



2024 YORK REGION TRANSIT INITIATIVES CITY OF VAUGHAN

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Agenda

- Summary of 2023 Transit Initiatives
- Overview of annual plan process
- Summary of stakeholder and public consultation
- Summary of 2024 Transit Initiatives
- Ridership trends
- Next steps



2023 Transit Initiatives Update in City of Vaughan

Routes/Service	Service Change
Viva blue	Improved weekday rush hour and Saturday frequency
Viva orange	Improved weekday rush hour frequency
7 – Martin Grove	Introduced earlier northbound trips on weekdays [^]
10 – Woodbridge	Reinstate service with slight restructure*
Mobility On-Request Woodridge	Discontinue rush hour service with reinstatement of Route 10*
20 – Jane	Introduced earlier southbound trips and overlay Express service on weekdays

[^] **Note:** *Unplanned service change to address changing travel patterns.*

* **Note:** *Deferred implementation to 2024 due to operational concerns.*

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21 – Vellore	Reinstated service with slight restructure
Mobility On-Request Vellore Local	Discontinued with reinstatement of Route 21
26 – Maple	Extend service to Maple GO Station*
85 – Rutherford	Improved weekday rush hour frequency
88 – Bathurst	Improved rush hour frequency^
105 – Dufferin	Extend service to Maple GO Station* Improved afternoon rush hour frequency^
165 – Weston	Extend service to Major Mackenzie West Terminal*

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Project	Action
Major Mackenzie West Terminal	New terminal fully operational in April 2023
Fare collection improvements	Introduced open payment (debit/credit)
Expanding use of articulated buses	Started operating articulated buses on Route 107B - Keele
Mobility On-Request Kleinburg-Nashville	Expanded service area coverage
Mobility On-Request Maple-Rutherford GO	Service made permanent in May 2023 after one-year pilot
Mobility On-Request 65+	Service made permanent in January 2023
York Region Plan for Seniors	Report to go to Regional Council in late 2023

York Region Transit leverages its extensive community and municipal partnerships to provide information directly to seniors regarding transit services and programs

