



MEMORANDUM

TO: Lois Davies, Senior Program Manager

FROM: Piragal Thiru, Planner – Accessible Services

DATE: Feb 6, 2008

RE: **Volunteers needed to participate in the Travel training pilot program**

York Region Transit is proposing to launch a Travel Training program in Spring of 2008. Travel training is a support program that prepares people to make journeys safely and confidently on their own using public transit. It responds to individual needs and abilities with services ranging from familiarization group sessions on how to use transit to intensive one-on-one sessions to impart essential skills and verify that the trainee can safely use transit independently for important regular trips.

Travel training is for people of all ages and abilities who need additional knowledge and skills in order to use conventional YRT and Viva buses effectively. The following groups are potential candidates for York Region Transit's Travel Training Program:

- Individuals with physical disabilities
- People with certain sensory disabilities
- People with cognitive or intellectual disabilities
- Individuals with communication disabilities
- Seniors not familiar with taking transit

We are seeking volunteers to participate in this pilot project as either a participant or a trainer. It is expected of the participant to track and log their trips and to provide feed back on the training materials. If you know anyone who would be interested in participating, please contact me at (905) 762-1282 Ext 5826 or by e mail at piragal.thiru@york.ca.

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