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VIVA MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE, 2008

The Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee recommends the following:

- 1. The presentation by Mary-Frances Turner, Vice-President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, be received; and**
- 2. The recommendation contained in the following report, June 5, 2008, from the Vice-President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, be adopted:**

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Council receive this report for information.

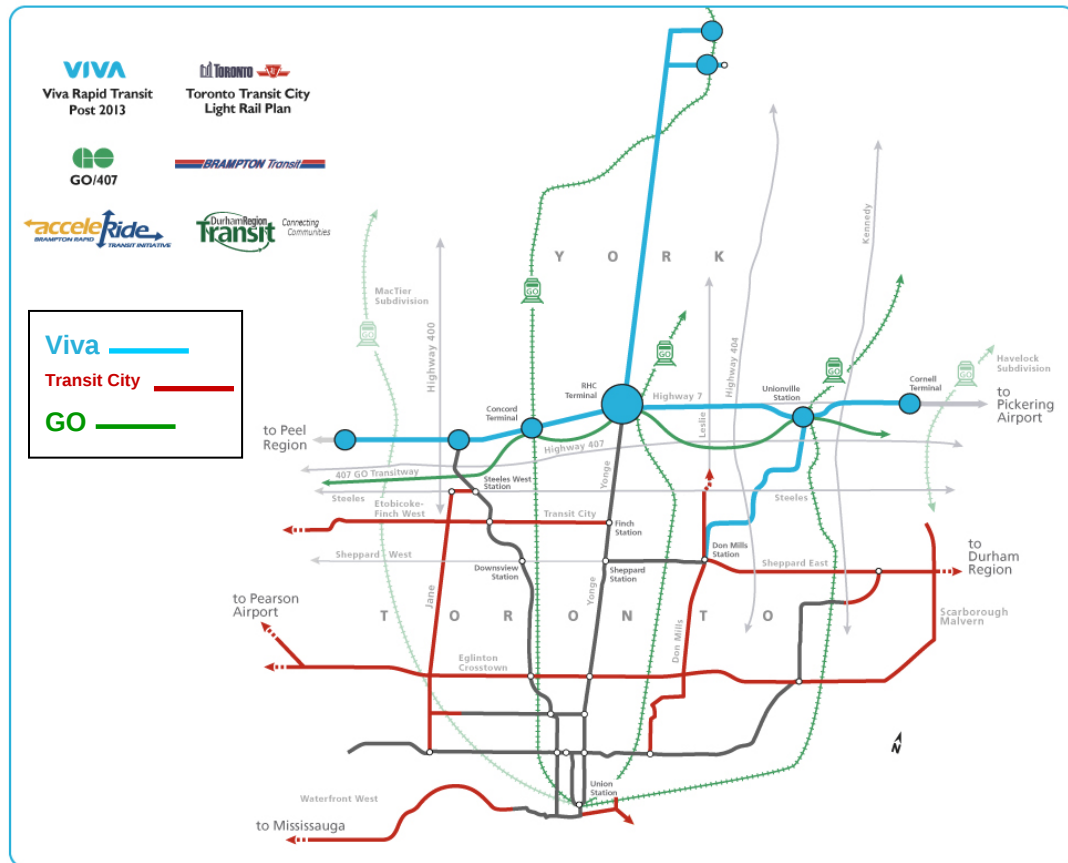
2. PURPOSE

This report provides a comprehensive description of the activities of the York Region Rapid Transit office during May 2008, including progress major activities associated with Bus Rapid Transit, the Yonge Street and Spadina subways, Phase 1 capital enhancements, and communications and public engagement.

3. BACKGROUND

Viva Phase 1 rapid transit runs today in mixed traffic in four key corridors. Viva Phase 2 includes the construction of 67 kilometres of surface rapid transit in these same corridors, integrated with the extension of the Yonge and Spadina subway lines north to the Vaughan Corporate Centre and Richmond Hill Centre. Connections to the larger GTA rapid transit existing and proposed network are illustrated in Figure 1.

Figure 1
York Region Rapid Transit Network – Phase 2



4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Attachment 1 provides a detailed summary of York Consortium 2002 Phase 2 activities that occurred during May. Numerous full reports are reported on separately on this agenda and provide detailed updates for Phase 2 activities, including:

- Viva Monthly Report - June 2008.
- Viva Vehicle Procurement.
- Funding Update – York Region Rapid Transit Corporation Capital Programme.
- Award of Jefferson Station Construction Contract.
- Owner's Engineer Cost Opinion Evaluation Process for Projects Under \$1,500,000.
- Shared Space Rapidways - Markham Town Centre Civic Mall.
- Spadina Subway Extension Project - Engineering and Planning Status.
- Business Proposal and Concept Design Work Plan Award - Davis Drive, Newmarket.
- Vivanext: Yonge Subway Communications Plan.
- Toronto - York Spadina Subway Extension - Federal Contribution Agreement.

