



MEDIA RELEASE



Thursday, October 20, 2011

Possible labour strike may impact YRT/Viva October 24

Residents advised to plan ahead for Monday commute in the event of a service disruption

NEWMARKET – The Regional Municipality of York advises residents Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Locals 1587 and 113 may strike against YRT/Viva contracted operators Miller Transit, First Canada and York BRT Services at 12:01 a.m. Monday, October 24, 2011.

ATU Local 1587 representing Miller Transit and First Canada, and ATU Local 113 representing York BRT services have yet to reach respective agreements in ongoing collective agreement negotiations. If agreements are not reached between the parties before the strike deadline, the following services will be impacted:

Southeast Division (Miller Transit)

- 51 YRT routes in the Towns of Markham, Richmond Hill and Whitchurch-Stouffville, with some routes in the City of Vaughan

North Division (First Canada)

- 29 YRT routes in the Towns of Newmarket and Aurora with some routes in the Towns of Richmond Hill, East Gwillimbury and Georgina

Viva Division (York BRT Services)

- Five Viva routes operating in the Towns of Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket and the City of Vaughan

In the event of a strike, YRT/Viva staff will be available at terminals Monday morning to assist customers and provide trip planning guidance. YRT/Viva will outline alternate modes of transportation and extend Customer Service Centre hours at **1-866-MOVE-YRT (668-3978)**. Updates will be available on www.yrt.ca and www.york.ca Residents can also follow York Region on Twitter [@YorkRegionGovt](https://twitter.com/YorkRegionGovt) and Facebook facebook.com/YorkRegion for ongoing updates.

If a strike occurs, customers are encouraged to make alternate travel arrangements such as:

- Car pooling or alternate available YRT/Viva routes
- Use of north/south TTC routes in York Region
- Use of available GO Trains and Brampton Transit Züm services

Attachment: Media Backgrounder – YRT/Viva routes affected by potential labour strike

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1 – Highway 7	87 – Langstaff-Maple	410 – Markham District School Special
2 – Milliken	90/90B – Leslie	411 – Markham District via Box Grove School Special
2A – 14 th Avenue	201 – Markham GO Shuttle	413 – Saint Roberts/Thornlea School Special
8 – Kennedy Road	202 – Unionville GO Shuttle	414 – Unionville High/Bill Crothers School Special
9 – 9 th Line	203 – Milliken GO Shuttle	415 – Stouffville School Special
15 – Stouffville Local	240 – Mill Pond GO Shuttle	418 – Pierre Elliot Trudeau School Special
18 – Bur Oak	241 – Beverley Acres GO Shuttle	440 – Saint Theresa/Richmond Hill School Special
224B – Woodbine Ave. (weekends only)	242 – North Richvale GO Shuttle	441 – Richmond Hill School Special
40 – Unionville Local	243 – Redstone GO Shuttle	444 – Langstaff Secondary School Special
41 – Markham Local	300 – Business Express	445 – Saint Roberts School Special
42 - Berczy South Unionville	301 – Markham Express	446 – Saint Theresa School Special
45 – Mingay	302 – Unionville Express	447 – Saint Theresa School Special
81 – Inspiration	303 – Bur Oak Express	448 – Richmond Hill School Special
82 – Valleymede	400 – Brother Andre School Special	449 – Richmond Green School Special
83/83A – Trench	401– Brother Andre School Special	450 – Saint Theresa School Special
85/85A/B – Rutherford	404 – Father McGivney School Special	451 – Langstaff School Special
86 – Weldrick-Newkirk	409 – Markham District via Bur Oak School Special	452 – Richmond Green School Special

North Division operated by First Canada

22/22A – King City	55/55B – Davis Drive	420 – Newmarket School Special
31 – Aurora North	56 – Gorham-Eagle	421 – Newmarket School Special
32 – Aurora South	57/57A – Mulock Drive	422 – Huron Heights School Special
33/33A – Wellington	58/58A – Leslie North/ Leslie North via Mt. Albert	423 – Newmarket School Special
34 – Industrial Parkway	84A/84C – Oak Ridges	424 – Keswick School Special
44 – Bristol-London	98 – Yonge North	425 – Holland Landing School Special
51 – Keswick Local	220 – Keswick GO Shuttle	426 – Dr. G.W. Williams School Special
52 – Holland Landing	222 – Aurora-Newmarket GO Shuttle	427 – Sacred Heart School Special
53 – Woodspring-Clearmeadow	223 – Newmarket GO Shuttle	428 – Dr. G.W. Williams School Special
54 – Bayview North		429 – Cardinal Carter/Aurora School Special

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Viva routes operated by York BRT Services

Viva Blue / Blue 'A' (Yonge Street Corridor) Viva Purple (Highway 7 Corridor) Viva Green (Markham North-South Link weekday rush hour only)	Viva Orange (Vaughan North-South Link) Viva Pink (Finch-Unionville) – weekday rush hour periods only
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