

S. Yonge EA timeline:

Planning for rapid transit in the south Yonge Corridor commenced in early 2001 with a Need and Justification Study and scoping of the EA Terms of Reference, the first phase of the EA process. In mid 2002, the Region commenced the actual EA Study based on the approved, scoped terms of reference. In late 2003, with the study nearing completion, the MOE advised all Proponents in Ontario that the use of this form of Terms of reference had been challenged in the courts and hence they were unable to approve EA studies prepared on this basis. During 2004 and 2005, the Region prepared a revised non-scoped Terms of Reference, obtained its' approval and completed the EA in the fall of 2005. The MOE approved the EA Study findings and report in April 2006.

Extent of Public Consultation process:

For the purpose of the Yonge Street EA, the public included the general public, community groups, interest groups and property owners. Input from the public was obtained in a variety of ways including:

Public Notices, published to introduce the study to the public, to invite interested members of the public to be placed on the mailing list and to provide any preliminary comments. These were placed in local newspapers, including the *Markham Economist & Sun*, the *Vaughan Citizen*, and the *Richmond Hill Liberal*, before each *Public Consultation Centre(PCC)*. In addition, for the third PCC, announcements and information material were mailed and delivered to interest groups and community associations at all addresses along Yonge Street from Steeles Avenue to 19th Avenue (13 km).

Public Consultation Centres (PCCs), held at four key stages during the study, including a final PCC after approval of the revised non-scoped EA Terms of Reference. At each point, PCCs were held in two locations to provide geographic coverage for southern and northern parts of the Study Area along Yonge Street.

Project Website – The dedicated York Rapid Transit Website (www.yorkinmotion.com and subsequently www.vivayork.com) provided an ongoing opportunity for the public to acquire information about the project, contact the Region and the Consortium team, and provide comments. Throughout the study, current and updated information about the project was also available on the Region's website.

During the study, Public Consultation Centres were held at the following times:

PCC #1	Dates
Hillcrest Mall, Town of Richmond Hill	Wednesday, November 7, 2002 (from 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm)
Centrepont Mall, City of Vaughan	Thursday, November 28, 2002 (from 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm)
PCC #2	Dates
Thornhill Community Centre,	Wednesday, February 5, 2003 (from 3:00 pm to

Town of Markham	9:00 pm)
Hillcrest Mall, Town of Richmond Hill	Friday, February 7, 2003 (from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm)
PCC #3	Dates
Hillcrest Mall, Town of Richmond Hill	Friday, June 6, 2003 (from 2:30 pm to 8:30 pm)
Yorkhill Elementary School	Monday, June 9, 2003 (from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm)
PCC #4	Dates
Hillcrest Mall, Town of Richmond Hill	Saturday, Sept 11, 2004 (from 12:30 pm to 6.00 pm)
Promenade Mall, City of Vaughan	Thursday, Sept 9, 2004 (from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm)

Subsequently, during the approval process, the MOE made the EA report available for public and stakeholder comment for the mandatory 30 day period. In addition, the Ministry's review of the report and the Region's responses to comments was also published for public review.