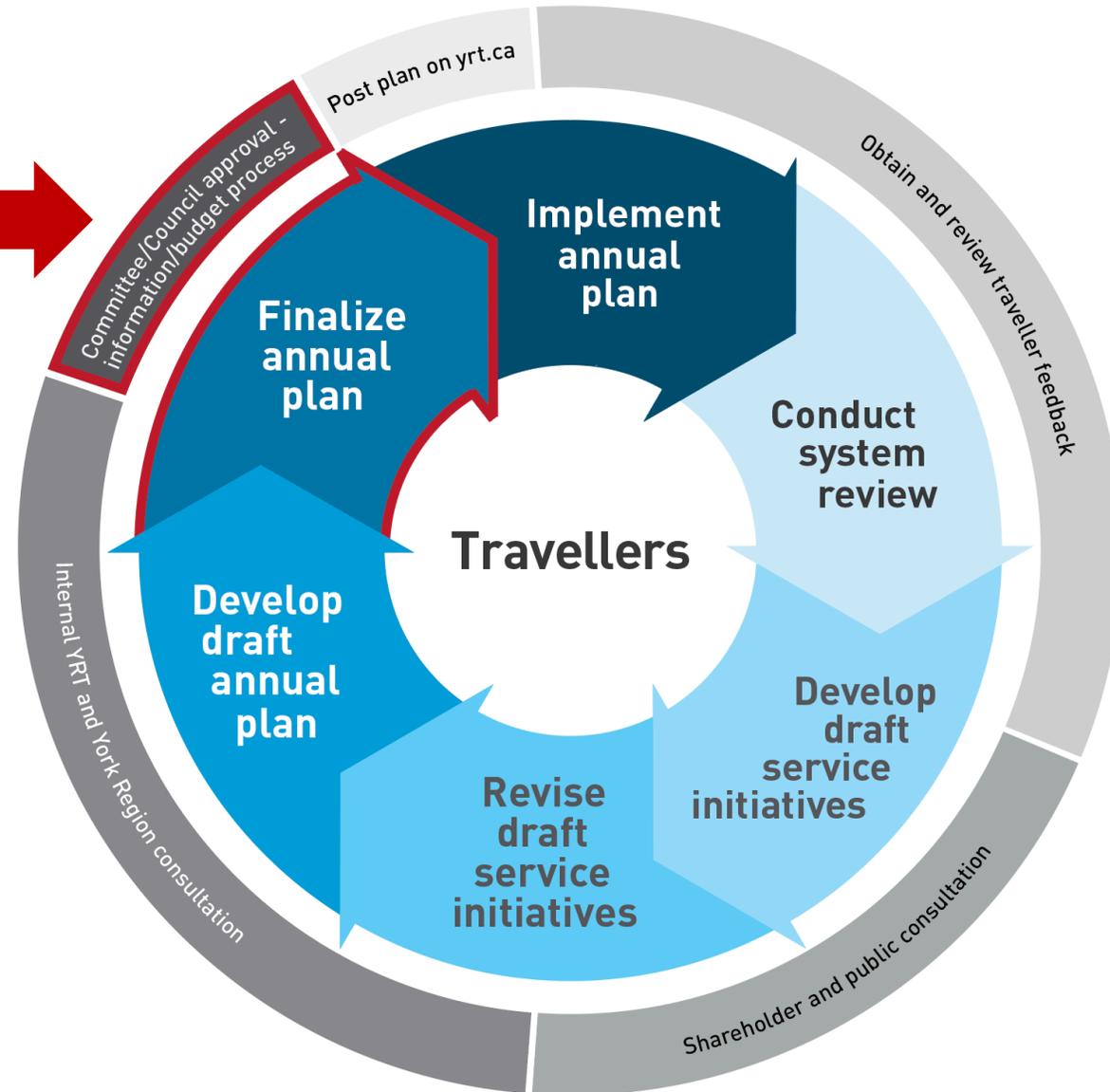
Stakeholder and Public Consultation

Consultation	Date (2023)	Location
City Staff	April 20	Municipal Office
Student Transportation Services	April 21	York Region Office
Business Sector	May 1	Virtual
Neighbouring Transit Agencies	May 5	York Region Office
On-Bus Survey	May 9 to 10, 13 to 14	Route 4 – Major Mackenzie
Public Outreach Event	May 23	SmartVMC Bus Terminal
Virtual Public Engagement	May 1 to 31	yrt.ca/TransitPlan or YRT Contact Centre
Accessibility Advisory Committee (YRAAC)	May 1 to 31	yrt.ca/TransitPlan or YRT Contact Centre

Connected with 255 residents at public outreach event at SmartVMC Bus Terminal

Annual Transit Initiatives Process

Where we are currently



Feedback Received

- Support for improved fare integration between YRT, the TTC and GO Transit
- Support for improved Saturday frequency on Route 88 – Bathurst
- Support for Sunday/holiday service on Route 7 – Martin Grove
- Support for new Route 472 – Tommy Douglas Secondary School via Nashville
- Route 4 – Major Mackenzie restructure into the Major Mackenzie Drive/ Highway 404 carpool lot not supported
- Request to extend Route 4 – Major Mackenzie to Highway 427 to service community of Nashville
- Request to provide all-day service on Route 361 – Nashville Express
- Request to extend Viva orange to Humber College or Pearson Airport

