



MEDIA RELEASE



Monday, February 6, 2012

YRT/Viva riders reminded to leave transit fare at home

The Regional Municipality of York providing free service on ALL YRT/Viva now through March 31

NEWMARKET – The Regional Municipality of York offer of two months of free transit service to any rider who uses any YRT/Viva route in York Region is now in effect. The offer of free travel throughout York Region is valid through Saturday, March 31, 2012.

In a commitment pledged by Regional Council last December to return strike savings back to taxpayers, the eight weeks of free transit service will benefit everyone affected during the labour dispute that disrupted YRT/Viva.

For those never trying transit in York Region, this incentive plan offers the perfect opportunity to experience our YRT/Viva system.

No form of currency, tickets or passes will be required to ride YRT/Viva between now through March 31. Residents are encouraged to leave their cars at home and let someone else take the wheel. Free rides also apply to Dial-a-Ride, Mobility Plus, TTC routes operating in York Region and GO Route 69 – Sutton GO Bus.

If you have already purchased a monthly pass for February 2012, it will be honoured during the month of April or can be returned for a full refund at YRT/Viva's head office (50 High Tech Road, Town of Richmond Hill).

As of this morning, **96 per cent** of YRT/Viva customers, or approximately 76,000 riders, have a route available to them, including all school specials.

Attached Fact Sheet provides an overview of YRT/Viva routes available now through Monday, February 27, 2012.

YRT/Viva continues to assist transit riders with travel options through the Customer Service Centre at **1-866-MOVE-YRT (668-3978)**. Ongoing updates are available on www.yrt.ca and www.york.ca Residents can also follow York Region on Twitter [@YorkRegionGovt](https://twitter.com/YorkRegionGovt) and Facebook www.facebook.com/YorkRegion

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Fact Sheet



Monday, February 6, 2012

YRT/Viva back on the road

Effective this morning **96 per cent** of YRT/Viva customers will have a route available to get them where they need to go.

Routes returning immediately serve the majority of our ridership and include all high school specials and service to York University. Major north/south and east/west corridors will be reinstated as will outlying communities reconnecting to major corridors.

The following routes will be back in service Saturday, February 4:

YRT routes operated by Miller Transit

1 – Highway 7	40 – Unionville Local	85/85A/85B – Rutherford
2 – Milliken	41 – Markham Local	86 – Weldrick-Newkirk
2A – 14 th Avenue	42 – Berczy South Unionville	87 – Langstaff-Maple
8 – Kennedy Road	45 – Mingay	90/90B – Leslie
9 – 9 th Line	81 – Inspiration	224B – Woodbine Avenue
15 – Stouffville Local	82 – Valley mede	
18 – Bur Oak	83/83A – Trench	

Viva routes operated by York BRT Services

Viva blue	Viva purple
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YRT routes operated by TOK Transit

55 – Davis Drive	98 – Yonge
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The following routes will be back in service Monday, February 6:

YRT routes operated by Miller Transit

201 – Markham GO Shuttle	400 – Brother Andre	441 – Richmond Hill
202 – Unionville GO Shuttle	401 – Brother Andre	444 – Langstaff
203 – Milliken GO Shuttle	404 – Father McGivney	445 – Saint Roberts
240 – Mill Pond GO Shuttle	409 – Markham District via Bur Oak	446 – Saint Theresa
241 – Beverley Acres GO Shuttle	410 – Markham District	447 – Saint Theresa
242 – North Richvale GO Shuttle	411 – Markham District via Box Grove	448 – Richmond Hill
243 – Redstone GO Shuttle	413 – Saint Roberts/Thornlea	449 – Richmond Green
300 – Business Express	414 – Unionville High/ Bill Crothers	450 – Saint Theresa
301 – Markham Express	415 – Stouffville	451 – Langstaff
302 – Unionville Express	418 – Pierre Elliot Trudeau	452 – Richmond Green
303 – Bur Oak Express	440 – Saint Theresa/Richmond Hill	

YRT routes operated by TOK Transit

22/22A – King City	420 – Newmarket via Savage
32 – Aurora South	421 – Newmarket via Stonehaven
33/33A – Wellington	422 – Huron Heights via Davis
51 – Keswick Local	423 – Newmarket
52 – Holland Landing Local	424 – Keswick
54 – Bayview	425 – Holland Landing-Huron Heights
56 – Gorham/Eagle	426 – G.W. Williams
57/57A – Mulock Drive	427 – Sacred Heart School
58/58A – Leslie North/ Leslie North via Mt. Albert	428 – G.W. Williams
	429 – Cardinal Carter

Viva routes operated by York BRT Services

Viva blue "A"	Viva pink
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The following routes will be back in service Sunday, February 26 and Monday, February 27:

YRT routes operated by TOK Transit

31 – Aurora North	53 – Woodspring/Clearmeadow	222 – Newmarket GO Shuttle
34 – Industrial Parkway	84A/84C – Oak Ridges	223 – Newmarket GO Shuttle
44 – Bristol-London	220 – Keswick GO Shuttle	

Viva routes operated by York BRT Services

Viva green	Viva orange
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