BUS RAPID TRANSIT ACTIVITIES

Giffels has been awarded a contract to undertake an underground power relocation study

York Region, in conjunction with PowerStream, has awarded a study to Giffels Associates Inc. to determine the feasibility and possible funding sources for underground relocation of power transmission lines along the Viva rapidway corridors and other major regional roads. The study was approved by Council on June 21, 2007. The total study cost is \$320,855, including GST, which will be shared equally by the Region and PowerStream.

The first public open house on the preliminary engineering for H3 is scheduled for June 17th and 18th

Prior to showing the status of the H3 design concept, staff reviewed the drawings with Markham Development Services Committee on June 3rd. There was some feedback regarding the proposed widening of Highway 7 between Montgomery Court and Town Centre Boulevard. In further discussion it was recommended that the H3 concept in this area show both the rapidways included into the existing 4-lane cross-section, as well as within the approved EA 6-lane cross-section. Both plans and cross-sections will be shown at the upcoming public meetings.

SUBWAY DEVELOPMENT

The Spadina Subway Transit Oriented Development Advisory Task Force held its first meeting on May 27th

The draft minutes of the first meeting of the Spadina Subway TOD Advisory Task Force is a separate item on this agenda.

The Yonge Street Advisory Task Force held its first meeting on May 15th

The inaugural meeting of the Yonge Street Advisory Task Force was held on May 15th. The task force approved the scheduling of the first public information open houses to be held on June 17th and 18th in Richmond Hill. The Task Force also provided feedback on the technical presentation by Tom Middlebrook of McCormick Rankin, outlining the following principal areas of decision making with regard to the subway:

- Alignment of subway through the Richmond Hill Centre
- Crossing of the East Don River
- Station location options
- Terminal requirements at Steeles Avenue and the Richmond Hill Centre

COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The Rapid Transit Office continues to engage the public, stakeholders and municipalities as part of the on-going North Yonge Environmental Assessment work.

Information sessions were held in Oak Ridges for area business owners and in Richmond Hill for senior residents of Crescent Village. A presentation was also made to the Newmarket Economic Development Advisory Committee comprised of many area business leaders and city personnel. In addition, during the month of May, staff presented information during public council meetings at East Gwillimbury, Newmarket and Aurora. Information was also directly provided to councillors to assist them in communicating to residents via their newsletter.

On May 16, representatives of Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario were provided a guided tour of Viva's Operations Centre, Operation & Maintenance Facilities and the pedestrian bridge at the Richmond Hill Centre.

On-going regular meetings are being held with Markham and Vaughan staff to review the Yonge Street – Highway 7 to 19th Avenue (Y2), Highway 7 – Richmond Hill Centre to Markham Centre (H3) and Yonge Subway projects and schedules. Staff endeavour to work together to co-ordinate both the public consultation work and the Municipal Master Planning and Strategic Planning initiatives undertaken by the municipalities.

The communications team continued to develop and print various information handouts for public dissemination during spring information sessions and meetings with stakeholders. Project-specific handouts, notices and advertisements are at various stages of development and approval.

Communications personnel, representing the funding partners, continue to work collaboratively on street-side signage and the overall communications plan.

Scheduled Engagements:

- May 28 – Chambers of Commerce Advisory Group.
- June 11 – Statutory Public Information Centre: North Yonge Environmental Assessment, York Region Administration Building – Newmarket.
- June 17 – Public Information Centre: Yonge Subway and Highway 7 Rapidway.
- June 18 – Public Information Centre: Yonge Subway and Highway 7 Rapidway.
- June 19 – Statutory Public Information Centre: North Yonge Environmental Assessment , Oak Ridges.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Capital expenditures to March 31, 2008, for projects that are in progress are provided in Table 1.

Table 1
Capital Project Expenditures
(Year to Date as of April 30, 2008)

Project	2008 Budget	April 2008 Posted Activity (\$)	Year to Date Expenditures (\$)
Project Management Office/Owner's Engineer	1,499,000	155,280	265,069
Phase I Upgrades	4,300,000	10,696	10,696
Phase II Vehicle Procurement	0	0	15,293
Preliminary Engineering – BRT	8,720,000	575,290	1,350,317
Yonge Street Subway EA and PE work*	3,113,862	29,187	238,820
Spadina Subway EA and PE work	2,289,000	0	28,349
Cornell Terminal	8,600,000	0	14,615
Land Acquisition – Steeles West Station*	9,000,000	0	7,264,877
Total Budget for Commenced Projects	37,521,862	770,453	9,188,036

* includes 2007 unspent carry-over plus 2008 budget

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Viva is being closely coordinated with local planning and economic development activities along the rapid transit corridors.

7. CONCLUSION

Significant work was accomplished in May, including major activities associated with the Yonge Street and Spadina subways, Phase 1 capital enhancements, and communications and public engagement.

For additional information, please contact Mary-Frances Turner, Vice-President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation at (905) 886-6767 ext. 2226.
The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included with the June 12, 2008 Committee agenda.)