



York Region Transit **Annual Service Plan**



Executive Summary

On January 1, 2001, the Regional Municipality of York assumed responsibility for funding and operating public conventional and specialized transit services throughout York Region. Since 2001, YRT/Viva has grown to become a vital transportation network in the Region and has progressed through three phases of the Transit Life Cycle. Between 2001 and 2015, annual service hours increased 300 per cent from 354,000 to 1,285,000 budgeted hours, and ridership is estimated to grow from 7.7 million to 23.5 million passengers in 2015.

From 2016 to 2020, YRT/Viva will be in the GTA Rapid Transit Integration phase of the Transit Life Cycle. The strategic direction of this phase will focus on improving productivity, system expansion, and integrating service with the inter-regional transit network. The **2016 Annual Service Plan** translates the strategic direction presented in **Moving to 2020**, the **YRT/Viva 2016-2020 Strategic Plan** into the specific actions and service initiatives that will be implemented in the first year of the GTA Rapid Transit Integration phase.

YRT/Viva conducted extensive stakeholder consultation and obtained valuable feedback during the development of the 2016 Annual Service Plan. The process included numerous meetings and workshops with departments within York Region, local municipalities, other transit agencies, post-secondary institutions, community agencies, transit riders, and the general public in each municipality.

Service reliability and delivering quality transit service continues to be a priority. In 2016, YRT/Viva will focus on:

- > Increasing ridership
- > Expanding service
- > Strengthening the grid network
- > Restructuring routes
- > Mitigating construction impacts from vivaNext rapidways and the Spadina Subway Extension
- > Preparing to implement the Viva Network Expansion Plan (VNEP)
- > Preparing to implement a Frequent Transit Network

A total of 25 service initiatives are proposed for 2016, as shown in the following table. The implementation of the proposed service initiatives will be dependent on approval of the 2016 operating budget.

Transit Life Cycle



2016 Service Initiatives Summary		
Municipality	Route	Proposed Service Change
Viva	Viva purple	Additional early morning Sunday/Holiday service
	Viva orange	Implement branch on Highway 7 from Martin Grove Road to Promenade Terminal
Vaughan	4/4A – Major Mackenzie	Extend service from Weston Road to Pine Valley Drive
	7 – Martin Grove	Additional early morning weekday service
	20/20A – Jane	Consolidate route branches and discontinue service on Millway Avenue
	TTC 35D – Jane	Restructure route to service the Concord industrial area via Interchange Way
	28 – Huntingdon	Reduce service to weekday rush hour only, and extend service to Ebenezer neighbourhood in East Brampton
	85/85C – Rutherford	Extend Sunday/Holiday Service to Napa Valley Avenue
Markham	88 – Bathurst	Extend Sunday service to the Seneca King Campus
	24 – Woodbine	Assume TTC routes 24D, 224C, 224D and consolidate route branches
	42 – Berczy	Restructure route along William Berczy Boulevard
	204 – Berczy GO Shuttle	
	400 – Brother Andre High School Special	Discontinue service
Richmond Hill	84 – Oak Ridges	Extend service to Gormley GO Station
	390 – Leslie Express	Implement new rush hour service along future Viva green route
Newmarket	Newmarket 'Pulse Transfer'	Implement coordinated transfers at Newmarket GO Bus Terminal
	Newmarket 'Zone Bus'	Implement a zone Dial-a-Ride service on weekday evenings
	44 – Bristol	Restructure route to a one-way loop
	54 – Bayview	Extend service to East Gwillimbury GO Station via Main Street
	223 – Newmarket GO Shuttle	Discontinue service
	320 – Newmarket-Beaver Creek Express	Implement new rush hour service between Beaver Creek Business Park and Highway 404 Park & Ride lots in Newmarket and Aurora
Aurora	222 – Aurora-Newmarket GO Shuttle	Discontinue service north of Stonehaven Avenue
Georgina	Low Demand Dial-a-Ride Pilot Program	Implement a Low Demand Dial-a-Ride Pilot Program
East Gwillimbury	Low Demand Dial-a-Ride Pilot Program	Implement a Low Demand Dial-a-Ride Pilot Program
	58 – Mount Albert	Review service to East Gwillimbury GO Station
Whitchurch-Stouffville	15 – Stouffville	Convert Saturday and Sunday/Holiday fixed route service to Dial-a-Ride
King	61 – King Local	Convert service to Dial-a-Ride

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