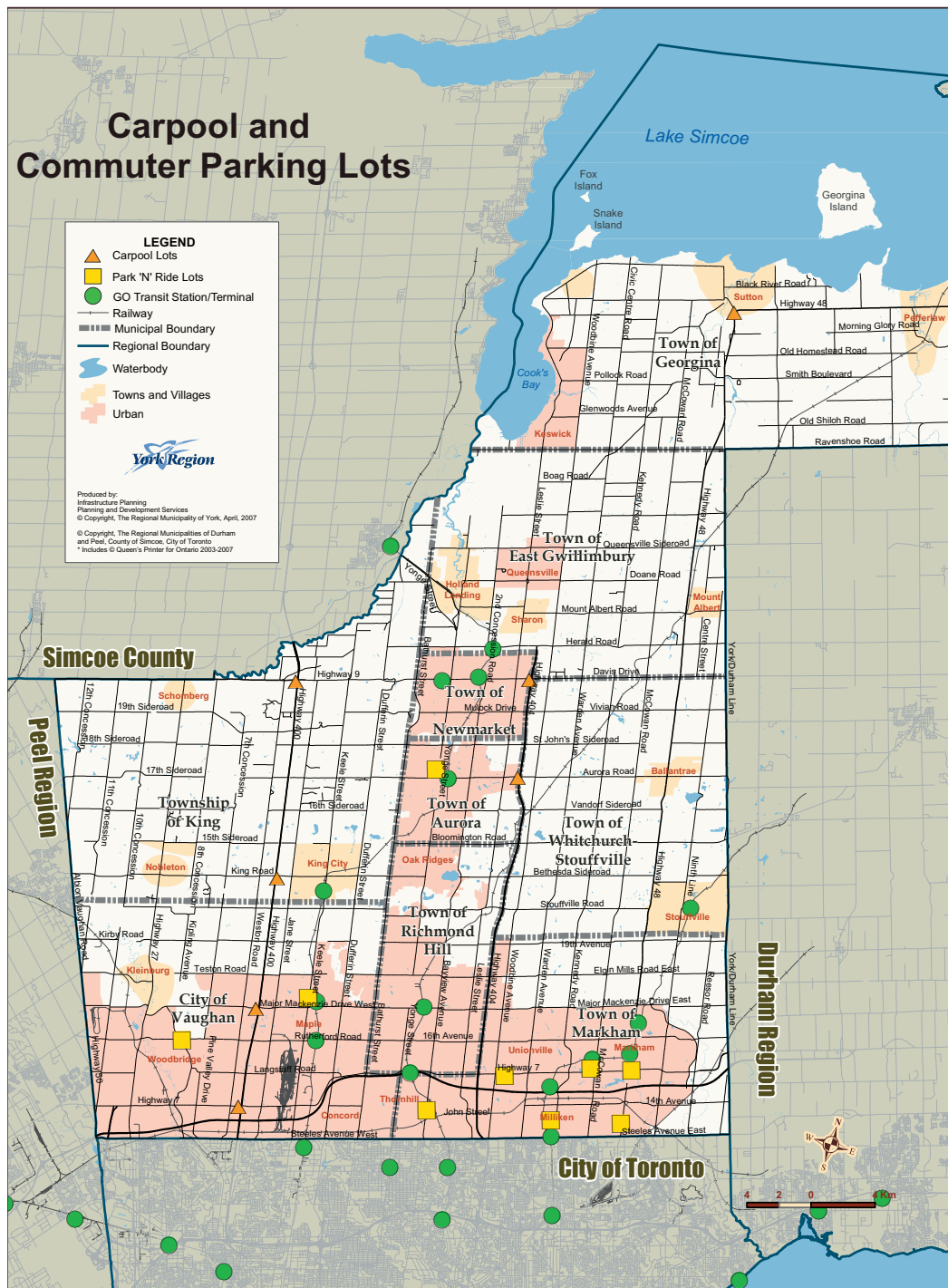


Carpool and Commuter Parking Lots



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Carpool Lots

- Highway 48 and High Street
- Highway 7 and Highway 400
- Highway 9 and Highway 400
- Major Mackenzie Drive and Highway 400
- King Road and Highway 400
- Aurora Side Road and Highway 404
- Davis Drive and Highway 404



