

We are pleased to announce that an Environmental Project Report for the Yonge subway extension is now completed and available for public review effective February 2, 2009. This is the first project in Ontario to be assessed using the new streamlined Transit Project Assessment Process. The document can be reviewed at www.vivayork.com. The public has until March 4, 2009, to submit comments. More information is provided in the Notice of Completion below.

Yonge Subway Extension

Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report



The Transit Project

The Regional Municipality of York, in partnership with York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission have completed an Environmental Project Report (EPR) in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08 for a proposed extension of the Yonge Subway, from its current terminus at Finch Station in the City of Toronto to the Richmond Hill Centre at Yonge Street and Highway 7 in the Town of Richmond Hill.

The Transit Project is an underground 6.8 km, 6 subway station extension of the Yonge Subway from its current terminus at Finch Station in the City of Toronto to a proposed terminus in the Richmond Hill Centre. Stations include Cummer/Drewry, Steeles, Clark, Royal Orchard, Langstaff/Longbridge, and Richmond Hill Centre.

Intermodal bus terminals will be provided at Steeles Station and Richmond Hill Centre Station.

The Transit Project follows the Yonge Street right-of-way to south of Highway 407. The subway terminus north of Highway 407 is centrally located in the Richmond Hill Centre, approximately 240 m east of Yonge Street and 440 m north of Highway 7. The subway tunnels cross under Hydro One's high voltage transmission corridor which parallels Highway 407. A commuter parking lot, as well as passenger pick-up and drop-off facilities, will be located on the Hydro One / Ontario Realty Corporation lands south of Highway 407, west of Yonge Street. Property and an easement will be required from Hydro One / ORC as part of the undertaking. It is intended that the study process and documentation will also address the requirements of the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure Class Environmental Assessment Process.

The Process

The study is following Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (Transit Project Assessment Process).

The environmental impact of this Transit Project has been assessed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process.

As part of the Transit Project Assessment Process, an EPR has been prepared. The EPR will be available starting on **February 2, 2009**, for a 30-day review period at the locations listed below as well as the project website at www.vivayork.com.

There are circumstances where the Minister of the Environment has authority to require further consideration of the Transit Project, or impose conditions on it. These include if the Minister is of the opinion that:

- The Transit Project may have a negative impact on a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest; or,
- The Transit Project may have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected aboriginal or treaty right.

Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the transit project received within 30 days after the Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report is published.

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **March 4, 2009**. Comments and concerns may be directed to the project contacts listed below. If you have unresolved concerns, you have the right to submit an objection to this Transit Project to the Minister of the Environment no later than **March 4, 2009** (12th Floor, 135 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto, Ontario, M4V 1P5, Attention: Minister of the Environment).

Although not required, a copy of the objection may also be forwarded to the project contacts listed below.

Locations for 30-day review period:

Ministry of the Environment, Central Region Office 5775 Yonge Street, 8th Flr, North York	Ministry of the Environment Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch 2 St Clair Ave W., Floor 12A, Toronto	City of Toronto, City Clerk's Office 100 Queen Street W., 10th Flr West Tower, Toronto	Toronto Transit Commission 5160 Yonge Street, 11th Flr, North York
Regional Municipality of York, Regional Clerk 17250 Yonge Street, 4th Flr, Newmarket	Town of Richmond Hill, Office of the Town Clerk 225 East Beaver Creek Rd., Richmond Hill	Town of Markham, Office of the Town Clerk 101 Town Centre Blvd. Markham	City of Vaughan, Office of the City Clerk 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr., Vaughan
Thornhill Community Centre Library 7755 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill	Richvale Library 40 Pearson Avenue Richmond Hill	North York Central Library 5120 Yonge Street, Toronto	

To obtain additional information or provide comments, please contact:

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Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. Effective date of this notice is February 2, 2009.