

Construction of the Highway 7 Rapidway from Jane Street to Kennedy Road begins in fall 2009. Please see [www.vivayork.com](http://www.vivayork.com) for more details.

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