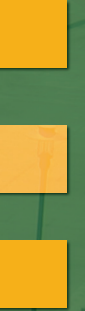
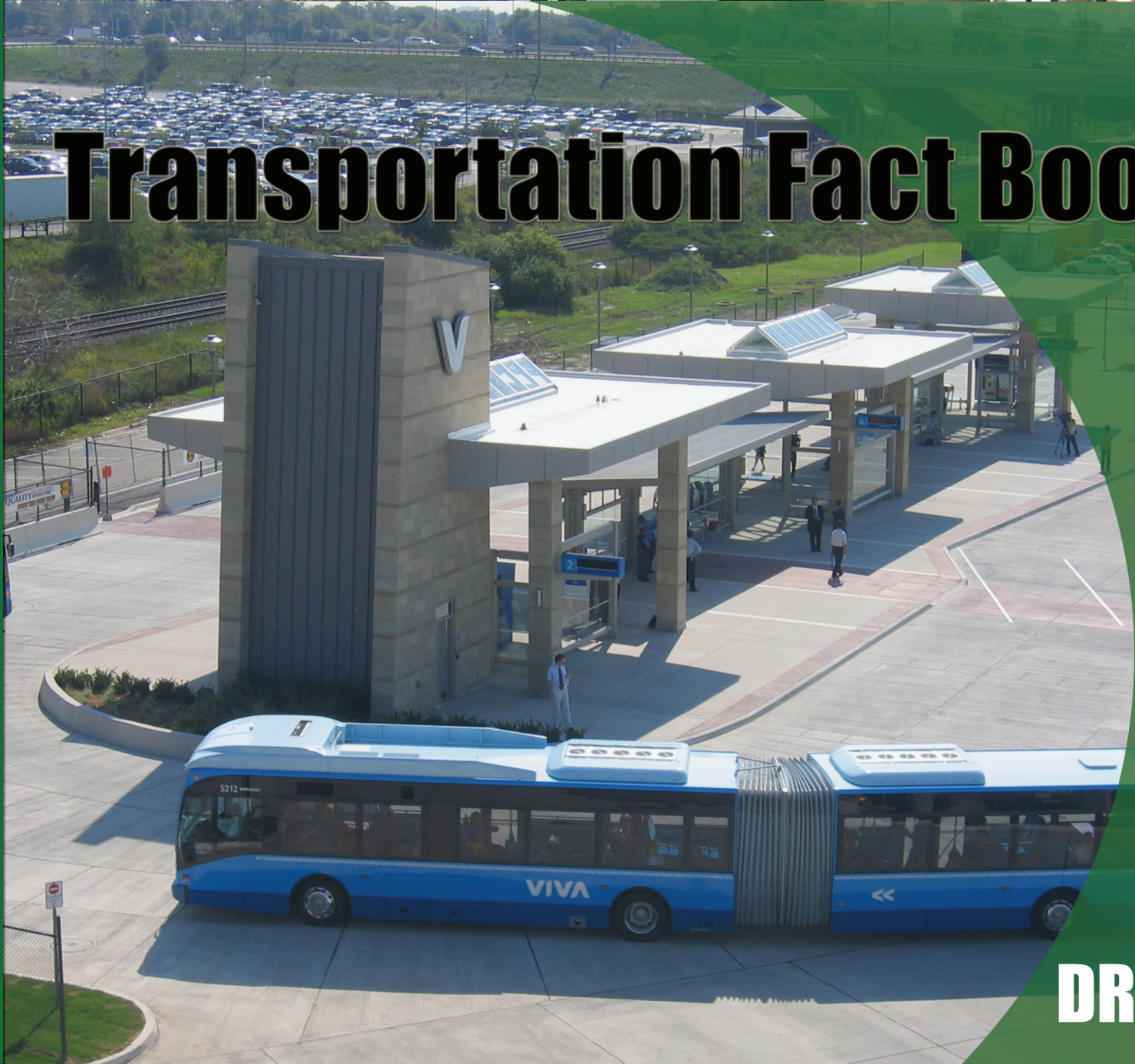




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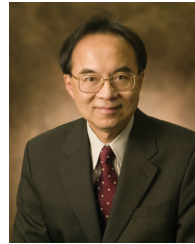
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A MESSAGE FROM REGIONAL COUNCIL

York Region has grown significantly over the last number of years, averaging 35,000 new residents annually. Accommodating such growth is not easy. Providing adequate services and infrastructure requires meticulous planning in many areas, including transportation.

