

York Region Centres and Corridors Strategy – Detailed Action Plan Matrix

Action Area	Elements	Implementation Method/Product	Responsibility	Status/Timeline
Policy	Reflect the principles of a successful centre: • Vibrant • Mixed uses • Transit Supportive • Pedestrian oriented • Urban and site-plan design guidelines	Creation of Graphic images	Planning	Completed – Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham Potential - Newmarket
	• Density targets, urban design and streetscaping performance standards • Ensure development is phased in a logical manner with an emphasis on intensification and potential redevelopment. • Detailed Secondary Plans and tertiary plans if appropriate. • Direct office and service jobs to centres and corridors • Protect existing residential areas • Ensure greenland systems are maintained • Enshrine as-of right-development	Regional Official Plan Amendment	Planning	Consultations with local municipalities completed. Table draft amendment to Committee/Council January 7, 2004. Six public open houses held throughout March and April 2004. Status Report on draft ROPA 43 and Next Steps May 4, 2004 Statutory meeting June 24, 2004.
	• Establish a formal review process to co-ordinate and evaluate development proposals based on centre and corridor principles	York Region with local municipalities to establish review mechanism	Planning	2004-2005
	• Identify key opportunities for intensive development within the centres and corridors. • Pursue the Housing Supply Strategy to promote a range and mix of higher density housing options.	Intensification status report. Housing Supply Strategy	Planning Community Services and Housing	Intensification Status Report underway Housing Supply Strategy completed

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Policy	Work with the local municipalities to prepare detailed urban design guidelines	Urban Design Guideline Report	Planning	Long term workplan
Financial Policy and Tools	- Review non-residential DC rate structure for centres and corridors - Review residential DC rate structure for centres and corridors	York Region to conduct background study	Finance Planning	Terms of Reference January 2004 Project completion end of 2004
	Work with the local municipalities and school boards to review DC's in centres and corridors.	York Region to establish working group with local municipalities and school boards	Finance Planning	Awaiting completion of Regional study
	Examine options to accelerate key municipal infrastructure provision	York Region to establish Working Group	Planning, Finance, Transportation and Works	Ongoing
	Maintain the multi-residential tax class at levels equal to the residential tax class.	New development and existing development	Finance	Completed
	- Expand the Municipal Capital Facilities By-law. - Undertake a detailed TIF option	York Region/local municipal staff to examine By-Law and TIF options	Finance Planning Local municipalities Province (TIF)	TIF analysis underway
	Review land and density targets for population and employment within centres and corridors and detailed capital infrastructure requirements.	Revise traffic zone database and development tracking database	Planning T&W	2005
	Set up a staff group to consider a range of policy enhancements that require provincial approval and/or legislation changes	GTA staff working group to study nodes and corridors	Planning Finance	Preliminary reports presented to the Smart Growth Panel
	Build higher order rapid transit along Regional Corridors	YRTP	YRTP	Quick Start underway

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Infrastructure Investment	- Create special streetscaping in Centres and Corridors. - Enhance pedestrian design and safety - Review Region's design guidelines for road construction - Create close live-work opportunities in centres and corridors	Regional Official Plan Amendment Seven lane road study York Region with local municipalities	Planning, T&W	ROPA – June 2004
	Locate public buildings, community facilities, human services and institutional buildings in Regional Centres and Corridors	Work with local municipalities, school boards and human service organizations	Planning	Ongoing
	- Protect and acquire sites and right of ways for higher order transit services along corridors - Co-ordinate infrastructure investment with new development	YRTP Development review process	YRTP T&W Planning	Underway
Supportive Programs	Establish parking authorities to provide more control of supply and location of parking in the Centres and Corridors including establishing parking standards and initiatives that promote transit usage.	Work with local municipalities	Planning Local municipalities	Markham parking study underway
	TDM measures including further establishment of TMAs	GTA TDM Study	T&W, Transport Canada, GTA municipalities, private sector	\$7.7 million program to be shared by all participants announced November 26, 2003
	- Investigate bonus provisions under <i>Section 37</i>. - Investigate Community Improvement Plans under <i>Section 28</i>. - Establish a Development Permit Program under <i>Section 70.2</i>.	Legislative authority to implement <i>Planning Act</i> initiatives is that of the local municipalities ROPA Proposal to MMAH.	Local municipalities Planning Finance	2004-2005

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	- Establish Development Authority. - Partner with private sector regarding joint development around transit nodes.	York Region, local municipalities, YRTP, private sector.	YRTP, Planning, Local municipalities	Quick Start Phase 2
	- Develop a database for monitoring development - Create public education and marketing program	Development tracking database Centres and Corridors Strategy	Planning	Revised database 2004 C&C Strategy completed Six public open houses held throughout March/April 2004.