

September 30, 2008



Dear Sir/Madame:

Re: Yonge Subway Extension Notice of Commencement of the Transit Project Assessment Process

The Project:

The Regional Municipality of York, in partnership with York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, is nearing the completion of a Conceptual Design and Functional Planning Study for a proposed extension of the Yonge Street Subway, from its current terminus at Finch Station in the City of Toronto to the Richmond Hill Centre at Yonge Street and Highway 7. The purpose of the study was to evaluate alignment alternatives, station locations and associated facilities in consultation with public and government stakeholders, to develop a technically feasible solution. The results of this study are the basis for the Transit Project.

The Transit Project is an underground 6.5 km, 6 subway station extension of the Yonge Street Subway from its terminus at Finch Station in the City of Toronto to a proposed terminus in the Richmond Hill Centre. Stations are proposed at Cummer Avenue/Drewry Avenue, Steeles Avenue, Clark Avenue, Royal Orchard Boulevard, Longbridge Road/Langstaff Road, and Richmond Hill Centre. Intermodal bus terminals are proposed for Steeles Station and Richmond Hill Centre Station.

The Transit Project follows the Yonge Street right-of-way to south of Highway 407. Alternative alignments from south of the Highway 407 to the Richmond Hill Centre are being examined. The subway tunnels cross under Hydro One's high voltage transmission corridor which parallels Highway 407. A commuter parking lot, as well as passenger pick-up and drop-off facilities are proposed to be located on the Hydro One/ORC lands south of Highway 407. An easement will be required from Hydro One/Ontario Realty Corporation as part of the undertaking. It is intended that this project will also address the requirements of the ORC Class Environmental Assessment Process.

The Process:

The Yonge Subway Extension Transit Project Assessment Process is following Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (2008). The environmental impact of this Transit Project will be assessed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08.



As part of the Transit Project Assessment Process, an Environmental Project Report is being prepared. Draft technical papers of the report will be available starting on October 17, 2008, for a 30-day review period at the locations listed below as well as the project website at www.vivayork.com. Interested persons are encouraged to review these documents and provide comments to the Project Team by November 17, 2008, at the addresses below. Public Consultation will occur in November 2008 to discuss the Transit Project, potential effects and proposed mitigation measures. Additional information and materials will be posted on the project website as they become available.

Review Location	Address	Phone Number
Ministry of the Environment Central Region Office	5775 Yonge Street, 8 th Floor North York, ON M2M 4J1	416-326-6700
Regional Municipality of York Office of the Regional Clerk	17250 Yonge Street, 4 th Floor Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1	1-877-464-9675 ext. 1320
Town of Richmond Hill Office of the Town Clerk	225 East Beaver Creek Road Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4	905-771-8800
Town of Markham Office of the Town Clerk	101 Town Centre Boulevard Markham, ON L3R 9W3	905-475-4744
City of Vaughan Office of the City Clerk	2141 Major Mackenzie Drive Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1	905-832-8504

Comments:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

Sincerely,



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