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**Older Adult Task Force**  
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**Agenda Item # 1**





# Vaughan Transportation Plan

## Virtual Stakeholder Workshop

Older Adult Task Force



10/25/2021

# Vaughan Transportation Plan (VTP)

- A strategic policy document that provides a framework and recommendations to guide future transportation-related studies, projects, initiatives and decisions for the next 20 years.
- The project is expected to be completed by the end of 2022

*The City of Vaughan is one of the fastest-growing municipalities in Canada.*



# What does the VTP do?



## **Establishes a Vision**

What will the future  
look like?



## **Assesses Existing and Future Conditions**

Identify transportation  
needs and opportunities



## **Defines Actions & Policy Direction**

Recommend  
improvements and  
policy directions

# Objectives for Today

- Share information of the key findings and our directions for the VTP
- Highlight **key insights** from an older adult perspective that align with City goals
- Collectively **discuss policy gaps and actions** to consider in the City's Transportation Plan

## City Goals



**Encourage the use of public transit**



**Encourage the use of active transportation**



**Develop programs and policies to reduce barriers to accessing transportation services**

# Creating a More Age-Friendly Vaughan

- The City of Vaughan is taking steps to create a more age-friendly community, where all residents can be active and engaged members of society at every stage of life.
- It is projected that older adults (55 years and older) will make up the largest portion of the population of Vaughan, representing more than 30 per cent of the total population by 2031.



# City of Vaughan Age-Friendly Community Action Plan

## Transportation Themes Highlighted

- Create greater awareness of how to access public transportation options.
- Create volunteer network (of drivers)
- Provide transportation to libraries.
- Provide transportation options for low-income seniors.
- Establish transportation options to recreation activities, appointments grocery shopping.
- Improve lighting and signage in transit areas
- Increase transportation options for people with disabilities.
- Identify transportation needs of people living alone.
- Integrate transit systems

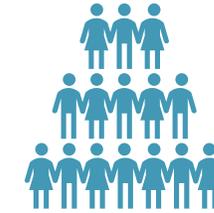


# Vaughan Transportation Plan | Vision



## Provide choice

Let people decide how they will travel by providing equally attractive options – instead of having to drive



## Move more people and goods

Improve sustainability by moving more people and goods with the same infrastructure



## Equitable

Create a transportation system that serves everyone regardless of age, ability, background, and income level



## Promote Good Health

Minimize air pollution by reducing greenhouse gases from vehicles, and build safe infrastructure for vulnerable users

# What We Learned So Far

Outreach activities were completed to learn about travel behaviours and ideas for improving travel choices in Vaughan.

Consultation activities included:

- Community Survey
- Pop-up Workshops including attending City of Vaughan Winterfest 2020
- Vaughan Business Expo 2020
- Stakeholder Workshops Engagement with the following groups:
  - Development Industry
  - Major Employers and Businesses
  - Goods Movement Businesses, Major Chains and Retailers

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## Ideas

**BICYCLE FRIENDLY STREETS**

**INFRASTRUCTURE, BUSES & SCOOTERS**

**IMPROVED TRANSIT**

**SEMI-AUTONOMOUS CARS & ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

**ROADWAYS THAT MOVE PEOPLE**

Vaughan is a dynamic city that is growing quickly. This means people will need to have more options to get around

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## Your opinion

Take the online survey!  
www.surveymonkey.com/r/vtpsurvey

What is important to you when choosing how to travel?  
Put a dot to vote what matters to you

**Convenience**

**Time**

**Cost**

**Other**

Use a sticky note to tell us

**What about travelling in Vaughan would you improve?**

**Join the conversation**  
vaughan.ca/TransportationPlan

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## Did you know?

**Vaughan is Growing**

from: 300,000 residents in 2016 to: 497,000 residents in 2041<sup>(1)</sup>

170,000 jobs in 2016 to: 321,000 jobs in 2041<sup>(1)</sup>

**Quick Facts**

- 2 GO Stations with bike parking
- 2 new GO stations are proposed
- 3 TTC Subway stations
- VIVA on Highway 7 is now open
- 17 BRT Stations
- 40 km of cycling trails (60 km more planned)<sup>(2)</sup>
- New subway planned on Yonge Street

**Today's Travel Patterns<sup>(3)</sup>**

Almost 90% of trips are by CAR while over 50% of trips are under 5km in length

There are almost 100 thousand trips that are less than 2km in length

REST OF ONTARIO 11%  
VAUGHAN 4%  
BRAMPTON 4%  
YORK REGION 10%  
26%

like other cities in Vaughan

that will help address the needs of our residents and

**VAUGHAN**

# What We Learned So Far

More direct and good quality walking conditions are needed

More focus on creating pedestrian-friendly streets

Poor walking conditions discourage the use of transit

Protected bike lanes are a priority

Improve cycling connections between destinations and subdivisions

Education on bike use, routes and safety



# What We Learned So Far

Bus reliability needs to be improved

Time is a factor for choosing transit over car travel

First and last mile options are important in how employees make travel choices

Traffic calming measures should be explored

Traffic congestion is a top concern for many residents

Left turning movements need to be better addressed



# How Can We Get There?



Source: seattle.gov

Design for all ages and abilities



Source: VIVA

Identify corridors for transit service improvement



Source: City of Peterborough

Identify areas for sidewalk improvements, provide connected sidewalk network and improve safety and comfort for pedestrians



Source: VIVA

Coordinate and build on recommendations from the Community Action plan



Identify action plans related to emerging technologies and ways to minimize digital barriers

The VTP may provide transportation-related recommendations for specific actions and initiatives that build on existing work, available research, community consultations, and proven best practices.



**What are the opportunities and what are the barriers/hurdles to creating a transportation system that is designed for all ages and abilities?**

# Thank you

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