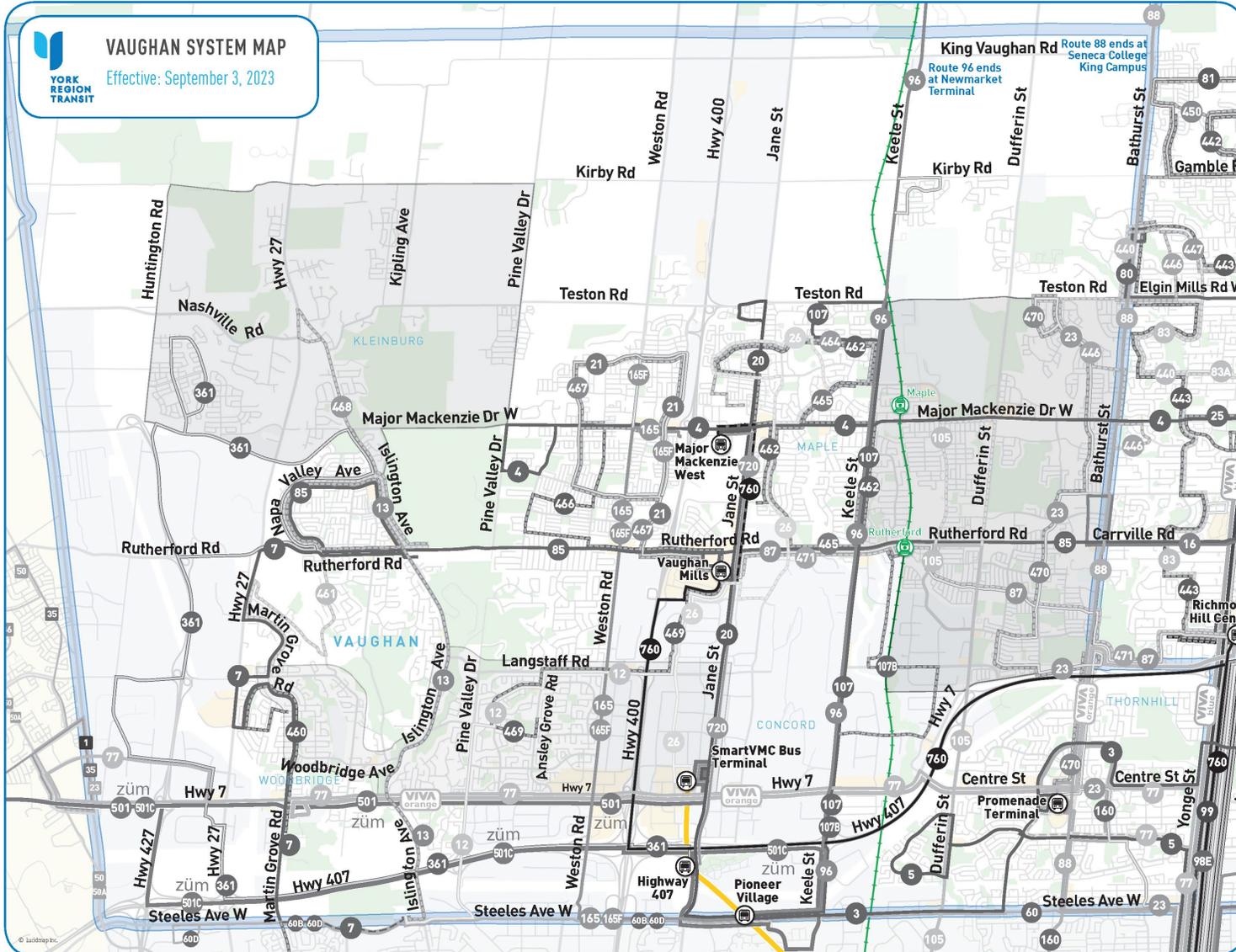
Proposed 2024 Transit Initiatives in City of Vaughan

Routes/Service	Proposed Service Change
7 – Martin Grove	Introduce Sunday/holiday service
20 – Jane	Evaluate extending service north to McGown Road
88 – Bathurst	Improve frequency on Saturdays
361 – Nashville Express	Introduce new Express service during weekday rush hours*
472 – Tommy Douglas SS via Nashville	Introduce new School Special route

* **Note:** Implemented in 2023 in response to customer feedback and the need for additional service before 2024.