YRT Park 'N' Ride Lots

- Aurora Community Centre - Aurora Heights Drive
- Al Palladini Community Centre – 9201 Islington Avenue
- Denison Square – Highway 48 & Denison Street
- First Markham Place – Highway 7 & Fairburn Drive (Bay – Home Outfitters Parking lot)
- Fortino's Super Mall – Kennedy Road & Denison Street
- Maple Community Centre – 10190 Keele Street
- Markham Village Community Centre – Highway 48 & Highway 7
- Markville Mall – Highway 7 & McCowan Road
- Thornhill Community Centre – Bayview Avenue & John Street

GO Transit Stations / Park 'N' Ride Lots

- Aurora (Wellington Street)
- Centennial (Community Centre, McCowan)
- East Gwillimbury (Green Lane and 2nd Concession)
- Finch GO Bus Terminal (Yonge Street and Bishop, North York)
- King (Station Road)
- Highway 9 and Highway 400 (Carpool Lot)
- Langstaff (Highway 7)
- Maple (Major Mackenzie)
- Major Mackenzie Drive and Highway 400 (Carpool Lot)
- Markham (Main Street)
- Milliken (Steeles Avenue)
- Mt. Joy (Highway 48)
- Newmarket GO Rail (Davis Drive)
- Newmarket Bus Terminal (Highway 9 / Eagle Street)
- Stouffville (Main Street)
- Richmond Hill (Major Mackenzie)
- Rutherford (Maple)
- Unionville (Kennedy Road)

Street Tree Program (Trees within the Public Right-of-Way)

Landscaping is a key issue along Regional roads and in medians. The use of trees and other plantings can enhance the streetscaping of Regional roads and the pedestrian environment, as well as reduce noise and air pollution. Landscaping increases real estate values and acts as a traffic calming measure.

Tree planting, tree maintenance, and other related streetscaping components along Regional roads will continue in accordance with the Region's streetscaping policy and Regional standards for six lane roads. The planting of trees along arterial roadways continues to increase in conjunction with capital projects, local enhancements, infill planting and requests. Tree maintenance requirements also continue to increase. A tree health assessment was conducted in 2003, and a Street Tree asset inventory was completed in 2006. Natural Heritage and Forestry Services Staff will continue to refine tree planting guidelines, criteria, standards and review appropriate maintenance practices including: watering, soil modification, use of rodent guards, fertilization, and pruning.

Trees are typically placed a minimum of 2.5 metres back from the curb in order to protect them from salt spray, vehicle impacts, allow for proper sightlines and snow storage. Street Tree planting locations are often defined by a balance of tree health considerations, utility locations, streetscaping features, sidewalks and property limits. It is recognized that Street Trees are an integral part of communities and contribute to a sense of place.

In 2006, approximately 3,000 Street Trees were planted within the Regional road allowance. For more information on the Region's streetscaping initiatives please contact:

Roads Branch

Transportation and Works Department

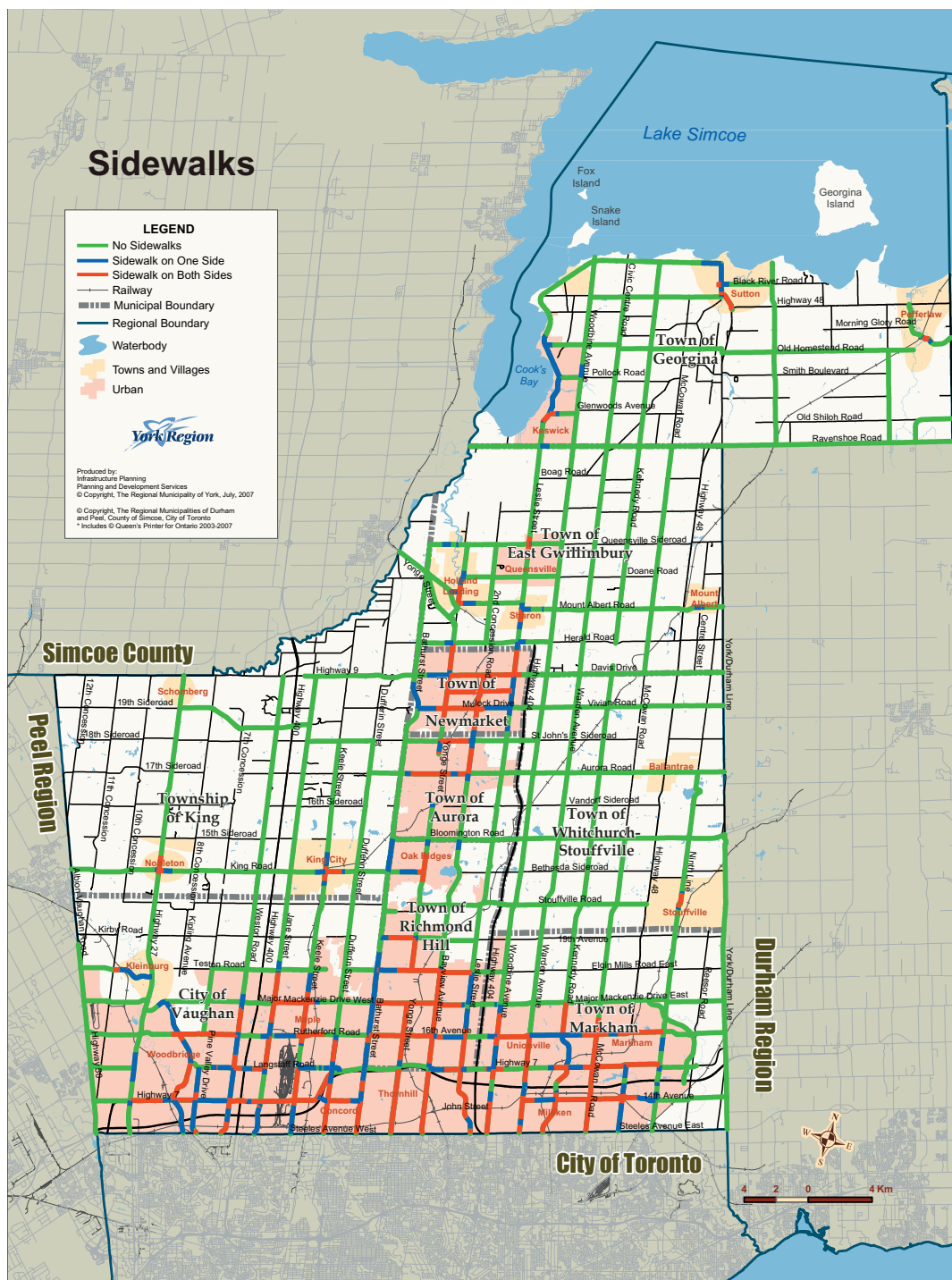
Tel: (905) 895-1200 ext. 5272

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Illumination (Street lighting)

Providing street lighting is the responsibility of the Region at intersections of Regional roads and the responsibility of local municipalities between intersections. Appropriate lighting must address the needs of vehicles as well as pedestrians. Properly lit urban streets not only increase pedestrian safety, but attract pedestrian activity to an area. Consistent standards for well-designed lighting, like good building design, will enhance the aesthetics of the street. In 2006 the Region owned and maintained approximately 4500 streetlights, and maintained approximately 500 more for other jurisdictions including MTO and 407ETR along the Regional road network.





Sidewalks

There are 470 linear kilometres of existing sidewalks along York Region roads. Since September 2004, 76 linear kilometres of new sidewalks have been constructed. Sidewalks are an integral and essential component of our transportation system. Pedestrians rely on sidewalks to get to their destinations and to public transit.

Sidewalk Coverage and Transit Routes on Regional Roads

York Region and its local municipalities coordinate the construction of sidewalks on Regional roads when such roads are being improved. However, only 58 percent of Regional roads in the existing urban areas currently have sidewalks, while only 53 percent of transit routes on Regional roads have sidewalks.

