

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

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**TITLE: YORK REGION RAPID TRANSIT CORPORATION
CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

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ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

Purpose

To provide a status update on York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC) construction activities in Vaughan, including the SmartVMC Bus Terminal, and the VivaNext Bus Rapid Transitway along Highway 7, Centre Street and Bathurst Street.

Report Highlights

- Bus Terminal in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre open for service
- Construction of the VivaNext Bus Rapid Transit lanes along Highway 7, and Bathurst and Centre street are now complete and rapidway is open for service
- York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC) continues communicating with the Vaughan Citizens

Recommendations

1. That the presentation from York Rapid Transit Corporation staff on the status of construction of rapid transit projects within Vaughan be received.

Background

YRRTC is engaged in a number of key construction projects, as well as a bus terminal, within Vaughan

The following is a summary of the on-going YRRTC construction activities within the City of Vaughan:

SmartVMC Bus Terminal (previously called SmartCentres Place Bus Terminal)

The construction of the SmartVMC Bus Terminal at Vaughan Metropolitan Centre is now complete and the terminal is open for service. The terminal is located at the corner of Millway Avenue and Apple Mill Road, just north of the TTC subway station and Viva rapidway station on Highway 7.

VivaNext bus rapid transit H2West and East

The second phase of the VivaNext bus rapid transit lanes construction started in the fall 2015 on Highway 7, west of Bruce Street to Edgeley Boulevard, and from Highway 7 along Centre Street to Yonge Street via the existing Viva route along Centre Street and Bathurst Streets. The majority of work of this new 12.6-kilometre stretch of the vivaNext rapidway project in Vaughan is now complete and the rapidway is now open for service. These projects add upgraded utility infrastructure, new vivastations, wider sidewalks with decorative paver stones, newly planted trees and shrubbery and raised bike lanes.

Previous Reports/Authority

<https://pub-vaughan.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=18953>

https://www.vaughan.ca/council/minutes_agendas/AgendaItems/0612_18_VMC_1.pdf

Analysis and Options

Bus Terminal in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre open for service

On November 03, 2019, SmartVMC Bus Terminal opened for service – completing the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre transit hub with the Highway 7 rapidway and TTC Line 1 Subway.

The terminal has nine bus bays, seating areas with tables and chairs, washrooms, area for future retail space and a welcoming community park outside at the centre of the transit hub. The bus terminal connects directly to the TTC Line 1 Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Station and Viva bus rapidway on Highway 7 via a fully accessible, two-minute walk through an aboveground park or an underground pedestrian pathway.

Some additional work will take place in the spring, but the terminal can remain open during that work.

Rapidway H2West – Highway 7 and H2East – Bathurst and Centre are open for service

On November 24, 2019, the western segment of the Highway 7, west of Bruce Street to Interchange Way / Edgeley Boulevard opened for service. On January 5, 2020, the eastern segment of the rapidway, from Highway 7 along Centre Street to Yonge Street via the existing Viva route along Centre Street and Bathurst Streets opened for service.

This is part of the overall 22-kilometre rapidway network that stretches west to east through Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Markham, from Highway 7 and Bruce Street through to the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, along Centre and Bathurst through to Richmond Hill Centre Terminal, and all the way to Warden Station on Enterprise Boulevard.

Since the previous update, the following YRRTC Bus Rapid Transitway activities have been identified for 2020 construction season:

- Planting to continue in spring 2020 (approximately 30% has been completed)
- Raised bike lane paving to continue when weather permits
- Permanent pavement and crosswalk marking (temporary marking will be maintained throughout the winter)
- Station finishings (anti-graffiti application, caulking, final walk-down, etc.)
- Winter Maintenance (H2West and East)
- Warranty and deficiency work to begin in spring 2020
- Communications and Community Engagement continues

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts resulting from the recommendations of this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

The delivery of these projects will provide a high quality transit connections between York Region municipalities.

Conclusion

The presentation from York Region Rapid Transit Corporation staff will provide an overview of the status of VivaNext Bus Rapid Transitway projects and bus terminal in Vaughan. These projects will service to further the goals of the City's initiatives, to provide more reliable and convenient transit service for residents and businesses.

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Attachments

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