Project	Proposed Action
Mobility On-Request (MOR) Plan	Update plan to provide guidance on future delivery of MOR services across the Region

Current YRT System in City of Vaughan



Transit Services - Vaughan

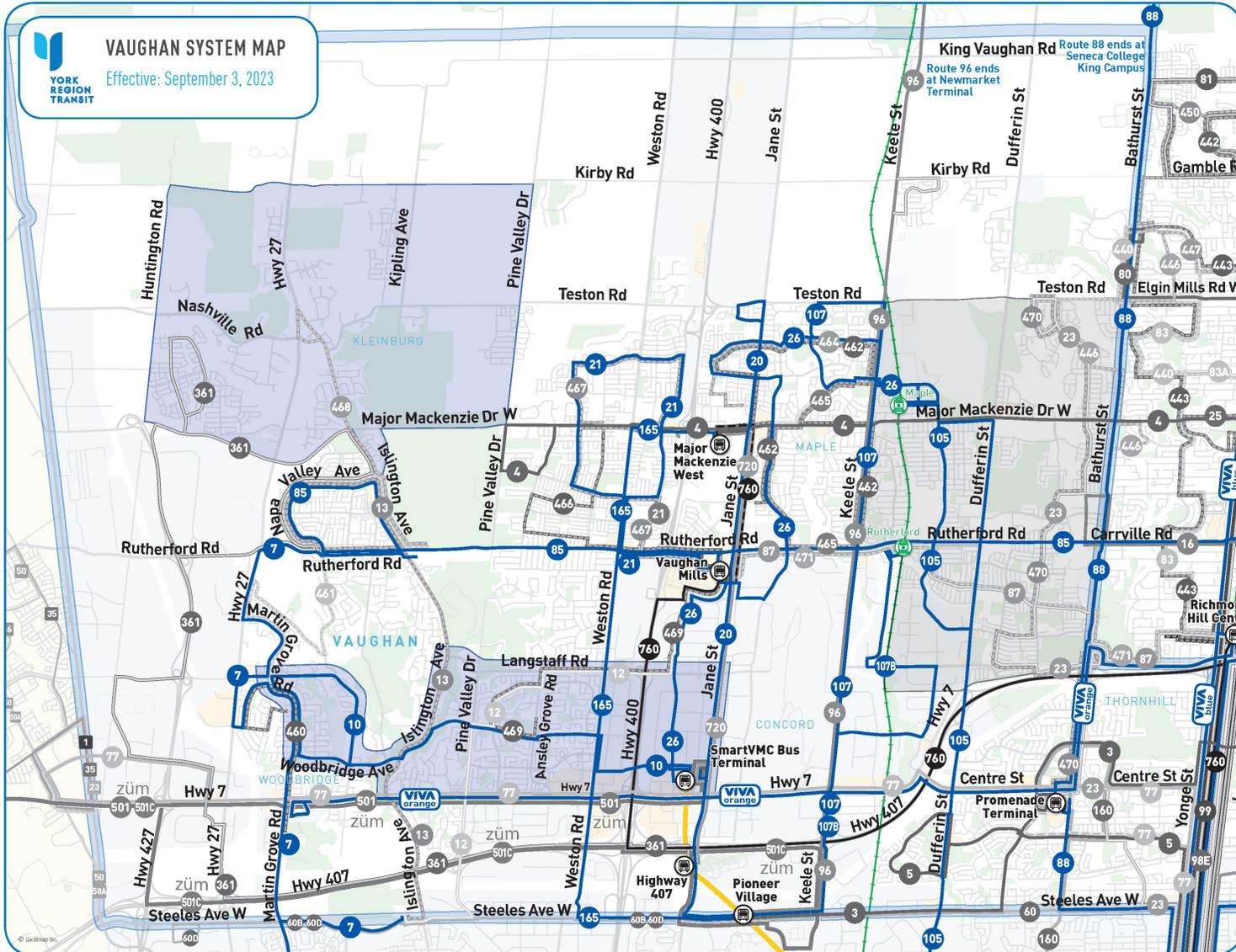
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 - 12 - Pine Valley
 - 13 - Islington
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 - 23 - Thornhill Woods
 - 26 - Maple
 - 77 - Highway 7
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 - 96 - Keele-Yonge
 - 98/99 - Yonge (Late Night)
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 - 470 - Westmount Collegiate SS via Thornhill Woods
 - 471 - Stephen Lewis SS via Langstaff Secondary
 - 720 - Highway 407 Terminal/Wonderland
 - 760 - Vaughan Mills/Wonderland
- Viva - blue**
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- MOR Kleinburg-Nashville**
- MOR Maple-Rutherford**
- MOR Woodbridge**
- TTC Routes**
- 60/60B/60D - Steeles West
 - 160 - Bathurst North
- Brampton Transit Routes**
- 1 - Queen
 - 23 - Sandalwood
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 - 501 - Zim Queen

