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For Immediate Release

The Regional Municipality of York celebrates the opening of new Highway 427 Regional Road Connection

Four-way partnership project with Peel Region, City of Vaughan and Government of Ontario

NEWMARKET – The Regional Municipality of York is hosting a ceremonial opening of the new \$5.4 million Highway 427 Regional Road Connection in the City of Vaughan on Tuesday, November 4th.

The new roadway was built in partnership with The Regional Municipality of Peel, the City of Vaughan and the Government of Ontario. It connects the northern end of Highway 427 (which currently ends at Highway 7) with Zenway Boulevard.

When: Tuesday, November 4th at 4 p.m.

Where: Highway 427 Regional Road Connection
Access from Zenway Boulevard (please see attached map)

Attending: York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch
Peel Region Chairman Emil Kolb
City of Vaughan Mayor Linda Jackson
Members of York Regional Council, Peel Regional Council and local councillors

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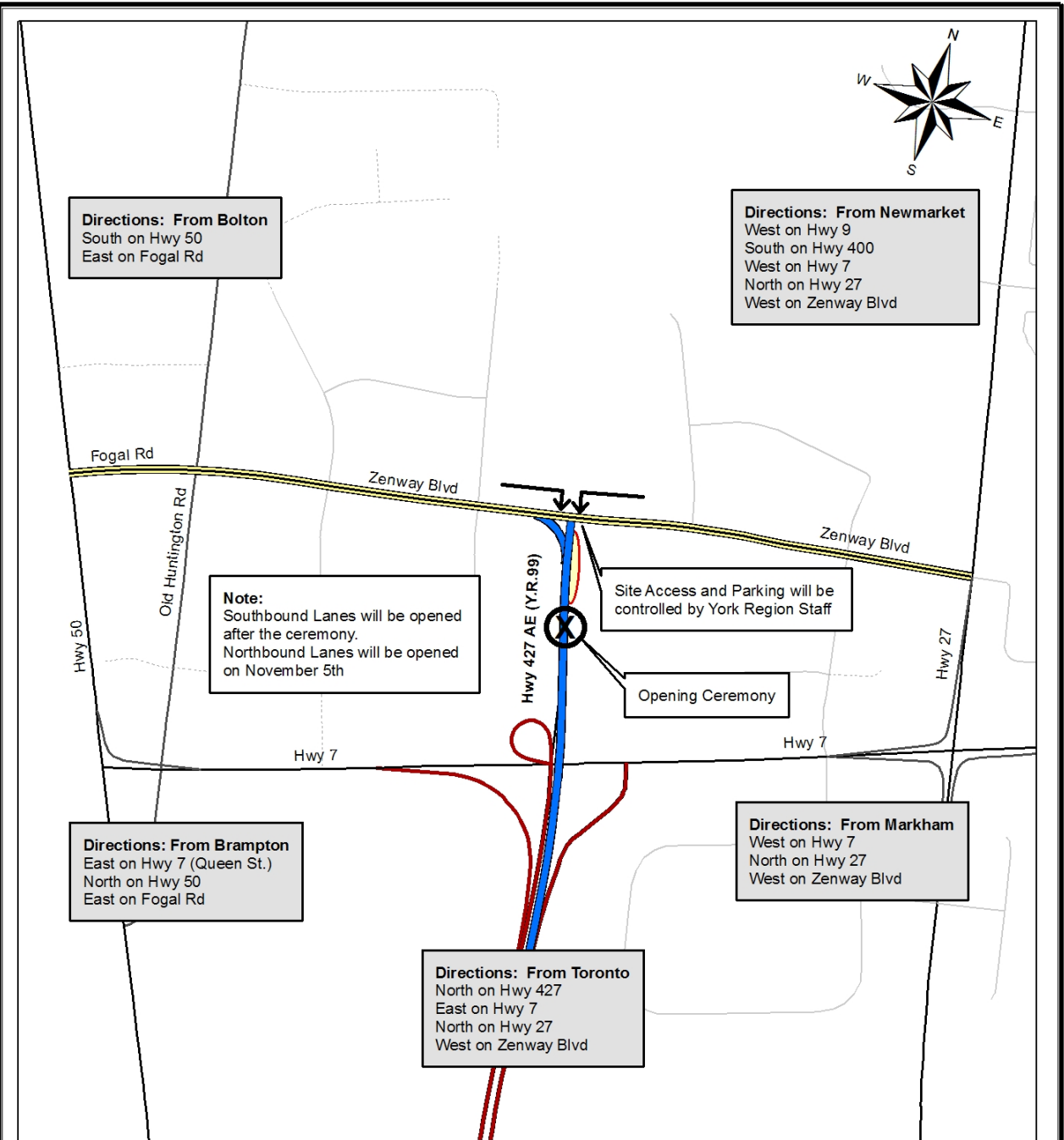
- The Highway 427 Regional Road Connection is an 800-metre interim four-lane road extension of Highway 427 from Highway 7 to Zenway Boulevard and includes a signalized intersection at Zenway Boulevard. It is designed to help reduce traffic congestion in the area until the Government of Ontario moves forward with plans for extension of Highway 427.
- Construction of the roadway was one of the recommendations of the 2001 York/Peel Boundary Area Transportation (BAT) Study, initiated jointly by York Region and Peel Region, to address growth needs in the area bounded by Steeles Avenue, Mayfield Road, Airport Road and Highway 27.
- In addition to the Highway 427 Regional Road Connection, the regional study recommended the construction of a four-lane collector road (Zenway Boulevard/Fogal Road) from Highway 50 to Highway 27, which opened two weeks ago.
- Funding for the Highway 427 Regional Road Connection was provided by York Region, Peel Region and the Government of Ontario. York Region, Peel Region, the City of Vaughan and local developers funded the Zenway Boulevard/Fogal Road project.

For more information on The Regional Municipality of York, please visit www.york.ca

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Hwy 427 Regional Road Connection OFFICIAL OPENING

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