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## The Regional Municipality of York opens new Highway 427 Regional Road Connection in City of Vaughan

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

**NEWMARKET** – York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch today joined Peel Region Chair Emil Kolb, City of Vaughan Mayor Linda Jackson and Regional and local councillors to celebrate the opening of the new Highway 427 Regional Road Connection in the City of Vaughan.

The new roadway, which will be opened to motorists in stages starting this evening, is an 800-metre interim four-lane road extension of Highway 427 from Highway 7 to Zenway Boulevard that 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 the extension of Highway 427.

“York Region recognizes the growing need for transportation infrastructure in this rapidly growing area in the City of Vaughan and we moved ahead with our partners to help reduce traffic congestion with this critical road extension,” said Chairman Fisch. “This new connection will provide extra road capacity and add another travel option for our motorists.”

Construction of the roadway was one of the recommendations of the 2001 York/Peel Boundary Area Transportation 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.

“Highway 50 sees over 1,300 southbound vehicles turn left onto Highway 7 during the peak morning hour,” said Chairman Kolb. “Peel Region with its neighbour has invested in the new Highway 427 connection for our residents and businesses to improve traffic flow vital to goods movement and our economy, and given its proximity to the airport and railway hubs.”

In addition to the Highway 427 Connection, the Boundary Area Transportation Study also recommended the construction of a four-lane collector road (Zenway Boulevard/Fogal Road) from Highway 50 to Highway 27, which opened two weeks ago. The Zenway Boulevard/Fogal Road component was jointly funded by York Region, Peel Region, the City of Vaughan and local developers (the ZZEN Group).

“This new roadwork is critical to support the growing transportation needs of residents and businesses in the City of Vaughan,” said Mayor Jackson. “By partnering with York Region, Peel Region and our local developers, I am pleased that we were able to provide such an essential transportation link for our taxpayers.”

In total, the Highway 427 Regional Road Connection cost \$5.4 million to build. York Region contributed \$2.2 million, Peel Region contributed \$2.2 million and the Government of Ontario provided \$1 million for infrastructure in York Region that the Region applied to the project.

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