York Region has access to a wide variety of statistics on road usage, road capacity and travel patterns, both locally and across the Greater Toronto Area.

This Transportation Fact Book is intended to highlight the major uses of York Region's transportation system including the road network, public transit, commuter support services and the movement of goods. It provides an accurate snapshot that we can use to plan for our future.

The Transportation Fact Book provides planners, decision-makers and our residents with a clearer understanding of the transportation priorities that need to be addressed for York Region to continue to grow and prosper.



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Introduction

This Transportation Fact Book contains general information and statistics about the transportation system in the Regional Municipality of York. It highlights the major aspects about the road and transit infrastructure and commuter support services and programs built and maintained by York Region or in partnership with other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area. Beginning in 2004, this is the second in a series of historical Transportation Fact Books.

The general objective of this report is to capture the nature and use of the transportation system in York Region. Specifically, this report meets several purposes. As a reference document, it gives an overview of York Region's transportation system components, an overview of system use and provides a context for monitoring the performance of the Regional road system. As a high level document, it will inform Regional Council, senior management, other Regional departments and the public of transportation services and programs available. Finally, this report serves to demonstrate the policy value of data collection, and the reliability and consistency of the data and collection methods.

The Transportation Fact Book is organized into six sections. The Introduction provides a brief overview of the Fact Book and the Regional Municipality of York. Section 1 contains data on the hard and soft infrastructure of York Region's transportation system. Sections 2 through 4 describe the usage and demand on the transportation system. Finally, Section 5 provides some additional information on transportation contacts and where readers can obtain more detailed information.

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Transportation & Services Provided by York Region

Mission

To plan and provide safe, cost-effective, quality driven and integrated public transit, roads, water, wastewater, solid waste diversion & disposal, forestry and other related services which support environmental sustainability, public safety and economic vitality, while meeting Regional growth and the expectations of the Region's residents and businesses.

Our Customers

York Region's customers include a broad cross-section of Regional residents, businesses, local municipalities and visitors. Regional departments providing the services include Transportation and Works, Planning and Development Services, and branches.

Services That We Provide

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| Transit | – Plan and operate the region-wide system of buses integrated with TTC and GO Transit. |
| Roads | – Plan, design, construct, maintain, and operate the region-wide road system. |
| Forestry | – Manage 2,248 hectares (over 5,550 acres) of Regional forest. |
| Water & Wastewater | – Plan, design, construct, maintain and operate bulk water distribution and wastewater collection systems in partnership with the local municipalities in the Region. |
| Solid Waste | – Plan and manage the Region's solid waste strategy; operate Household Hazardous Waste programs, compost facility and waste transfer stations. |