Benefits of Sidewalks

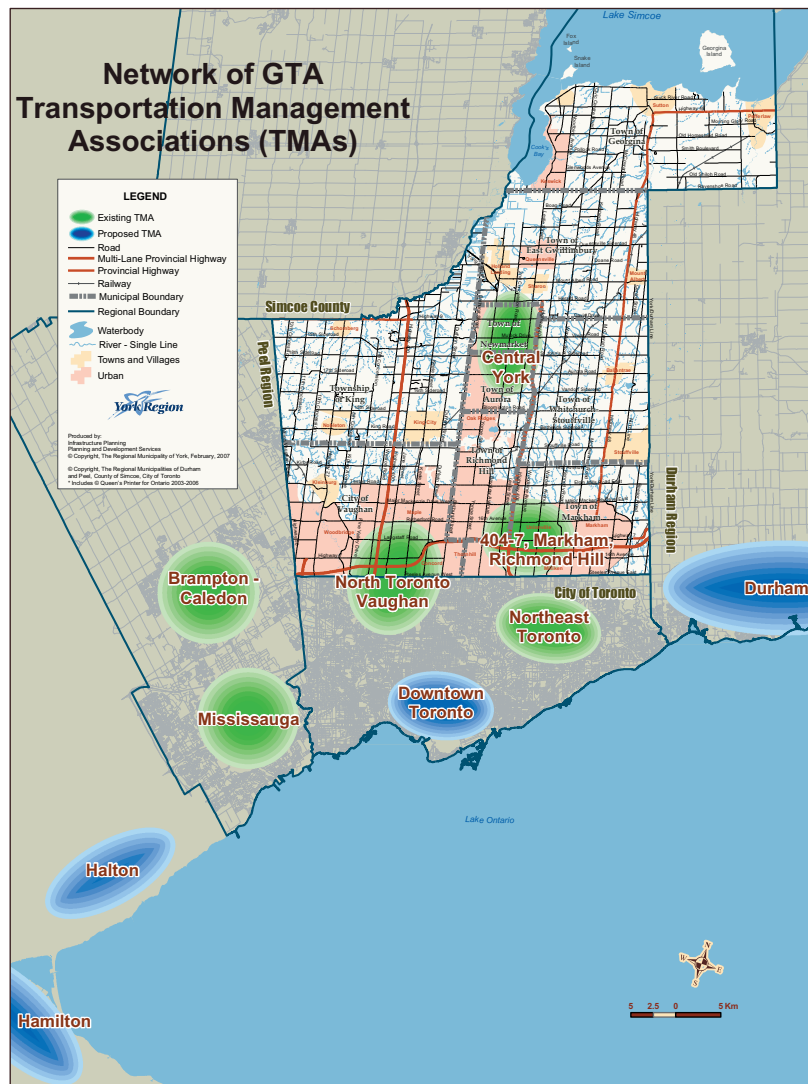
Sidewalks are essential to encourage public transit use, walking to school, to support efforts to reduce obesity and to improve the fitness levels of today's youth.

There are many other benefits of a comprehensive sidewalk network, including:

- Increasing pedestrian safety
- Providing transit access
- Help to reduce the reliance on cars
- Required for "Main Street" type commercial areas
- Enhancing residential communities
- Providing mobility for elderly and mobility impaired
- Helping improve air quality
- Enhancing quality of life

Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

In addition to expanding our transportation infrastructure through improvements to our road network and public transit system, York Region is also taking a lead role in implementing Transportation Demand Management (TDM) in the GTA and as a permanent program for York Region staff. TDM has the central objective of changing driver behaviour through the provision and promotion of transportation services that make more efficient use of the existing transportation infrastructure and public transit system by reducing single-occupant vehicle (SOV) trips. Examples of TDM programs are carpooling, vanpooling, discount transit pass programs, telecommuting, flexible work hours, compressed work hours and bus shuttles.