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- TTC Subway Line 1
- Municipal Boundary

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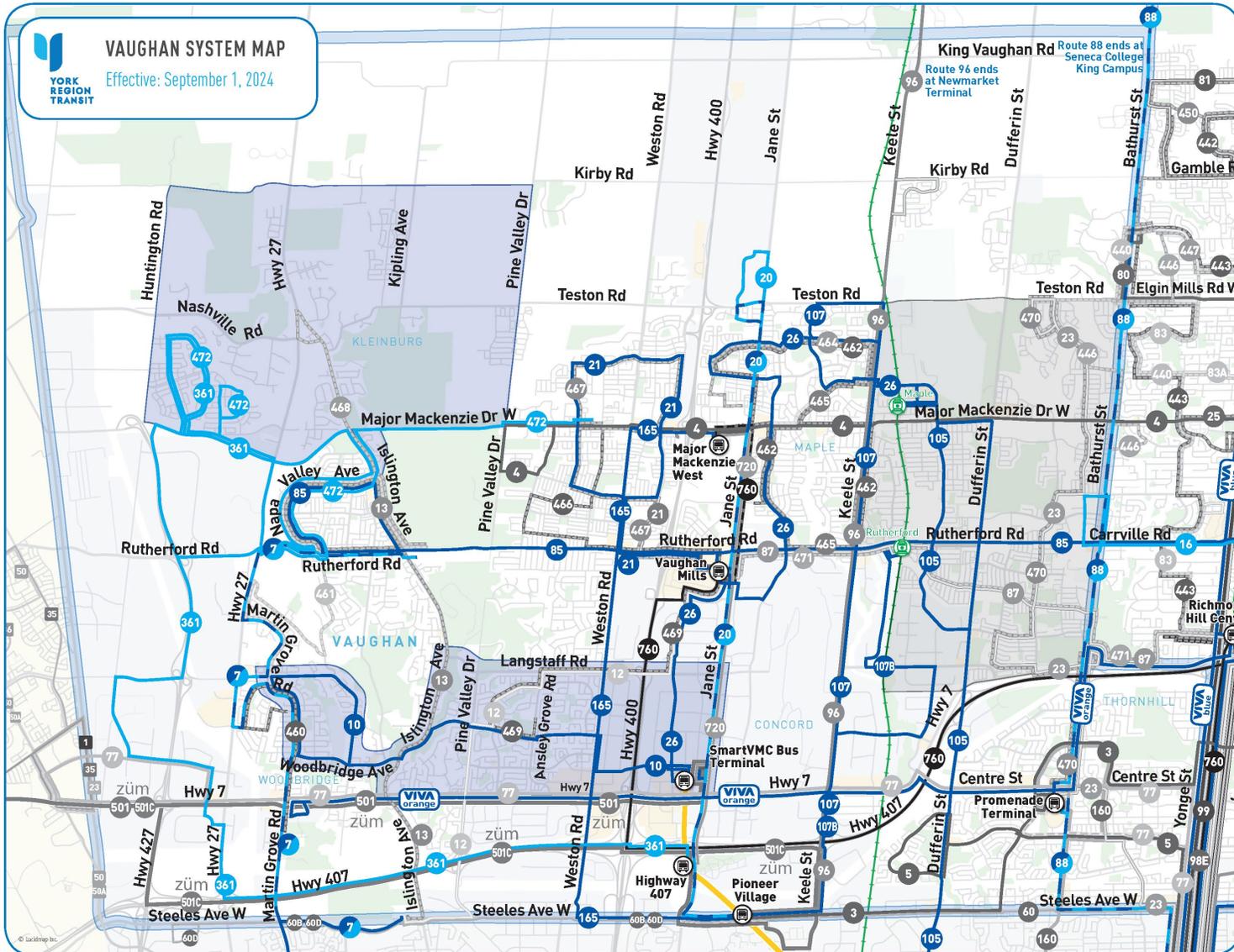
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2024 Projects and Programs