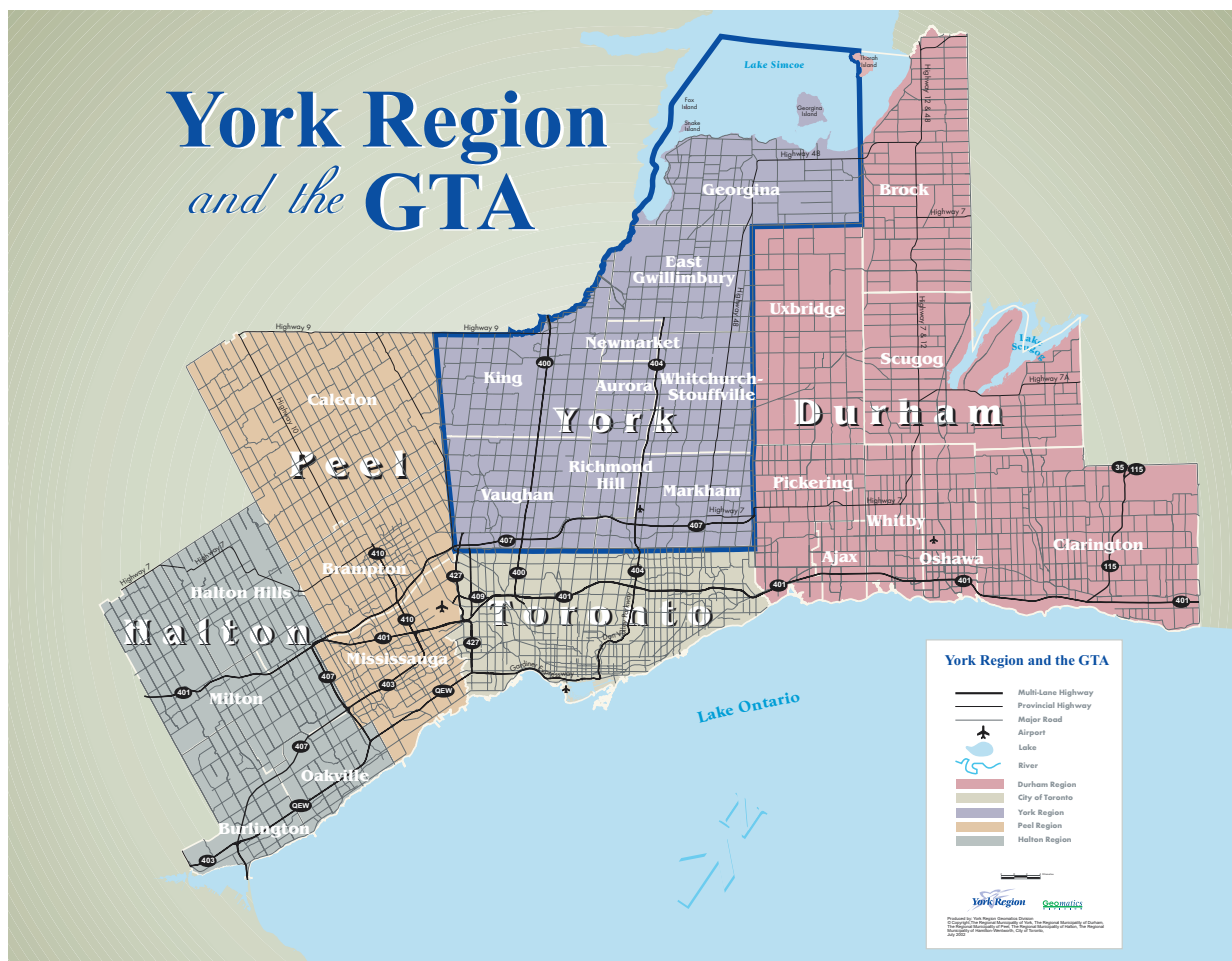
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York Region and the GTA



Quick Facts

York Region covers 1,776 square kilometres.

There are nine municipalities within York Region: Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, King, Markham, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Whitchurch-Stouffville, and Vaughan.

- There are 39 wards in York Region
- 3,300 lane kilometres of Regional roads
- 15,600,000 kilometres of travel everyday on Regional roads in 2006
- More than 17 million passengers chose to ride with York Region Transit and VIVA in 2006

Population Growth

- 56% increase over the past 10.5 years from 610,000 (1996 Census - Mid Year) to 950,700 (2006 York Region - Year End Estimate)
- 171,600 new residents in the past 5 years (average of 34,320 per year)
- 80,000 new jobs since 2001

Growth will continue in the future with an estimated population increase of 58% (550,000 people) by 2031 to 1,500,000 residents.

The Transportation System in York Region

Passenger transportation facilities and services in York Region are provided by three different levels of government and the private sector. Local municipalities, the Regional Municipality of York, the Toronto Transit Commission and the Province of Ontario provide and operate different parts of the road and public transit systems in York Region. The private sector operates the taxi service in York Region, regulated by the local municipalities. In addition, York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board operate (generally through private contractors, including contracts with York Region Transit) their own student transportation services.

The three-tier road system is structured in the following way:

- Local municipalities own and maintain the local road network which includes residential, commercial and industrial local and collector roads, and sidewalks on both local and Regional roads. In general, the local road network is built incrementally by developers as part of the land development process, and transferred to the corresponding area municipality when completed.
- York Region owns and maintains the majority of the arterial roads in the Region as well as some former Provincial highways. The alignment of the arterial roads generally follows a two kilometre concession road grid system.
- The Province of Ontario owns and maintains the expressways in York Region. The exception is Highway 407 ETR, which is privately owned and operated. The Province also owns and operates some rural highways, including parts of Highways 7, 9 and 48.

The public transit system in York Region is currently owned and operated by the following agencies:

- York Region owns and operates the local and rapid transit bus services (York Region Transit (YRT) and Viva Phase 1).
- GO Transit, owned by the Province of Ontario, operates longer distance bus and rail services.
- YRT also contracts services from the Toronto Transit Commission.