York Region is the lead partner in the GTA + Hamilton Smart Commute Initiative, aimed at reducing our dependence on automobile use by providing travel choice and supporting programs that reduce travel demand. These TDM programs and services will mostly be delivered by local Transportation Management Associations (TMA) under the umbrella organization Smart Commute Association. A TMA is a non-profit, member-controlled organization aimed at providing sustainable transportation solutions as well as improved mobility and accessibility in a specific economic area.

A significant achievement of the GTA + Hamilton Smart Commute Initiative was the development of Carpool Zone, a free web site designed to assist commuters in locating a carpool partner. For more information on the Carpool Zone and other Smart Commute initiatives please visit: <http://www.smartcommute.ca/>

At the present time there are three TMAs operating in York Region: Smart Commute North Toronto Vaughan (NTV), Smart Commute 404-7 (Markham-Richmond Hill), and Smart Commute Central York (Newmarket and Aurora). The scope of work undertaken by each TMA will be unique to its service area but may involve the full range of TDM measures identified above.

The Regional Municipality of York is leading by example. In June 2006, York Region launched a employee based trip reduction program offering ride matching, preferred carpooling spots, emergency ride home, bike storage facilities, compressed work week, flex time and a transit ticket discount to its employees.

For more information, please contact;
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Smart Commute - North Toronto, Vaughan

Smart Commute – North Toronto, Vaughan (NTV) is a not-for-profit organization that works in partnership with York Region, the City of Toronto, and the City of Vaughan to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality in the area.

Serving businesses and organizations in Vaughan and North Toronto, Smart Commute NTV works directly with employers to encourage commuters to use more sustainable modes of transportation, such as carpooling, vanpooling, cycling, transit, shuttles, teleworking and walking.



Smart Commute NTV Programs: Supporting Businesses and Organizations in York Region

- Expertise on Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies/Employee Trip Reduction (ETR) programs
- Site assessments and employee surveys
- Parking management, carpooling, shuttles, flex-hours, telework and transit improvements
- Cycling community and bike infrastructure development
- Customized ride-matching to connect employees to carpools and vanpools
- Emergency Ride Home programs
- Educational materials and employee workshops
- Workplace events to promote commuting options
- Advocacy for sustainable transportation

Our ‘Vaughan Smart Commute’ program provides tailored activities, such as workshops, kiosks, commuter surveys and special events to employers to help kick-start Smart Commuting at their workplace.

Smart Commute NTV helps your employees *Travel Smarter. Cleaner. Better.*

For more information, please contact;
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Web Site: <http://www.smartcommutentv.ca/>





Smart Commute 404-7 (Markham-Richmond Hill)

The municipalities of Richmond Hill and Markham have joined forces with York Region, the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce, the Markham Board of Trade, local business leaders and land owners to help address traffic congestion.



Our purpose is to:

- Help employers in Richmond Hill and Markham improve the quality of life of their employees, customers and visitors through the provision of transportation options.
- Be a single source of information that shows employers and employees how to use commuting options to save time and money.
- Represent the interests of our business community on transportation issues to relevant bodies.

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Smart Commute Central York (Newmarket - Aurora)

Traffic congestion and climate change are two leading challenges facing businesses today. Smart Commute Central York offers business leaders the opportunity to take action on reducing green house gas emissions and improving the economic health of York Region.



One Person

One Trip

One Car

One Change

One Future

One World

Revolution of ONE

Smart Commute Central York provides cost-saving benefits to employers and employees by providing alternative commuting options and solutions.

Start a revolution of one.

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www.smartcommutecentrallyork.ca

Smart Commute Central York, Newmarket - Aurora is a program of the Newmarket Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Town of Newmarket and York Region.





Smart Commute Options:

1. **Active Commute.** Cycle, run or walk to work. It's healthy and inexpensive.
2. **Compressed Work Week.** A longer work day, a shorter week.
3. **Employee share a ride or drive.** Log onto www.carpoolzone.ca today and find a ride-match.
4. **Flexible Work Hours.** 9 to 5. 8 to 4. 7 to 3. This may just work for your business.
5. **Parking Incentives.** How about VIP parking spots for employees who carpool?
6. **Take Transit.** Monthly transit passes are now tax deductible.
7. **TeleWork.** Reduce overhead and real estate by having a few employees work from home.

Carpool

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