Planning for the future



Fare and service integration



Technology and innovation

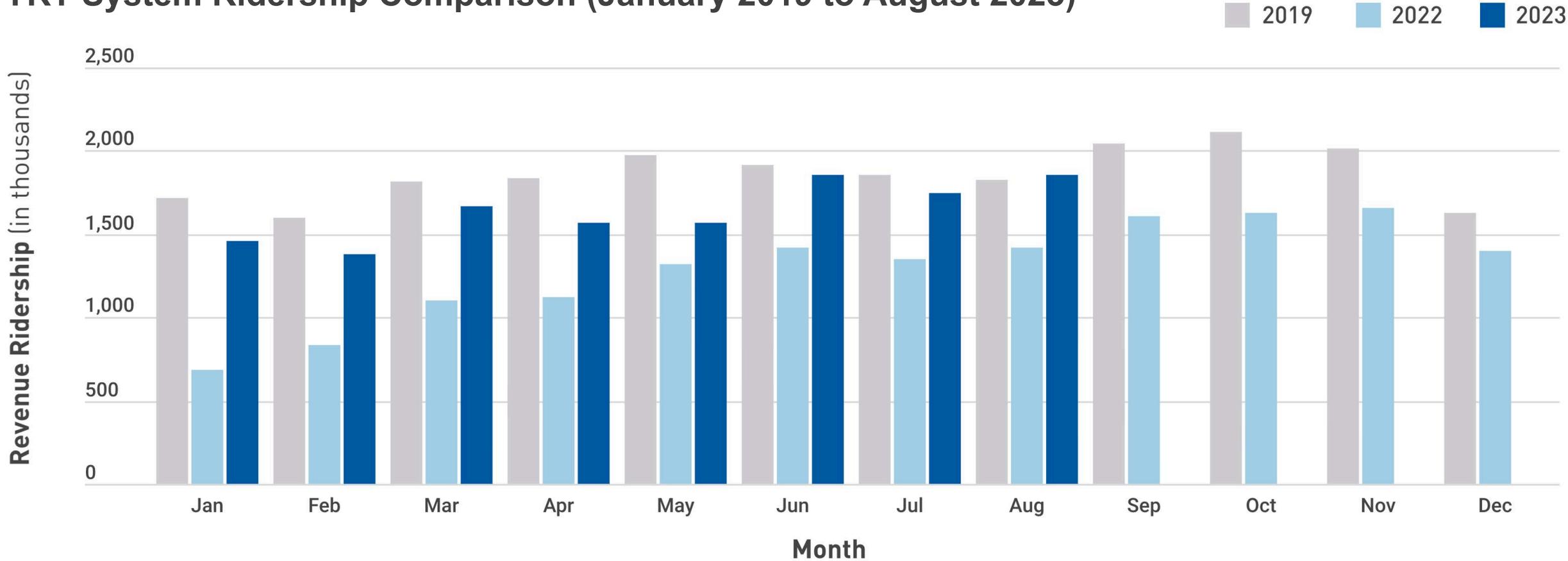


Customer service



System Ridership Trends

YRT System Ridership Comparison (January 2019 to August 2023)



Revenue ridership continues to grow. In August 2023, ridership recovery surpassed pre-pandemic levels.

Next Steps

- Seek York Regional Council approval of the 2024 Transit Initiatives through operating and capital budget approval process
- Communicate 2024 Transit Initiatives to residents
- Begin 2025 Transit Initiatives annual plan process



Thank You

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